

Monte Vista Paw Prints Newsletter



April 4, 2021

SCHOOL NEWS



Dear Monte Vista families,

Tomorrow, Monday April 5th we will continue our Return to School endeavor by bringing 3rd-6th graders to campus. We appreciate the continuous flexibility and feedback as we make tweaks to our processes and protocols. One change: we initially said that 3rd-6th would enter campus at the gate/door between room 4104 and 4109. Instead, we will have 1st-6th enter through the main gate. Here is our plan:

Kindergarten (Doom & Hank) - Enter at the kindergarten gate after screening on Monty Lane (no change)

FLAG Kindergarten (Cicciarelli & A. Kim) - Enter at the East Gate after screening (no change)

Grades 1st-2nd - Enter at the West Gate after screening in Monty Lane (no change)

Grades 3rd-6th - Enter at the West Gate after screening in Monty Lane (**change!**)

Monty Lane Drive Through - Please be sure your student has all their belongings ready so they can exit efficiently. Show the QR code to the screener and, once your child's temperature has been taken, they may enter school, or line up on the "pawprints" if arriving before 8:00.

Walkers in the Morning - Please be sure you wait with your child in line for QR code and temperature check. Please do not linger after your child has entered school to address health and safety guidelines.

Dismissal - Students will wait in Monty Lane on "pawprints" in their designated area. Grades 4-6 will have signs posted on the fence with teacher names. Please be patient in line as you move to the area where your child is waiting. Parents picking up walkers, will need to wait at Crescenta Commons if coming from the east and at the driveway gate if coming from the west.

We thank you and love our "pawsitively awesome" Monte Vista community!

Sincerely,

Principal Suzanne Risse

Food Services Meal Kits

If your students need meals for the days they are 100% distance learning, please ask their parent/guardian to order a meal kit using this [order form](#). This order form can also be found on the nutrition services website. Like all of our meals, **the kit is OPTIONAL.**

- **WHO:** Elementary students
- **WHAT:** 5 day meal kit - 5 breakfast entrees, 5 lunch entrees, plus fruits and vegetables. Note: this meal kit will be modified as the weeks progress. We will adjust the # of meals and vary the menu.
- **WHEN:** Tuesday or Friday. Students will be served hot lunch for the day plus a meal kit so they have food for when they attend school from home for the remainder of the week.
- **WHERE:** Served near exits as students leave your campus.
- **HOW:** Parents/Guardians need to pre order meal kits. An [order form](#) must be completed for each student they want a meal kit for. *Example:* Minnie Mouse is a 1st grader and Mickey Mouse is a 4th grader. Then Mom Mouse must complete the online order form for once for Minnie and once for Mickey.

Frequently asked questions:

- Does a student need to take a meal kit home?
 - **No. They will only be served the kit if they need/want it.**
- What if we don't have a pre-order form for a student, but the student or parent says they need a meal kit because the student will be learning from home the rest of the week?
 - **We will serve them the meal kit as they leave your campus. Priority will go to those students who pre-ordered kits.**

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.

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 Jeffrey Kim 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](#)

PTA Association Meeting – Thursday, April 8, 2021

Please join us for our next PTA Association Meeting on Thursday, April 8th at 7pm via zoom! The link will be sent closer to the date!

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/>

Diversity and Inclusion Committee

Armenian Genocide Remembrance Month

GUSD is hosting a special speaker series to honor and celebrate Armenian culture and heritage, accessible via Zoom every Wednesday in April at

1pm. <https://www.gusd.net/cms/lib/CA01000648/Centricity/ModuleInstance/954/April%20Speaker%20Series%20Flyer.pdf>

Stand Against Asian Hate

Free bystander intervention trainings are being offered on an ongoing basis by the hollaback! organization. "We'll talk through five strategies for intervention: distract, delegate, document, delay, and direct; and how to prioritize your own safety while intervening. We'll have time at the end for practice, and you'll leave feeling more confident intervening the next time you see Anti-Asian/American

harassment online or in person." Each training session is approximately 1 hour long.

Hollaback! Free Bystander Intervention Training

Some useful points about talking to kids about anti-AAPI racism have been written about here:

<https://parents-together.org/how-to-talk-to-kids-about-anti-asian-racism/>

Ramadan

Ramadan begins on Monday, April 12th. Some information about this important month-long Muslim holiday can be found at the following websites.

<https://www.pbs.org/wnet/need-to-know/five-things/ramadan/2794/>

<https://www.thenationalnews.com/lifestyle/the-instant-expert-a-primer-on-ramadan-1.450636>

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](#)