



# VISTA GRANDE NEWSLETTER

Gina Castillo, Principal  
[gina.castillo@omsd.net](mailto:gina.castillo@omsd.net)

Kay Hoard, Assistant Principal  
[kay.hoard@omsd.net](mailto:kay.hoard@omsd.net)

NOVEMBER 2022

(909) 988-2234

## A Message from the Principal...

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that we have completed the first trimester of the school year. With the end of a trimester comes our first Parent-Teacher Conference Week, which starts on Monday, November 14 and ends on Friday, November 18. 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. Parents will have the choice to have their conference in person or on Zoom.

During conferences, teachers will share assessment reports and the first trimester report card. 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.

Finally, please be aware that **during conference week, all students in TK through 6<sup>th</sup> 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 21 to November 25.

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

With gratitude,

*Ms. Castillo*

### AVID TIPS FOR PARENTS

#### Provide structure, boundaries, and follow-through.

Children need structure to foster a sense of safety and ensure their needs are met. They also need to see you follow through and know these boundaries are in place for their safety. That involves them knowing that on the other side of structure and support, you will be firm and hold them accountable. Make a plan for homework time, free time, sleep, meals, and the activities they enjoy. Build this plan around the rhythm of your household, and include your children in developing this plan as they get older.

**Remember:** They will have many friends in their lifetime, and it is more important that you are a parent rather than a friend.

### ATTENDANCE MATTERS

November is here! Thank you for all your support with attendance. As we approach the end of the trimester, our hope is that parents continue to bring students on-time every day. Each week, we are providing incentives for perfect attendance so please encourage your students to be here ready to learn each and every day. 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. Let's finish the trimester strong with perfect attendance!

### PBIS

As we continue the school year, please remind your student/s to follow and practice our PBIS expectations of being safe, responsible, and respectful. 😊 As extra practice, attached you will find a blank matrix that you and your student can fill out at home with your own family PBIS expectations. Fill it in with examples on how your children will follow at home expectations.

### Expanded Learning Opportunities Program

#### November Club Schedule:

**Homework Clubs** – Monday & Wednesday 2:40-4:00

**Last Day of Homework Clubs** – Wednesday, November 9th

**Math Club** – Monday & Wednesday 2:40-4:00

**Last Day of Math Club** – Wednesday, November 9th

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

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

#### Kindergarten Gap

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

Tuesday 12:45 – 1:25

**No Gap** – November 4<sup>th</sup> or Conference Week (November 14-18)

# Parent Calendar November 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Minimum Day Dismissal TK/K @12:45 1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> @ 1:25	2	3	4 P.E. Day for 1 <sup>st</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade  Minimum Day Dismissal TK-6@12:45	5
6 Time Change 	7 P.E. Day for 1 <sup>st</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	8 Minimum Day Dismissal TK/K @12:45 1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> @ 1:25	9	10 Coffee with the Principal on Zoom @ 9:30 a.m.  P.E. Skate Night Fundraiser 6-8:30 p.m.	11 Veteran's Holiday— NO SCHOOL	12
13	14 P.E. Day for 1 <sup>st</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade  Minimum Day Dismissal TK-6@12:45  Parent Teacher Conference Week	15 Minimum Day Dismissal TK-6@12:45	16 Minimum Day Dismissal TK-6@12:45	17 Minimum Day Dismissal TK-6@12:45	18 P.E. Day for 1 <sup>st</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade  Minimum Day Dismissal TK-6@12:45	19
20	21 NO School  Thanksgiving Break— 11/21-11/25	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 P.E. Day for 1 <sup>st</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	29 Minimum Day Dismissal TK/K @12:45 1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> @ 1:25	30			

## SEL

During the month of November, SEL instruction will continue to dive into **Self-Management**. Students will learn how to control their impulses, manage stress, increase self-discipline, set goals, and enhance their organizational skills. One way you can encourage this skill at home is to...

### Help your child Emotionally Regulate themselves

- To help your child learn to control their emotions, you can talk about the difference between being happy and having fun. You can ask your child why they feel angry or frustrated and help them figure out what they are upset about. It will help them understand how their feelings are tied to their environment. To help build their self-control skills, you can introduce the concept that sometimes it's okay to be angry, but you shouldn't act on your anger until you've thought about it a bit. Develop a list of things that they can do to calm themselves down when they are feeling upset.

# OMSD P.E. Fundraiser

## Family Fitness Skate Night

ONTARIO MONTCLAIR SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEAM

### **FAMILY FITNESS SKATE NIGHT**

Enjoy roller skating to the beat of  
great music, friends, and OMSD staff!



Bumper Cars:  
\$2.50 per ride



Mini Bowling:  
\$2.50 per person

**NOVEMBER 10, 2022 | 6-8:30 PM**

### **SKATE EXPRESS**

**12356 CENTRAL AVE. CHINO, CA. 91710**

**909-465-1383**

**WWW.SKATECHINO.COM**

**COST: \$10 ADMISSION/\$5 SKATE RENTAL**

**NON SKATING ADULT: \$1**