

VISTA GRANDE NEWSLETTER

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A Message from the Principal...

Dear Families,

Thank you to the entire Vista Grande community for working together during the 1^{st} Trimester. We have all had to adjust to the new COVID school procedures and we appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation. It is hard to believe that we have completed the 1^{st} trimester of school.

With the end of a trimester comes our first Parent-Teacher Conference Week, which starts on Monday, November 15 and ends on Friday, November 19. This is an important time for parents to meet with teachers to review student progress during the first trimester and a time to set new learning goals for the next trimester. All conferences will be on Zoom.

During conferences, teachers will electronically share the first trimester report card with parents. The report card is the same one used throughout the Ontario-Montclair School District. As an AVID Elementary School, Vista Grande takes a school wide approach to grading. Each grade level has identified consistent data points to assign grades and teams use the same criteria and grading scale for report cards. We believe that this school-wide alignment will help us have a common language about grades with students and parents.

Please keep in mind that in-person grades are very different from the online grades of last year. Therefore, your child's report card may look different from last year's report card. We ask that you not compare your child's grades from last year or before the pandemic to our current school year. Students have been working hard to fill in some gaps from our online year while working on grade level standards. As a result, student's grades may be lower than usual. In addition, many students have had breaks in learning due to quarantines and absences. Despite all of these challenges, our teachers and students have been working hard and we are confident that students will show growth this year.

Finally, please be aware that during conference week, Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten students will be dismissed at 12:00 p.m. each day and students in 1st through 6th grades will be dismissed at 12:45 p.m. We ask that you arrange to pick up your children on time during conference week. After the completion of our conference week, our staff and students will enjoy a week off for Thanksgiving vacation from November 22 to November 26.

May you all enjoy a restful and safe Thanksgiving Break later in the month!

Sincerely,

Ms. Castillo



AVID READY—School starts at 8:00 a.m.
Any student that arrives after the 8:00 a.m. is tardy.
Please be on time to school!!!

Parent Calendar November 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 P.E. Day	2 1st - 6th grade 8:00-1:25	3 School Site Council Meeting 3:00-4:00	4	5 P.E. Day	6 Attendance Make up Academy School 8:00 to 12:00
7 Time Change Fall Back	8 P.E. Day	9 DEARLY DISPASSEAL 1st - 6th grade 8:00-1:25	10 P.E. Day	NO SCHOOL Veteran's Day Remember Our VETERANS	12 NO SCHOOL	13
14	P.E. Day 1st - 6th grade 8:00-12:45 Parent/Teacher Conference Week	1st – 6th grade 8:00-12:45	17 1st – 6th grade 8:00-12:45	18 pearly of the property of t	19 P.E. Day 1st – 6th grade 8:00-12:45	20
21	Thanksgiving Vacation	23	24	25	26	27
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