

Hello Monte Vista Families,

My excitement is growing as we approach the first day of school! The teachers, staff and I are eager to see all the happy and enthusiastic faces of our Monte Vista students as they return to school. We will be welcoming our students back with a fun celebration with red carpets, balloons, and other fun surprises. I also want to share some information about what to expect as we reopen our school.

The reopening of school parameters are determined by requirements set forth by the Los Angeles County Office of Public Health as well as the Glendale Unified School Board of Education. Although adjustments will be made as new recommendations are provided to maintain a safe school, here is what you should expect based on the latest information.

- Classrooms will be at full capacity
- Desk shields will be on all student desks
- All students and staff must wear masks indoors. Masks outdoors are optional.
- Daily health screening upon arrival to school will take place for all students and staff
- COVID testing will be available for students and staff
- MERV-13 and HEPA filters in all classrooms and workspaces will be maintained
- Quarantine, isolation, contact tracing and notification protocols will be followed
- Please review the [District Family Guide](#) for more information

Please visit our [Monte Vista School website](#) for up-to-date information. On behalf of the entire staff, we look forward to welcoming our returning and new students to a safe and nurturing environment, very soon!

Sincerely,  
Principal Babayan

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- Week of August 16:** Step and Repeat Photo Opp - located at the front of the school  
**Monday, August 16:** Teacher Assignments will be posted on the parent portal after 4:00PM  
**Tuesday, August 17:** New Family School Tour - 10:00 AM  
Kindergarten Sneak Peek - 10:30 AM - ***Due to district guidelines, we have to minimize visitors on our campus. For both events, we ask that only one parent attend.***
- Wednesday, August 18:** 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School starts at 8:10 AM -  
PTA Howdy Coffee- 9:30 AM <https://glendaleusd.zoom.us/j/84130715261>  
Banking Day Dismissal - K: 12:20, Gr. 1-3: 1:07; Gr. 4-6: 1:27
- Thursday, August 19:** Back to School Night-*Your child's teacher will send you their Zoom link*  
**5:30 - 4th, 5th; 6:00 - 2nd, 3rd; 6:30 - K, 1st; 7:00 - 6th; 7:30 RSP**
- Friday, August 20:** Minimum Day Dismissal - K: 12:20, Gr. 1-3: 12:12; Gr. 4-6: 12:32

### SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

	Regular School Days (M, T, Th, F)	Banking Days (Wednesdays)	Minimum Days
Kindergarten	8:10 - 12:20	8:10 - 12:20	8:10 - 12:20
Grades 1-3	8:10 - 2:17	8:10 - 1:07	8:10 - 12:12
Grades 4-6	8:10 - 2:37	8:10 - 1:27	8:10 - 12:32

**CHROMEBOOKS:** If your child needs a Chromebook for home use or has a district Chromebook and needs it fixed or replaced, please visit the ETIS kiosk at the district office to pick up a Chromebook for your child.

- Students in grades K-3 that have borrowed a Chromebook may keep it at home and will be provided a Chromebook to use at school.
- Students in grades 4-6 that have borrowed a Chromebook will need to carry their Chromebooks back and forth from home on a daily basis.

**DROP OFF/PICK UP:** All students, employees, and visitors must complete a health check before arriving on campus. Glendale Unified uses a system called “Ruvna” to complete health checks for students and employees. Parents/guardians and employees receive an email and/or text message from Ruvna each morning with a health check to complete prior to coming on campus, or questions can be answered verbally before entry.

**First Day of School:** Due to district guidelines, we are required to minimize visitors on our campus. Only one parent of Kindergarten, first grade and new students will be allowed to walk their child onto campus. Please exit the campus as soon as you drop your child off at their classroom. Staff will be available to escort students to their classrooms.

