

Monte Vista

Paw Prints Newsletter



January 17, 2021

SCHOOL NEWS



New Date for Pawprints! - We will begin sending Pawprints on Sundays beginning November 1st. We hope that this change will encourage more readership. Thank you!

Dear Parents,

As you have heard, all GUSD campuses will be closed based on the recommendation from Los Angeles County Public Health until Friday January 29, 2021. During this time, please direct your questions via email to:

Principal Suzanne Risse - srisse@gusd.net

**Administrative Secretary Sosi Parsegian
- sparsegian@gusd.net**

We thank you for your understanding and support and look forward to resuming in-person activities on February 1, 2021. In the meantime, stay healthy and safe!

Sincerely,

Suzanne Risse

Principal

Monte Vista Community News - It is with great sadness that I share the passing of our 3rd grade recorders teacher, Mr. Yorgos Adamis. Mr. Adamis came to Monte Vista in 2019 and brought energy, enthusiasm and a passion for music. Our students enjoyed his class immensely and all staff and parents who came to know him felt his warmth and "big presence" from the moment he came to our school. If you or your child would like to send a card, you may leave it in an envelope in front of school. Here are donation links: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/yel99m>

https://www.gofundme.com/f/celebrating-the-life-of-yorgos-adamis/donations?utm_campaign=m_pd+share-sheet&utm_medium=copy_link_all&utm_source=customer

In addition, our PTA is collecting donations. If you would like to donate, you may reach out to PTA President Mary

Cho: starrymary@gmail.com. Please keep the Adamis family in your thoughts.

Parent Coffee Friday January 22, 2021, 9:00 a.m. - Please join Principal Risse, Assistant Principal Babayan and PTA President Mary Cho for an informal chat on Friday January 22, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. A zoom link will be sent to you to your phone/email via Blackboard.

Please Join us for our School Site Council Meeting Monday, January 25th @ 2:30

Join Zoom

Meeting <https://glendaleusd.zoom.us/j/81767336055?pwd=RWI0bWsyWWo3UUhibDZwbHdZSkdxUT09>

Meeting ID: 817 6733 6055

Passcode: 795829

[Meeting Agenda](#)

Artwork? Poems? Short Stories? - Our office and hallways are in need of "kid work"! We would love any wintery/January pieces to post. Just drop them off in the front office or mail to Monte Vista. Thank you!

Return to School Survey - Please be sure to complete the surveys that were sent out regarding parents' intention to return to school. One was sent from Principal Risse to parents of students in Grades Kindergarten - 2nd and another from GUSD to all parents.

ELAC MEETING

All Parents of English Language Learner Students, please join us for our ELAC Meeting (English Learner Advisory Committee). This is a very informative meeting answering many questions. Why is my child an English Language Learner? How do we support them? Testing?

Monday, January 19th @ 2:30 Via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://glendaleusd.zoom.us/j/89111871758?pwd=RFVyWmdtOHZTQzJXdjB6Smc4bllYUT09>

Meeting ID: 891 1187 1758

Passcode: 737826

IMPORTANT! - Household Information Update

During this time of Distance Learning, our communications with families rely heavily on email and US Mail, if we do not have current and correct information things may get lost in the shuffle.

Please log on to Parent Portal as soon as possible to verify that your household information is correct. Please pay close attention to; HOME ADDRESS, EMAIL ADDRESSES and PHONE NUMBERS. If you notice that your home address is incorrect, you must forward 2 current utility bills to Ms. Stephanie at sallen@gusd.net. Once received, she will update your information.

All other information can be changed or updated by the Parent Portal user.

If you have any questions or need help logging into Parent Portal, please call the Front Office at (818) 248-2617 or email Ms. Stephanie, sallen@gusd.net

Distance Learning Resource for Parents

The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Educational Technology released a ["Parent and Family Digital Learning Guide"](#) aimed at helping parents struggling to support their child in a virtual learning environment. The document should help empower parents to feel comfortable being involved in their child's education as they provide support, monitor academic progress and use technology in the classroom or living room. **Please Share!!**

Intent to Apply for Monte Vista's Korean FLAG

Kinder - Although the 2021-2022 school year seems far off, it's time for our staff to start gathering information about the number of siblings who will be applying for FLAG Kindergarten next year. According to the FLAG program application process, siblings of students who remain enrolled at Keppel VAPA Elementary School for

the 2021-22 school year will receive priority in the random selection process, but a complete online program application must be submitted on time for the incoming sibling.

Anyone with a sibling interested in applying to Monte Vista's Korean FLAG Kinder for the 2021-22 school year must complete this Google Form to receive sibling priority.

