



VISTA GRANDE NEWSLETTER

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A Message from the Principal...

Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2022-23 school year!! We hope you and your families had a wonderful summer!!

Parent Communication is essential to a successful year and the Parent Newsletter is one method that parents can stay informed about school news. In addition, the Principal and teachers will communicate with parents primarily through online platforms. Please make sure that you are **checking your email and Class Dojo every day**. Please also take the time to explore the OMSD district website at www.omsd.net and the Vista Grande School website at <https://www.omsd.net/VistaGrande> for the most up to date information. Parents can create a Dojo account either by using a phone or a computer. Please visit <https://www.classdojo.com> to create your account. In addition, we post announcements on our school marquee and are available by phone or by email.

In order to inform parents about the expectations for the school year, Vista Grande will have **Back to School Night for 1st-6th Grade Parents on Wednesday, August 17 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.** All 1st-6th grade teachers will be sharing information about their class schedule, and class behavior and academic expectations. **The first session will be from 6:00 to 6:25 p.m.** and the **second session will from 6:30 to 6:55 p.m. (Both sessions have the same exact content.)** Students will have a regular schedule on August 17, but will have a **minimum day on Friday, August 19**. Your child's teacher will send out additional information regarding their specific Back to School Night sessions.

With your support and collaboration, I am certain that this will be a great year!!

Sincerely,

Ms. Castillo

AVID ORGANIZATION TIPS

A central component of AVID is the use of organizational tools. Here are some tips for students as we start the school year:



- Set goals
- Organize your study area, desk, AVID Binder, etc.
- Do one assignment at a time and complete the entire assignment before submitting.

Parents can help students by establishing a routine for homework right away.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Regular attendance is vital for student success. When students attend regularly, starting as early as preschool and kindergarten, they have an opportunity to achieve academically and thrive.

Research shows that when students are chronically absent – missing 10% or more of the school year or 18 days over an entire year – they are less likely to read proficiently by third grade, achieve in middle school and graduate from high school.

Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS)

Vista Grande's expectations for students are to be:

SAFE, RESPECTFUL AND RESPONSIBLE

During the week of Aug. 15-Aug. 19, students will learn how to be safe, respectful and responsible inside and outside of the classroom.

When students are safe, respectful and responsible, they can earn points to shop for prizes in the Western Warehouse!!

Instructional Times:

Transitional Kindergarten

Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., & Fri., 8:00-12:45 p.m.

Kindergarten

Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., & Fri., 8:00-12:45 p.m.

1st-6th Grade

Mon., Wed., Thurs. & Fri., 8:00-2:40 p.m.

Tuesday, 8:00-1:25 p.m.

Parent Calendar August 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Class Assignments Distributed on the M-Z Gate from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	9 Minimum Day Dismissal TK/K @ 12:45 1 st -6 th @ 1:25	10  First Day of School!	11	12 P.E. Day for 1 st -6 th Grade	13
14	15 P.E. Day for 1 st -6 th Grade	16 Minimum Day Dismissal TK/K @ 12:45 1 st -6 th @ 1:25	17 Back to School Night 6:00-7:00 p.m. 1 st Session 6:00-6:25 2 nd Session 6:30-6:55 	18	19 Minimum Day TK/K @ 12:45 1 st -6 th @ 12:45 P.E. Day for 1 st -6 th Grade	20
21	22 P.E. Day for 1 st -6 th Grade Coffee with the Principal 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. Online School Site Council Elections 8/22-8/26	23 Minimum Day Dismissal TK/K @ 12:45 1 st -6 th @ 1:25	24	25	26 P.E. Day for 1 st -6 th Grade	27
28	29 P.E. Day for 1 st -6 th Grade Parent Advisory Group Meetings: SEPAC @8:30 SELPAC @9:00 GATE @9:30	30 Minimum Day Dismissal TK/K @ 12:45 1 st -6 th @ 1:25	31			

Vista Grande Elementary has an online Spirit Wear Store!! The store is selling youth and adult apparel including hoodies and t-shirts. All purchases must be made online at:

https://design-koalats.com/vista_grande/shop/home

The online store is open now until August 28, 2022. Orders will not be accepted after August 28--NO exceptions.

All items will be delivered to Vista Grande in mid-October. Thank you for your support!!!

Vista Grande PBIS Information



Dear Parents,

Our school is participating in an important district initiative. It is called Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS).

What is Positive Behavior Interventions and Support?

PBIS is a process for creating safer and more effective schools. It is a systems approach to enhancing the capacity of schools to educate all children by developing research-based, school-wide, and classroom behavior support systems. The process focuses on improving a school's ability to teach and support positive behavior for all students. Rather than a prescribed program, PBIS provides systems for schools to design, implement, and evaluate effective school wide, classroom, non-classroom, and student specific plans. PBIS includes school-wide procedures and processes intended for all students and all staff in all settings. PBIS is not a program or a curriculum. It is a team-based process for systemic problem solving, planning, and evaluation. It is an approach to creating a safe and productive learning environment where teachers can teach and all students can learn.

What is PBIS at our school?

We have adopted a unified set of classroom rules. Similar to the CMS Code of Student Conduct, these rules define our expectations for behavior in our school. You will see these rules posted throughout the school and your child will be learning them during his or her first days at school. Our unified classroom rules, found in every classroom and non-classroom setting in the school, are as follows:

Rule #1: Be Safe.

Rule #2: Be Responsible.

Rule #3: Be Respectful.

We will be teaching these expectations the week of August 15 - August 19, 2022. Some of the activities that will take place include:

- An interactive student assembly during lunch time.
- Each day we will focus on a different expectation and will reward students PBIS points to use towards our student store.
 - Tuesday: Be Respectful
 - Wednesday: Be Responsible
 - Thursday: Be Safe
- An expectation by location rotation ran by our wonderful PE team.

As part of our PBIS process, teachers and other staff members use evidence-based practices to increase student learning and decrease classroom disruptions. To keep students on the rules in a positive manner, we do the following when teaching academics and behavior:

- ⇒ Constantly teach and refer to our school-wide expectations.
- ⇒ Provide students with more praise than correction.
- ⇒ Talk to students with respect using a positive voice tone.
- ⇒ Actively engage everyone in the class during instruction.
- ⇒ Use pre-correcting, prompting, and redirecting as we teach.
- ⇒ Look for the positive first and provide positive, immediate, frequent, and explicit feedback.

If you have questions about Positive Behavior Support, please feel free to contact our Outreach Consultant, Ms. Karissa.

We look forward to a wonderful year of teaching your child.

Thank you!!