



# VISTA GRANDE NEWSLETTER

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## A Message from the Principal...

Dear Families,

Happy December! We hope that all families enjoyed the week off for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Although December is a short month for students, we want to remind everyone that instruction still remains a top priority. Our teachers are working very hard to deliver grade level instruction and I ask all parents to continue to get their children to school on time at 7:57 a.m. every day. I also ask that parents do their best to minimize taking children out of school early for any holiday or family activities. I encourage parents to use the upcoming break to schedule any family business, vacations or doctor's appointments in order to avoid having your child miss instruction.

Also, just a reminder that students have school through Thursday, December 22. **Thursday, December 22 is a Minimum Day and all students in TK-6 will be dismissed at 12:45 p.m. Winter Vacation will start on Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> and students will return to school on January 9, 2023.**

On behalf of the entire Vista Grande staff, I hope that each of our students and families enjoy a wonderful holiday season with their families. May you all enjoy a restful and safe Winter Break later in the month!

Sincerely,

*Ms. Castillo*

Happy  
Holidays!



### AVID TIPS FOR PARENTS

#### Goal Setting

Why start goal setting with your child? There are many benefits to goal setting in elementary school. Goal setting can help teach the value of working hard toward a goal in the future and delaying gratification until getting there. It also teaches children the value of responsibility and time management. With pursuing a goal, children grow in perseverance and develop grit. Lastly, goal setting gives a child greater self-confidence; with every accomplished goal, your child will grow with a sense of accomplishment and have greater confidence in his or her abilities.

Sit down with your child and discuss what kinds of goals he or she wants to accomplish. It doesn't necessarily have to be something academic; it can be something fun, like learning how to ride a bike!

### ATTENDANCE MATTERS

2023 is almost here! With winter break right around the corner, we want to remind parents that ATTENDANCE IS

CRITICAL as December is a short school month. We appreciate all the hard work you have done to get your students here on time, daily. As a reminder, breakfast starts at 7:30, the bell rings at 7:57, and students are tardy if they are not in line at 8:00 AM. Keep up the good work BRONCOS and let's end 2022 with the highest attendance rate yet! 😊

### PBIS

As we wrap up the 2022 portion of the school year, please remind your students the importance of being safe, responsible, and respectful. Please remind them that they can practice these skills everywhere, not just at school. For better practice, please refer to the PBIS Family Matrix that was attached to the November Parent Newsletter.

Creating an at home Matrix with your student/s can help show them that you are on board with our PBIS expectations. 😊

### Expanded Learning Opportunities Program December Club Schedule:

**Chess Club** – Grades 3-6 Wednesday & Thursday 2:40-4:00

**Last Day of 3-6 Chess Club** – Thursday, December 8th

**Chess Club** – Grades 2-3 Thursday & Friday 2:40-4:00

**Last Day of 2-3 Chess Club** – Friday, December 9th

#### Kindergarten Gap

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 12:45-2:40

Tuesday 12:45 – 1:25

**No Gap** – Thursday, December 22nd (K-6 Early Dismissal 12:45)

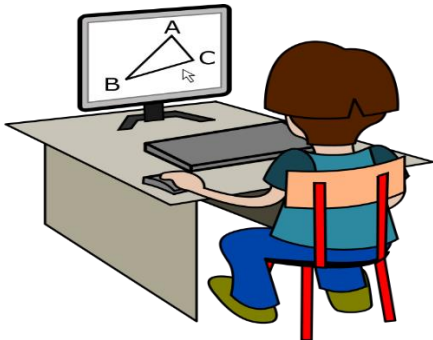
# **NEW ELOP Winter Club Opportunities!**

**All Winter Clubs will begin in January.**

The following ELOP clubs will be offered:

- Grades 1-3 Homework Club
- Grades 4-6 Homework Club
- Grade 3 Art Club
- Grades 4-5 Art Club
- Grade 3 Coding Club

**Club Information and sign-ups will be posted on Class Dojo December 1st**



# Parent Calendar

## December 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 P.E. Day for 1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	3 Attendance Make Up Academy
4	5 P.E. Day for 1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	6 Minimum Day Dismissal TK/K @12:45 1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> @ 1:25	7	8	9 P.E. Day for 1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	10 Attendance Make Up Academy
11	12 P.E. Day for 1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	13 Minimum Day Dismissal TK/K @12:45 1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> @ 1:25	14 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Campers Depart	15	16 P.E. Day for 1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Campers Return	17 OMSD Reindeer Run on Euclid Ave.
18	19 P.E. Day for 1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade  Coffee with the Principal @ 8:15 a.m. in the MPR  Parent Advisory Group Meetings SEPAC@ 9:00 a.m. SELPAC@ 9:30 a.m. GATE@ 10:00 a.m.	20 Minimum Day Dismissal TK/K @12:45 1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> @ 1:25	21	22 Minimum Day Dismissal TK-6@12:45	23 NO School Winter Break 12/23-1/6	24
25	26 Winter Break 12/23-1/6	27	28	29	30	31

### SEL

During the month of December, SEL instruction will dive into **Social Awareness**. Students will learn how to take in the perspectives of others, show empathy, kindness, respect others, appreciate diversity, show gratitude, and build a support system. One way you can encourage this SEL skill at home is to...

#### Put yourself in their shoes

- Talk to your student about different life situations, ask them how they would feel if they were put in that situation, how would they react? Lastly, ask them how they can show kindness and empathy towards someone who may be in that situation.

#### Gratitude List

- Take some time with your student/s to make a gratitude list. The items listed do not have to be extravagant things, it can be as simple as being thankful for "food, a blanket, family, etc." Discuss why you guys are grateful for those things and how you can show more appreciation.



Spark of Love

Toy Drive

**Vista Grande**

**Let's make a difference!!**

**Please help families this holiday season by  
donating a new toy.**

**A Toy box is located in the office**

**Toy Drive ends 12/08/22**