

# Monte Vista Paw Prints Newsletter



February 6, 2021

## SCHOOL NEWS



## **2021-2022 Enrollment for TK, Kindergarten & New 1-6 Students - February 23, 2021**

Due to COVID-19 there will NOT be the traditional line up on Monty Lane on the morning of registration. This year enrollment will be done by appointment ONLY.

Starting February 16, 2021 please click on the link to make an appointment <https://calendly.com/montevistaenrollment/2021-2022> with us.

Prior to booking an appointment, please make sure your home address falls within our attendance boundaries. You can do so here: <https://www.gusd.net/Page/349>

To help us make your appointment go smoothly, please make sure to do the following BEFORE your appointment date and time:

- Print or download the GUSD Enrollment Packet
- Complete and sign all forms
- Gather the necessary supporting documents, listed here <https://www.gusd.net/Page/14565>
- Visit <https://q.gusd.net/production/preenrollment> to complete Pre-Enrollment and upload all completed forms from the GUSD Enrollment Packet along with all required supporting documents

Please note:

- Enrollment is on a "first come, first serve" basis.
- For capping purposes, the time and date of your appointment will be considered your enrollment "timestamp" in case of any capacity issues.
- Your enrollment will not be considered complete until **ALL** necessary forms and documents are submitted via Pre-Enrollment link
- We will be unable to "timestamp" your enrollment until these necessary forms and documents are submitted.

Please feel free to call or email our office ahead of time with any questions: (818)248-2617 or [montevistaenrollment@gusd.net](mailto:montevistaenrollment@gusd.net)

**Student Council Meeting** February 9th at 12:5 pm

**Donations** - student council is collecting items for the homeless - soap, hand sanitizer, toilet paper, socks and tooth brush and toothpaste etc. There is a drop off box in front of the school.

**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)**

**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 Desmond Chan for winning this week's Moving with Monty challenge! He won a \$10 Froyo Montrose gift card! Woohoo!!

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](#)

## **PTA Association Meeting – Thursday, February 11, 2021**

Please join us for our next PTA Association Meeting on **Thursday, February 11th at 7pm** via zoom! The link will be sent closer to the date!

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

### **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

#### **GUSD Webinar Series:**

In honor of Black History Month, every Wednesday in February Glendale Unified School District will host special webinar series featuring Black and African American leaders who serve their communities in wonderful and different ways. The theme for Black History Month 2021 is The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity. You can register for upcoming webinars at:

[Black History Month Speaker Series / Glendale Unified Celebrates Black History Month](#)

#### **Glendale Library Resources:**

The Glendale Library has a webpage devoted to Children's Programming for Black History Month which can be found here:

[Kids - Black History Month — Glendale Library, Arts & Culture](#)

In 2020, in response to the nationwide dialogue on race and equity, and as part of a long-term effort to foster diversity, equity, and inclusion, the City of Glendale took a historic step of reckoning. It became the first city in California and the third in the nation, to pass a sundown town resolution based on a review and report of available historic documents to identify and understand Glendale's history. Sundown towns kept African Americans and other people of color from living in certain communities through formal and informal methods in a purposeful effort to maintain a white population. The resolution acknowledges and apologizes for Glendale's racist past and pledges to work towards an anti-racist future. Additionally, the resolution acknowledges the local history of the Ku Klux Klan, the

American Nazi party and other white supremacist groups and recognizes that redlining, a process that restricted access to African Americans and minorities to certain neighborhoods, was prevalent in the City for decades. The resolution was a historic moment of reckoning for the City of Glendale. This exhibition provides a historical and contemporary narrative to accompany this critical moment.

[ReflectSpace Gallery | Glendale Central Library](#)

### **Additional Reading Resources:**

Teaching for Change carefully selects the best multicultural and social justice books for children, young adults, and educators.

[Black History](#)

### **LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION** – February 12, 2021 (Year of the Ox)

The Lunar New Year, most commonly associated with the Chinese New Year or Spring Festival, typically falls sometime between January 21 and February 20 annually. Lunar New Year 2021 is on February 12, and in terms of the Chinese zodiac animal, it's the Year of the Ox. It's called the Lunar New Year because it marks the first new moon of the lunisolar calendars traditional to many east Asian countries including China, South Korea, and Vietnam, which are regulated by the cycles of the moon and sun.

Usually each year at Monte Vista, many of our FLAG classes will invite parents and family and celebrate the Lunar New Year by dressing up in Hanboks, performing Korean traditional songs, making Korean rice cake soup and doing other arts and crafts to celebrate this day.

This year, in lieu of in-person celebrations, many of the FLAG classes will be doing other virtual activities to commemorate including Korean mask decorating and other fun arts and crafts!

Link to Virtual Lunar New Year Celebration Ideas with friends and family!

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/alywalansky/2021/01/07/how-to-plan-a-virtual-lunar-new-year-celebration/?sh=28d690c41473>

To learn more about Lunar New Year, see this [PowerPoint](#).

**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).