

Monte Vista Paw Prints Newsletter



January 24, 2021

SCHOOL NEWS



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

Buddy Time! - This week our Student Council will be hosting a "buddy" time for primary students where they will facilitate some surprise activities. We hope you will join them!

Kindergarten - Tuesday, January 26 at 12:15

1st Grade - Wednesday, January 27 at 12:15

2nd Grade - Thursday, January 28 at 12:15

3rd Grade - Friday, January 30 at 12:15

Please look for the zoom link in a Blackboard message Sunday, January 24th!

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.

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.

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. Due to COVID there will NOT be the long line on the morning of registration. Enrollment will be done by appointment ONLY. We are currently working on an online appointment system. Starting February 15 you can access the pre-enrollment on the GUSD website, click on link for more information <https://www.gusd.net/Page/14568>

More detailed information will be available by February 5th; email Mrs. Sosi at SParsegian@gusd.net. **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

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 GUSD Student Wellness Department has great resources on the district website to support parents and students. Some areas of support are videos of mental health forums, a virtual wellness room, mental health and well-being resources and support groups. To access these helpful resources, click on the following link: <https://www.gusd.net/domain/4390>

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 Davyn Yong 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](#)

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](#)

Join Rosemont PTA Next Year!

Rosemont PTA is looking for current 6th grade parents to be part of next year's PTA board! If you are interested, please submit the [nomination form](#) to Anna Bruck annabruck1@gmail.com.

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](#)