

Monte Vista

Paw Prints Newsletter



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SCHOOL NEWS



Dear Monte Vista families,

"A crime against one of us is a crime against all of us." These words could not ring more true than at this very moment when hate crimes against members of our Asian community have risen. The recent killings in Atlanta are horrific and, in any circumstance, give us pause for grief. However, the pain hits so much closer as we in La Crescenta are home to a large Korean American community with a vibrant Korean dual immersion program in our school. Our hearts and prayers go out to the loved ones of those who perished this past week and we condemn any act of racism in our community. But let's go a step further. As many of us return to our second home, Monte Vista, in the next few weeks, let's be mindful of how we treat everyone whether in Monty Lane, at Starbucks or walking through our neighborhood. Let's remind our children how to respect and honor every one. Go out of your way to spread kindness to anyone in need of a warm greeting, a place in line, a courtesy and especially to our Korean American brothers and sisters. Model for your children how we cherish the similarities and differences amongst all of us which make us a stronger community. And, call out the negative images, names, remarks and slurs which only hurt our fellow citizens.

Let's make our community even stronger and take steps, large or small, to end racism.

Sincerely,

Principal Suzanne Risse

Student-free Day Monday, March 22: Teachers will be on campus or working to prepare for hybrid instruction.

FLAG 4th & 5th Grade Meeting Monday, March 22: Parents of students in FLAG grades 4 and 5 are invited to attend this meeting where a hybrid schedule will be presented. Zoom link will be sent via Blackboard.

New Hybrid Schedule Tuesday, March 23: New Hybrid Schedule begins remotely for all students (see below). The most significant change is that students complete instruction with their teachers at 11:30 (K), 12:30 (1-3), and 12:40 (4-6). After lunch, students will participate in asynchronous modules/lessons in PE, art, mindfulness.

Monte Vista Hybrid Schedule 2020-2021

	Kindergarten	1st & 2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th*
8:00	Arrive at School, walk to classrooms					
8:20	Instruction	Instruction	Instruction	Instruction	Instruction	Instruction Continues Rotation 1 & Rotation 2
9:45-10:05	Kindergarten snack	1st 2nd recess/snack	3rd & 4th recess/snack	5th recess/snack	6th recess/snack	Instruction Continues
9:40-10:10	Instruction Continues					
10:00-10:30	Instruction Continues	Instruction Continues	Instruction Continues	Instruction Continues	Instruction Continues	Instruction Continues
10:15-10:45	Kindergarten dismissal					
11:30	Asynchronous Lessons: Art, PE, mindfulness & Health	Instruction Continues	Instruction Continues	Instruction Continues	Instruction Continues	Instruction Continues
11:40-12:15	Lunch at home/in pods					
12:15	Grades 1, 2, 3 dismissal		Grades 4, 5 dismissal		6th grade dismissal	
12:30	12:30-1:30 Lunch/travel time		12:40-1:40 Lunch/travel time		12:40-1:40 Lunch/travel time	
1:30-2:05	1:30-2:05 Asynchronous learning time: Art, PE, health/wellness/mindfulness lessons		1:40-2:15 Asynchronous learning time: Art, PE, health/wellness/mindfulness lessons		1:40-2:15 Asynchronous learning time: Art, PE, health/wellness/mindfulness lessons	
1:40-2:15						
2:15-3:00						Office Hours: by appointment and one hour per week (scheduled) for drop-in time via Zoom.
						*6th Grade will continue to departmentalize

District Return to School Procedures Tuesday, March 23: An important informational presentation by GUSD staff and elementary principals will take place Tuesday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m. during the GUSD regular Board meeting. Please go to GUSD website to tune in.

Return to School Parent Meeting Wednesday, March 24, 7:00 p.m.: Parents who are sending their students to in-person instruction are encouraged to attend this meeting where Monte Vista protocols and procedures will be shared. The zoom link will be sent via Blackboard.

Spirit Assembly Friday, March 26: Please look for the video which will be shared by your student's teacher. We will be honoring students who have demonstrated "trustworthiness" this month!

Welcome to School Grades K-2 Monday, March 29: In-person instruction begins for Grades K-2. We are excited to greet our students coming to school for in-person instruction. Our students continuing in distance learning will be given special time with Principal Risse, Assistant Principal Mrs. Babayan and others! We look forward to continuing high quality instruction for all of our students throughout the last trimester of 2020-2021 school year.

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.

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.

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

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>

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!

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 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!

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](#)