

# Monte Vista Paw Prints Newsletter



January 31, 2021

## SCHOOL NEWS



**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](mailto:SParsegian@gusd.net). **Please let your neighbors, friends and family know.**

**Student Council News** - Congratulations to all of our Student Council members who provided a "Buddy" opportunity for students in K-3rd grade last week. Kindergarteners were read to, 1st graders guessed "2 Truths and a Lie", 2nd graders learned how to draw Monty and 3rd graders played "Are You Smarter Than an Upper Grader?" What fun! Thank you to all of our students who participated. Coming up in February: Donations for the Homeless - Donations will be accepted in a box in front of school February 1-19. Items needed are hand-sanitizers, toiletries, toilet paper, soap, wipes as well as warm socks and blankets. All items are appreciated.

**Kindergarten Materials Distribution Tuesday, February 2** - Pick up will take place in front of school from 12-12:30 for Doom's and Hank's classes; 12:30-1:00 for Ciccirelli's and A. Kim's classes.

**1st Grade Materials Distribution (Nakano and Smith) Friday, February 5 from 2:30-3:15**

**FLAG Parent Meeting Thursday February 18, 7:00 p.m.** - Please join us to share ideas, plans and updates in the FLAG program. Zoom link will be sent via Blackboard.

**February is Black History Month** - Our teachers are planning many activities to celebrate and recognize the rich contributions of African Americans in our local and national community. Our Student Council is preparing a flipgrid highlighting African Americans who have been a part of our nation's history. Finally, please see this [flyer](#) for a GUSD sponsored series of talks being

broadcast every Wednesday in February. Information about this speaker series is shared in Peachjar.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:sallen@gusd.net)**

### **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 \(click here\)](#)

**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.

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## **GUSD Announcements**

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

### **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.

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## **PTA**

### **MOVING WITH MONTY!**

Let's hear it for Brianna Zhu for winning this week's Moving with Monty challenge! She 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](mailto:starrymary@gmail.com) to be entered into the weekly drawing!

## [Moving with Monty Form](#)

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**LET'S CHAT 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents! February 3, 2021 – 7PM** – 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents, please join Principal Risse, Assistant Principal Babayan, and PTA President Mary Cho for an informal chat on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 7pm. A zoom link will be sent to you to your phone/email via Blackboard.

We will be holding evening zooms in the coming weeks for specific grades to catch up and and answer any questions and concerns! Grades K-4, please be on the lookout!

## **RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK**

Thank you to all students and parents for participating in Random Acts of Kindness Week! We so appreciated every picture we received! Below is a link to a RAK week photo album we created:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/na2C5AtXNKZ2uvE68>

Thank you to all the Monte Vista Teachers for participating in the Classroom Kindness Motto competition! We know Kindness can start in the classroom and we appreciate your efforts to keep Kindness a daily priority.

The RAK Week Classroom Kindness Winners are:

Primary: Mr. Weingarten (3rd grade)

*"Spread the wings of kindness and float on the winds of love"*

Upper grade: Mrs. Tahk (4th grade)

*"A smile a day keeps the frownies away!"*

Congrats to Mr. Weingarten & Mrs. Tahk's classes! Your mottos will be displayed on the Monte Vista Marquee.

The RAK Week Challenge Winners are:

- Boyoung Janie Lee, 5th grade, Mrs. Manaka
- Sophia Doh, 1st grade, Mrs. Fong
- Radeen Nabavi, K, Mrs. Doom
- Alexis Chang, 1st, Mrs. Fong

We will be contacting the winners through email!

### **Diversity, Inclusion, and Culturally Relevant Education Section**

In 2020, GUSD adopted resolution 11 to recognize the month of February as African American History Month and to adopt the Black Lives Matter at School Week of Action. <https://www.gusd.net/cms/lib/CA01000648/Centricity/Domain/6/Board%20Meeting%20Presentations/2020-02-04.Resolution11.AfrcnAmrcnStdnts.pdf>

Throughout the month of February, the PTA will share links related to 2021's Black History Month theme of The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity both in Paw Prints and on the Monte Vista Parents Facebook group. If there are any virtual events you would like to be shared in Paw Prints, please send the information to [dpasachoff@yahoo.com](mailto:dpasachoff@yahoo.com).

February 1-5, 2021 is Black Lives Matter at School Week. The 13 Guiding Principles behind this program can be found at: <https://www.blacklivesmatteratschool.com/13-guiding-principles.html>

On Wednesdays throughout the month of February, GUSD will host a special webinar series featuring Black and African American leaders. The flyer can be found at: <https://www.gusd.net/cms/lib/CA01000648/Centricity/ModuleInstance/954/GUSD%20Black%20History%20Month%20Speaker%20Series.pdf>

Additional information to discuss with your children can be found at:

<https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month>  
<https://www.blacklivesmatteratschool.com/>

### **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](mailto:annabruck1@gmail.com).