

Monte Vista

Paw Prints Newsletter

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SCHOOL NEWS

January 18 - Jersey Day: Wear your favorite team's jersey or sweatshirt.

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Monty Lane Placards – Thank you to those who are putting the name placards in their car dashboards. It is so helpful, especially on RAINY DAYS! Please use the placard at all times – if you need another, let us know or you can easily make one yourself. Again, this helps with traffic flow and safety in Monty Lane.

Fire Up Your Feet Friday, January 18 – Join families and friends walking to school at Two-Strike Park and La Crescenta-Orange. Wear your warm winter clothing!

Martin Luther King Jr. Day – There will be no school on Monday, January 21 in recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. It is always fun to have a day off, but I hope you and your children take a moment to remember Dr. King's life and legacy which was to ensure freedom for all, no matter your religion, race, heritage, or color of your skin. There are many student-friendly films and shows commemorating his life. I hope you find a chance to remember his lasting impact on our country.

Random Acts of Kindness Week Begins! – Our PTA has planned a variety of activities for our students which you will find in this edition of Pawprints as well as in your child’s Thursday folder. One activity – all classes were asked to come up with a “kindness motto.” See if your child knows his/hers!

Food Drive – Help support our local community in our January – Random Acts of Kindness food drive. Our goal is one canned item per student. Imagine if every student and staff member brought in just one item – we would have over 900 items to contribute to the needy in our area. Please support this important endeavor. January 22 – February 1.

Skate Night! – Please join us at Moonlight Rink for our PTA-sponsored Skate Night on Friday, January 25 from 6:00-8:00. Please pre-register by January 23rd. More details are in this edition of Pawprints.

Attention 6th Grade Families - The TDap (Pertussis) vaccine is a requirement for entry into 7th grade. If your student has already had this done, please bring proof to the Monte Vista Front Office ASAP. If your student has not had this done, please arrange to do so ASAP. Contact the Front Office for any questions, (818) 248-2617. There will be a reward for the class with the highest percentage turned in by February 1, 2019.

Afterschool Urgent! - Please communicate with your child if your after school pick-up plan is different from the usual. For example, if grandma is picking your child up instead of going to EEELP, please tell them in advance to wait in Monty Lane. Alternately, if dad is picking up your child please let him know if student is in after school art class, orchestra or Cub Scout meeting. This will help with safety of students after school. Thank you!

Toy Drive - The Giving Express is a new local community service organization that hosts Pop-Up Giving Events to benefit the community with the simple belief that the act of giving is a powerful agent of change. We will be hosting a *New and Gently Used Toy Drive* during Martin Luther King Jr. Week and Monte Vista’s Random Acts of Kindness Week. We’re collecting toys for children who live at the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission Family Shelter. Toys can be dropped off at our booth at the Crescenta Commons before and after school during the week of Jan. 22 - 25. We send a very special thank you to Monte Vista’s Girl Scout Brownie Troop 6961, Brownie Troop 7401 and Junior Troop 1261 for making signs and helping us at the Toy Drive! For more information, please visit our website at: thegivingexpress.org. [Flyer](#)

Talent Show - Calling all talented performers in Kindergarten through Sixth Grade. Hold this date for Monte Vista's Annual Talent Show! **Friday, April 12, 2019** There will be dance routines, gymnastic performances, folk dancing, singing and musical performances of all kinds. If you would like to be a part of the Monte Vista Star Search 2019, pick up a **permission slip** from Mrs. Nelson in rm. 4104 or print one out from the MV website, and turn it in to your teacher on or before **Wednesday, February 20th**.

