

# Monte Vista

## Paw Prints Newsletter



March 14, 2021

### SCHOOL NEWS



*Dear Monte Vista families,*

*Happy Spring! I wanted to share a Return to School timeline so that you are able to prepare with your students whether you have chosen to continue with distance learning or send your student to in-person instruction.*

*March 9 - GUSD Board of Education gave direction for the district to move forward with proposed dates for returning elementary students for on-campus instruction*

*March 10 - Blackboard message sent to parents requesting they confirm that students will attend in-person beginning March 29 (K-2) or April 5 (3-6)*

*March 19 - Hybrid Schedule sent to parents via Blackboard*

*March 22 - Student-free day/Teacher Preparation Day*

*March 23 - New Hybrid Schedule begins remotely for all students*

*- Return to School Parent Meeting, 7:00 p.m. via zoom*

*March 29 - In-person instruction begins for Grades K-2*

*April 5 - In-person instruction begins for Grades 3-6*

*We look forward to continuing high quality instruction for all of our students throughout the last trimester of 2020-2021 school year. Let's make these last months our best!*

*Sincerely,*

*Principal Suzanne Risse*

**GUSD Anti-Hate Resolution:** On Tuesday, March 9, the Glendale Unified Board of Education adopted a [resolution](#), “Affirming the Glendale Unified Board of Education’s Commitment to the Safety and Wellbeing of our Asian American and Pacific Islander Students, Employees, Families, and Community Members and Denouncing Xenophobia Due to Fears of the Covid-19 Pandemic. This resolution comes in response to a concerning nationwide rise in hate crimes and acts of discrimination against the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities over the past year.

“One of our top priorities as a Board of Education is to foster a positive culture of learning by celebrating diversity and emphasizing inclusion on our campuses and in our community,” said Glendale Unified Board of Education President Dr. Armina Gharpetian. “As we welcome our students back to campus for in-person learning, we want to reaffirm Glendale Unified School District’s commitment to providing a safe learning environment and supporting the social, emotional, and physical needs of every child.”

“In Glendale Unified School District, we are working intentionally to eliminate racism and bias in our curricula, our classroom cultures, and our relationships with our students, our parents/guardians, and each other,” said Glendale Unified Superintendent Dr. Vivian Ekchian. “Our schools will continue to be safe spaces where every child can learn and thrive.”

Glendale Unified School District serves a diverse community of students in grades TK-12. Of the District’s 26,000 students, 16.3 percent identify as Asian American or Pacific Islander. The District offers dual immersion programs in seven languages, including Korean and Japanese. In the fall of 2020, Glendale Unified convened a districtwide Working Group to Ensure Culturally Relevant and Responsive Education, committed to engaging students, families, employees, and community members to proactively eliminate bias and develop more inclusive school communities.

**2021-2022 Enrollment for NEW TK, Kindergarten, 1-6 Students starts on February 23, 2021.** Due to COVID-19 enrollment will be done online and by appointment ONLY. Starting

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

Click on link for pre-enrollment and uploading of documents <https://www.gusd.net/Page/14733>

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)

### **Updates from LA County Public Health**

The Spring break season this year has the ability to derail our recovery journey if it involves increased travel, gatherings and nonadherence to safety measures. While COVID-19 numbers have decreased, transmission remains widespread here in L.A. County and in many states and countries. Postponing travel and staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 during this pandemic. Los Angeles County residents should continue to avoid all non-essential travel and stay within 120 miles from their place of residence, unless they are traveling for essential purposes.

A [Travel Advisory](#) remains in effect in Los Angeles County. Anyone who is arriving in Los Angeles County from outside the State/Country must self-quarantine for 10 days; please remain at your home or lodging for the 10 days and avoid contact with others. Please do not travel if you are sick. If you have COVID-19 symptoms get tested.

**Congratulations!** Our sixth graders Nicholas de Bernier, Sebastian Blunt, Catherine Chiu, and Luke Yen reach the State Finals in this year's California Future Problem Solving Competition. The Future Problem Solving Program is a year long academic competition that requires students to research an assigned topic and prepare a response using critical and creative thinking to an imagined

situation set at least 20 years in the future. The Monte Vista team will compete against 26 Junior Division teams from throughout the State on the topic of Personalized Medicine for the opportunity to represent California at the International Competition in June.

## **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 April 26th - May7th. 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 [detailed directions and videos for the Secure Browser](#). Please note, personal chromebooks (non-district chromebooks) will not work. For any questions and concerns please reach out to Mrs. Tamez, Teacher Specialist, [etamez@gusd.net](mailto:etamez@gusd.net)

## **Incoming 7th Grade Parents**

Rosemont's Incoming 7th grade parent Meeting scheduled for 03/23/21 at 6:00pm. Please share the link with your 6th grade families for the upcoming meeting.

Feel free to contact me if you should have any questions.

<https://www.smore.com/dt801>

## **Making Monte Vista Green**

Do you have succulents in your yard that you need to divide? Would you like to donate some succulents to make Monte Vista's front area beautiful when all students can return to campus? My Name is Torin Blunt and I am a former student from Monte Vista. I am

currently a 7th grader at Rosemont Middle School, and to earn my Eagle Scout rank, I am leading a service project to complete part of the planting in the front area of Monte Vista on Orange Ave where there used to be ivy. If you can donate any type of succulent for us to use please contact me at my parents' email address: [katrinkaj@hotmail.com](mailto:katrinkaj@hotmail.com) to arrange a drop-off or pickup of your donation. Timeline; We would like to get planting during the month of March so the sooner the better!

**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!

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## PTA

### **MOVING WITH MONTY!**

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

Submit your form by **FRIDAY EVENING** to PTA President, Mary Cho, [starrymary@gmail.com](mailto:starrymary@gmail.com) to be entered into the weekly drawing!

[Moving with Monty Form](#)

### **IT'S YEARBOOK TIME!**

It's time to order your Monte Vista 2020-2021 Yearbooks. How can you commemorate such a different school year? Buy a yearbook so you don't forget. It might look different but will still have lots of memories. You can even have it delivered to your house for an extra \$5. Yearbook price is \$20 each.

Orders will be taken **through April 15, 2021** online by clicking on the following

link: <http://shopstudio1.com/yearbooks/montevista2021/>

**PTA DINE OUT (Take out) at NEW MOON on Wednesday, March 31, 2021!**

Our Dine Out this month will be at New Moon Restaurant in Montrose! More information will be coming so please look out for it!

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**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FREE Group Voice Lessons** for grades 4-6 via zoom on Wellness Wednesdays, offered by CV Choir Student. Please click on the attached link to see the flyer for more information on how to sign up. Space is limited. Classes start March 24 - May 12. [Group Voice Lessons](#)