[Time to Apply for Kinder Sibling - FLAG MV \(click here\)](#)

Korean Parent Classes: King Sejong Institute provides conversation focused Korean language instruction to parents of FLAG students. They are offering sessions virtually and looking for parents who may be interested in joining their classes. Enrollment is open at this time. Please see attached flyer for more information. [Flyer](#)

2021-2022 Kindergarten and New Students to Monte Vista Enrollment will start February 23, 2021. More information to come in the new year. Please let your neighbors, friends and family know.

Yearbook Pictures - If your student did not take a school picture, please send a photo to Mrs. Sosi in the office. We will add the photos to the yearbook. Please be sure it is a headshot with a plain background and include student name AND homeroom teacher. Deadline: December 18. sparsegian@gusd.net

Yearbooks 2019-2020! - We have a handful of yearbooks for sale from last year at \$20 each. If you would like one, please email Principal Risse (srisse@gusd.net) to purchase and pick up. First come, first served!

Office Depot/Office Max - When you shop at Office Depot or Office Max, tell them you are a Monte Vista parent and 5% will go back to our school. Thank you General Manager Nicole Vargas.

Parent Support Group - GUSD will be hosting a parent support group led by a psychological service provider from the district's

Student Wellness Services department. Click [here](#) for more information.

GUSD Announcements

Free and Reduced Meal Application - please go online and complete your family's meal application. <https://Family.titank12.com>

Look at the below links for the **Parent Portal FAQs**. It is very informative for you and our families. [Flyer ENG](#) [Flyer SPN](#)

Are You in Need of Support?

- Families who are in need of support can reach out to Principal Risse, Assistant Principal Babayan or the [GUSD Office of Student Wellness Services](#)! We are here for you!
- The district had a Mental Health Forum on October 7 focused on learning strategies for combating traumatic stress and intergenerational trauma from a panel of mental health experts. Recordings of the presentation are available at [Facebook.com/GlendaleUSD](https://www.facebook.com/GlendaleUSD) and [GUSD.net/MentalHealth](https://www.gusd.net/MentalHealth).

Tech Learning Pods - Families that need a pod but aren't on the list yet can either call the EEELP Office at 818-247-0775.

PTA

MOVING WITH MONTY!

Let's hear it for Parker Johnson for winning this week's Moving with Monty challenge! He won a \$10 Once Upon a Time gift card! Woohoo!!

We have a new Moving with Monty form below! Submit your form by **12pm every Sunday** to PTA President, Mary Cho, starrymary@gmail.com to be entered into the weekly drawing!

[Moving with Monty Form](#)

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK - January 19-22

Kindness in the Moment - Random Acts of Kindness week is coming up and this year we're taking it online! We've got some great activities planned to remind students that we can still spread some kindness even while social distancing!

To kick off, next week each class will be asked to discuss what kindness means to them, **right now in 2021**, and come up with a motto about kindness in our world today. Then, starting on Tuesday, 1/19, we'll be focusing on different ways we can demonstrate kindness, in our community, at home, toward ourselves and of course, at school!

We had planned to run our usual food drive to gather non-perishable food items to be donated to Glendale Healthy Start, a local organization improving the lives of youth in our community, alongside the Student Council's collection of hygiene items for Elizabeth House shelter in Pasadena. However, the current closure of school campuses due to the surge in COVID-19 cases has meant we've had to postpone these events until next month. But keep an eye out in Paw Prints for the rescheduled dates once campuses reopen.

In the meantime, please see the attached [flyer](#) and [instruction sheet](#) for a schedule of how students can participate in kindness acts throughout the week. Finally, don't forget to share photos of their activities with us at mvrak2021@gmail.com. We'd love to see your photos and hear how the students have spread some kindness.

PTA DINE OUT (Take out) at Blaze Pizza on WEDNESDAY, January 27, between 11 AM to 9 PM.

- **Carryout:** Show the flyer (attached) to the cashier before paying.
- **Pickup or Curbside:** Order online via the Blaze Pizza App or blazepizza.com and enter code **1005A** into the 'Promo Code' field at checkout to have your transaction count toward the fundraiser if buying online. If entered correctly, you'll see a \$.01 discount applied to your check which confirms that 20% of your transaction will be counted into the total donation.

Order your pizza with Monte Vista spirit! Tell your friends too and share the YUM!!

[Blaze Pizza Flyer](#)

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 28, 2021**. 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 your Honorary Service Award Nomination form to the school office, PTA mailbox, or emailed to Mary Cho, starrymary@gmail.com, by **Friday, January 29, 2021**.

[Honorary Service Award Nomination Form](#)