[Flyer](#)

Box Tops: Monty's Box Top race is on! (Now through February 22) Help your class win by turning in Box Tops to your teacher. We earned \$750 during the last race. They really add up! So start sending them in! **Please cut Box Tops on the dotted line.
**Check the expiration date - expired Box Tops are not accepted

Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS): PBIS is a system of support that includes proactive strategies for defining, teaching, and supporting appropriate student behaviors to create a positive school environment, which is the most effective type of learning environment. Last week, Monte Vista kicked off our school-wide implementation of PBIS with assemblies for all grade levels. The word, PAWS, spells out our school-wide expectations and posters/banners of our expectations are displayed throughout the campus. In addition, matrices of PAWS-related behaviors specific to common areas are posted around the school to remind students of the expectations outside of the classroom. The Monte Vista staff has collaborated to create a system that provides immediate, intermittent, and long-term reinforcements, given by any staff member to any student displaying desired school-wide expectations and behaviors. For further details about PBIS at Monte Vista, please visit our website at <https://www.gusd.net/montevista>.

FLAG Parent Info Night [Flyer](#)

PTA

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK- January 22-25

Kindness Matters! Random Acts of Kindness week is coming up and we've got some great activities planned to remind students that kindness matters! To kick off, next week each class will be asked to discuss what kindness means to them and come up with a motto that best represents them as a class. Then, starting on Tuesday 1/22, please consider contributing two canned food items to be donated to Glendale Healthy Start, a local organization improving lives of youth in our community. Please see the attached [flyer](#) for a schedule of what students can participate in throughout the week to see that "no act of kindness no matter how small is ever wasted".

PTA FAMILY SKATE NIGHT Friday, January 25, 2019, 6-8 p.m.

Our Monte Vista Family Skate Night is coming up on Friday, January 25 at 6 p.m.! **WE HAVE THE WHOLE RINK TO OURSELVES!** It will be a fun night of rollerskating at Moonlight Rollerway! So bring your whole family and let's let the good times roll! Turn in your payment by Wednesday, 1/23 to receive the \$10 pre-sale admission price. Admission is \$12 at the door. We hope to see you there!

[Skate Night Parent Waiver](#)

[Skate Night Flyer](#)

PTA DINE OUT at OCEAN VIEW BAR & GRILL in MONTROSE!

SAVE THE DATE and join us WEDNESDAY, January 30 at OCEAN VIEW BAR & GRILL in Montrose. Dine anytime between 3-9pm. Flyers will go home in Thursday folders next week. For a sneak into their menus, check out their website at www.dineov.com They have a fabulous "Dine Out Night \$10 menu", with kid friendly items, including sliders, chicken tenders, and mac 'n cheese and lots of other delicious options us bigger "kids." The owners are new and eager to welcome our Monte Vista families! Looking forward to sharing in new places and kicking off 2019 with our MV friends!

~ Leila Bell & Margaux Chan

Monte Vista Spiritwear Store is Now Open! Order by January 25!

Has your student lost their sweatshirt or suddenly grown since August? Then it's time to buy new Monte Vista Spiritwear! The Monte Vista Spiritwear store is now open for online orders. The store is only open until January 25, so get your Monte Vista spirit

wear now!!! To purchase Spirit Wear go to the online store:

<https://www.selectspiritwear.com/shop4/pc/viewCategories.asp?idCategory=724>.

"MONTY NIGHT FEVER!" PTA Dinner & Silent Auction- April 5

Mark your calendars and get out those disco dance shoes for the **"Monty Night Fever" Monte Vista Dinner and Silent Auction!** Please mark your calendars for **Friday, April 5** and line up those babysitters. Invitations will be in the Thursday folders in a few weeks.

What: Silent auction, dinner, and dancing!

Attire: Disco fever!

When: Friday, April 5th at 6:30 p.m.

Where: La Canada Country Club

Why: This is a fun event to spend time with your fellow Monte Vista parents and staff, and support the various programs that make our school great.

Donations needed! This event is a success due to the generosity of our community. We are actively collecting donations - specifically theme park tickets, sports events tickets, and vacation home stays. Should you have any of these experiences or anything else to donate, please contact me at michelle.mcmichael5@gmail.com.

Thanks very much!

