



# VISTA GRANDE NEWSLETTER

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## A Message from the Principal...

Dear Families,

Our first month of school was very busy!! During August, our school focus was to establish AVID routines for learning and PBIS expectations for behavior both inside and outside of the classroom. Students were taught about keeping materials organized and how to be ready to learn every day. In addition, students learned about how to be Safe, Respectful and Responsible inside and outside of the classroom.

As we continue to settle back into the school routine, I wanted to remind all families of the following:

- Students may arrive starting at 7:30 a.m. on either the A-L or M-Z Driveways.
- Breakfast is served from 7:30 to 7:55 a.m.
- The A-L gate closes at the first bell of 7:57 a.m. The M-Z gate closes exactly at 8:00 a.m.
- Students must be in the classroom line at 8:00 a.m. in order to be on time.
- Any student that arrives after 8:00 a.m. must go the main office for a tardy slip.

As you drive in and around school, we also remind families to obey all traffic laws and to be kind to our neighbors. Please be aware that most of Oaks Avenue is a no-stopping zone. We ask that parents not pull over to the side of the road to drop off students. In addition, Ontario Police Department conducts regular traffic controls and frequently tickets parents. Please use caution so that all children arrive safely at school every day.

Thank you for your support and collaboration during the first month of school! We look forward to a great September!!

Sincerely,

*Ms. Castillo*

## AVID TIPS FOR PARENTS

As an AVID parent, there are things you can do to support your child's academic success. As an AVID parent, you can:

- Talk to your student about their goals for the future.
- Support the academic goals of your student.
- Show interest in your student's schoolwork.
- Provide your student a time and place to study.
- Be insistent and supportive that your student completes homework assignments.
- Stay in communication with their teachers.
- Celebrate their academic growth.



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Did you know that September is ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH? Studies show that missing 2 days of school in a month can knock students off their academic track. While we work to strive towards perfect attendance this month, our staff will be rewarding classes who show up to school on-time daily. Just a friendly reminder, the tardy bell rings at 8:00 AM. Thank you parents for helping our students get to school and making them successful.

## PBIS

During the week of **September 19-23**, we will be celebrating kindness by encouraging students to say and do kind things towards others. Being kind coincides with our PBIS expectation of being "Respectful."

Thank you for encouraging your child to always be kind to others. We want to make sure that school is a safe and fun place for everyone to learn! 😊

## SEL

During the month of September, SEL instruction will dive deeper into **Self-Awareness**. Students will learn to make positive self-statements and understand their mental and physical response to the world around them based on their own experiences. One way you can encourage this skill at home is to...

- Set an at home goal with your student.
  - Set a daily or weekly goal with your student and talk to them about what they did well and what they can improve on to **achieve that goal**.

# Parent Calendar September 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 P.E. Day for 1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	3
4	5 <b>Labor Day Holiday NO SCHOOL</b> 	6 Minimum Day Dismissal TK/K @ 12:45 1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> @ 1:25	7	8  P.E. Make Up Day for 1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade  School Site Council Meeting 3-4 p.m. H5	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	15	16  P.E. Day for 1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	17
18	19  P.E. Day for 1 <sup>st</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade  <b>Kindness Week</b>	20 Minimum Day Dismissal TK/K @ 12:45 1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> @ 1:25	21	22	23  P.E. Day for 1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	24
25	26  P.E. Day for 1 <sup>st</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	27 Minimum Day Dismissal TK/K @ 12:45 1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> @ 1:25	28	29 <b>Picture Day</b>  	30  P.E. Day for 1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	

## **Picture Day at Vista Grande** Thursday, September 29



- All students will take a picture on September 29.
- If your child is absent, there will be a picture make-up day.
- Parents will receive a flyer and envelope with information for those families that would like to purchase pictures.

