

Monte Vista Paw Prints Newsletter



February 14, 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

Happy Valentine's Day! Spread a little love in the neighborhood! Donate to a food bank, Goodwill or an animal shelter (blankets, towels). Drop off items in front of Monte Vista for our Student Council Homeless Shelter Donation Drive (items to include are: hand sanitizer, toilet paper, soap, toothbrush and paste etc. Drop off in front of school Monday - Friday). Send notes of thanks to essential workers, folks in retirement homes, police and fire departments, your postal carrier and grocery store workers. Make Valentine's Day a community thank you!

Return to School Info - Stay up-to-date on district Return to School plans and information. Tune in to GUSD Board meeting Tuesday, February 16th beginning at 4:30. Superintendent Dr. Vivian Ekchian provides a detailed report with updates on county health and plans for students returning to school beginning at 6:30. Tune in for the latest!

Black History Month - Our teachers have done amazing work with students to learn about and celebrate the rich contributions of African Americans in our community, state and nation. Student Council has also done a great job highlighting famous African Americans or those who celebrated African American life and accomplishments through daily videos. Well done Monte Vista!

Newspaper Meeting Tuesday, February 16 - Students on the Monty Times or who are interested in joining can join google classroom at 12:15 on February 16th.

FLAG Parent Meeting Thursday, February 18 - Please join us at 7:00 for an informational meeting and an opportunity to ask questions. Zoom link will be sent via Blackboard.

Artwork? Poems? Short Stories? - Our office and hallways are in need of "kid work"! We would love any pieces addressing Black History month, Valentines Day and Presidents' Day to post. Just drop them off in the front office or mail to Monte Vista. Thank you!

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

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.

CAASPP Testing Information

All students grades 3 -6 will be taking the **California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress** (CAASPP).

Please read this parent letter regarding the CAASPP. [CAASPP Parent Letter English](#)
[CAASPP Parent Letter Korean](#)

Testing will take place between the dates of May 3rd and May 21st. A more detailed schedule will be shared as we get closer to testing.

The CAASPP will be implemented remotely. If your child does not have a district issued chromebook please follow these directions to download the secure browser to your personal computer [directions to download the secure browser](#). **Please note, personal chromebooks (non-district chromebooks) and iPads will not work.**

For any questions and concerns please reach out to Mrs. Tamez, Teacher Specialist, etamez@gusd.net

Directions to download the secure browser: <https://ca.portal.cambiumast.com/>

[Parent Letter Korean](#)

[Parent Letter English](#)

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.

PTA

MOVING WITH MONTY!

Let's hear it for Nolan Kennerly 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 to be entered into the weekly drawing!

[Moving with Monty Form](#)

Cyber Safety Info Sessions

Please join us for our annual Info Session on CYBER SAFETY. The PTA, in partnership with the San Diego Police Foundation, will be hosting a Parents and Caregiver session on Feb. 18th 6:00 – 7:00pm. This is an informative, much needed, presentation when our children are online so often. We highly encourage your participation!

Zoom info will be provided via Blackboard/email from Mrs. Risse (see attached [flyer](#))

REFLECTIONS UPDATE!

Congratulations to Karen Jeong who won an Outstanding Interpretation for her Music Composition at the First District level! She will now move on to the State level for consideration! Wooohoo! Karen's piece can be found at <https://www.gusd.net/Page/3188>.

PTA DINE OUT (Take out) at PANDA EXPRESS on Wednesday, February 24, between 10:30 AM to 10 PM.

Need an excuse not to cook? PTA Dine out (take out) to the rescue. The fundraising event will be on February 24 from 10:30 AM - 10:00 PM at Panda Express (700 Foothill Blvd. La Canada Flintridge, CA 91011).

- In-store: Show paper or digital version of the flyer.
- Online: Enter 320647 in the promo code box during online checkout at order.pandaexpress.com. Orders must be placed on the event day. (instructions attached if needed)

[Panda Express Flyer](#) [Panda Express Ordering Instruction](#)

As always, thank you for your support!

Margaux Chan - Dineout chair

Diversity, Inclusion, and Culturally Relevant Education Section

Celebrating Black and African American History Month

Each February, Glendale Unified is proud to recognize Black History Month and commemorate the many contributions Black and African Americans have made throughout history in their struggles for freedom and equality.

Beginning with districtwide celebrations of the life and contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. two weeks ago and extending throughout the month of February, Glendale Unified students will participate in activities and lessons focused on many valuable Black and African American individuals who have contributed greatly to our country and our community. The district is hosting a [Black History Month Speaker Series](#) taking place every Wednesday in February. Additionally, every Glendale Unified school will participate in a schoolwide community service project that memorializes Dr. King's mission of service to the community. On Tuesday, Cerritos and Muir Elementary, and Toll and Roosevelt Middle Schools had an opportunity to share their projects.

<https://www.gusd.net/cms/lib/CA01000648/Centricity/Domain/6/Black%20History%20Month.pptx.pdf>

Resolution: Recognizing the Rich Culture, Contributions, and Value of our Black and African American Students and Community Members

Glendale Unified is committed to creating a safe, inclusive learning environment where every child can learn and thrive. On Tuesday, the Board of Education renewed their resolution, "[Recognizing the Rich Culture, Contributions, and Value of our Black and African American Students and Community Members](#)." The Resolution includes a commitment to support the social, emotional, and physical needs of all students, embrace historically underrepresented communities, and intentionally work to eliminate bias in our curricula, our classroom cultures, and our relationships with our students, our parents/guardians, and each other.

Glendale Unified has made a districtwide commitment to have courageous conversations about race and equity, and work to eliminate implicit bias. The District has engaged the USC Race and Equity Center and the Los Angeles County Office of Education to provide professional development to combat all forms of discrimination, and proudly launched the [Working Group to Ensure Culturally Relevant and Responsive Education](#), made up of students, teachers, school and district administrators and staff, parents/guardians, and community members. Members of the Working Group will share an update on their efforts at the next Glendale Unified Board of Education meeting on February 16.

<https://www.gusd.net/Page/14034>

Additional Resources for Discussing Black History Month with Kids:

PBS: [Teaching Black History Beyond Slavery and Black History Month | PBS Education](#)

National Geographic: [Black History Month](#)