-Michelle McMichael

PTA NOMINATIONS

Do you want to be a part of the PTA Executive Board or know of somebody who would be great? Now is the time to submit your name or the name of a fantastic volunteer. The bylaws also allow each officer to serve for two consecutive one-year terms and each current officer is eligible to continue for an additional year. The positions available include:

President; Vice President of Programs; Vice President Head Room Rep; Vice President Ways & Means; Vice President Hospitality; Vice President Membership; Treasurer; Financial Secretary; Secretary; Auditor; Historian.

Submit nominations to the school office by **Thursday, January 24, 2019**. The PTA Nominating Committee will meet, draft a slate of officers for the 2019-2020 school year and submit them to the PTA Association for a vote.

[PTA Exec Board Nomination](#)

[PTA Roles and Responsibilities](#)

HONORARY SERVICE AWARDS

PTA Honorary Service Awards - We have amazing volunteers at Monte Vista! The Monte Vista PTA is looking to acknowledge individuals and organizations for outstanding community service to our school and to students in our community. The Honorary Service Award Committee encourages you to submit nominations; please turn in to the school office by Friday, January 25, 2019.

[Honorary Service Awards Nominations](#)

SIX FLAGS® READ TO SUCCEED PROGRAM

The 2018-2019 Six Flags® Read to Succeed Six Hour Reading Participation has started! Read to Succeed is a free program sponsored by Six Flags Theme Parks. Every student who completes 6 hours of recreational reading before February 15, 2019 is eligible for 1 free admission ticket, valid at the participating Six Flags Theme Park, Magic Mountain in Santa Clarita, CA. Students can read books, magazines, newspapers or comic books (digital or hard copy). Parents can read with their children, especially with students that are still developing their reading skills. Assigned reading for classwork or homework does NOT count. For more details look for the parent letter that went home in Thursday folders and is attached below. If you have any questions or if you need tips to encourage recreational reading for your child(ren), please contact Megan McCarty Johnson at meganjohnson0027@gmail.com. ALL Student Reading Logs are due in Thursday Folders to classroom teachers on Friday, February 15, 2019. Happy Reading! **Six Flags Read to Succeed** [Flyer](#) & [Reading Log](#)

After School Winter Activities

[Exploring Art Kinder](#)

[Exploring Art Winter](#)

[Sky High Dance](#)

[Academic Chess](#)

[Parker Anderson](#)

Community Events

Come on out to our 1st ComedySportz: Thursday Team Match of the school year! Come watch two teams of improvisers taking suggestions from YOU – the audience - and piece them together on stage! This is a wonderful show for those who have busy Friday nights and is family-friendly & FUN for ALL ages! The match starts Thursday, January 24 at 5:00 PM, is in the Underground Theater in front of CVHS, and ALL seats are ONLY \$5.00!.

Dear CV Music Families & Friends,

Are you ready to dance away the post-holiday blues? It is time for the fantastically-fun CVHS Jazz Night Dance! Bring your family and friends to the CV Cafe on Friday, February 8, from 7-10pm. Tickets are \$8 for CV students with an ASB card and \$10 for adults and children. Free swing dance lessons provided at 7:30pm. And there will be a delicious chocolate fountain! ALL proceeds benefit the entire CV High School music program, so we would love your support and you'll be so glad you came!

Events at the Rosemont Preserve

Saturday, January 19th, 2-4pm: Open Gate at the Preserve - gates are open to wander the trail, take a tour with our guided map, update your iNaturalist app with plant & animal sightings

Sunday, January 20th, 9-11am: Open Gate at the Preserve - gates are open to wander the trail, take a tour with our guided map, update your iNaturalist app with plant & animal sightings

Saturday, January 26th, 9-11am: Docent tour with Tim Martinez - Native Plants and lands conserved by Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy- join AFC Lands & Programs Administrator in a tour of the Preserve and talk about other local lands conserved by AFC.