#### **Drop Off (Drive Up)**

- Please stay in your car
- Students should be prepared to exit the car as you approach the transition zone area.
- Wear masks.
- Show RUVNA QR code or answer screening questions along with a temperature check

#### **Drop Off – Walk Up**

- Wait on paws on sidewalk for health screening by entrance
- Follow social distancing guidelines
- Wear masks.
- Show RUVNA QR code or answer screening questions along with a temperature check

**CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS:** Sign into the [Parent Portal](#) to see who your child’s teacher is after 4:00pm on Monday, August 16.

**LA COUNTY TRAVEL ADVISORY GUIDELINES:** Click [here](#)

#### **EXPANDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM:**

Families that are inquiring about child care, please fill out the form on the website, [www.gusd.net/cdcc](http://www.gusd.net/cdcc), at this time they cannot guarantee a spot but CDCC will place your child on a waiting list until space is available. For further questions you may contact [Child Development and Child Care Department](#) (818) 247-0775 x1003

**MV HEALTH OFFICE** - If your child requires medication during school hours please contact Stephanie Allen for forms and more information, (818) 248-2617.

**NUTRITION SERVICES:** This year, one FREE Breakfast & Lunch will be available daily to all students.

**ANNUAL STUDENT INFORMATION UPDATE:** [Click here](#) to view steps for updating your child(ren)'s information in the Parent Portal.

It's time to complete your annual student information update to get ready for the new school year! Update includes:

- Parent/guardian contact information
- Emergency contacts
- Electronically sign Parent/Student Handbook forms
- Complete your Household Income Survey
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**Student Accident Insurance:** The district offers student accident insurance. Click on this [link](#) for more information.

**Moved?** Please let us know if you have moved out of the Monte Vista attendance area by calling the Front Office 818-248-2617 or emailing [hurybabayan@gusd.net](mailto:hurybabayan@gusd.net). We are creating classes and accurate numbers are essential in this process! Thank you.

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## PTA

### JOIN THE PTA

We need your help in reaching our 100% Membership goal, which is one PTA Member for each child in our school. Each \$10 membership positively impacts ALL kids through advocacy at local, state, and national levels. Please look for the flyer in this week's Thursday Folder or on our Monte Vista website. You also join online at <https://jointotem.com/ca/la-crescenta/monte-vista-elementary-pta> ~ Joelle Elhaj

### DOLLAR-A-DAY CAMPAIGN

Let's face it: TAX DOLLARS SIMPLY DON'T FUND ALL OF OUR STUDENTS' NEEDS. Our PTA Dollar-A-Day contributions are what make some of your child's favorite programs possible:

- Accelerated Reader
- Music & PE for Primary Grade students
- Art instruction school-wide (Meet the Masters)
- Library and Computer hours
- Chromebooks at 1:1 ratio for grades 2-6
- 28 New Interactive Smart TVs in classrooms

None of this could happen if not for your generous donations. How can you help? We suggest a contribution of \$1 for each day of the school year, for a total of \$180 per student. BUT ANY AMOUNT MAKES A DIFFERENCE! 100% of your contribution is tax-deductible and goes directly toward enriching our children's education.

Learn more [Here](#).

Each student who turns in \$180 will receive a limited edition Monte Vista water bottle. Each family that contributes \$180 or more will be recognized on the Monte Vista website.

To qualify for these incentives, please remember to remit your donation by Friday, September 24, 2021. - Sameen Wilson

## Reflections Art Program

Do you enjoy art, music, dance, or have an interest in writing, producing films, or taking photos? Then join us and have fun unleashing your inner artist with PTA Reflections! This year's theme, "**I Will Change the World By...**," calls for your own unique interpretation through the arts. Submission guidelines can be found in the attached flyer. More information will follow! Questions? Please email Anna Bruck at [montevistareflections@gmail.com](mailto:montevistareflections@gmail.com).

[Reflections Flyer](#)

[Reflections Entry Form](#)

## Call for 2021-2022 PTA Volunteers

**Looking for Event Volunteers!** We are looking for volunteers to chair events or to be on committees for the 2021-2022 academic year! If you are interested in getting more involved in PTA, please email PTA President Mary Cho at [starrymary@gmail.com](mailto:starrymary@gmail.com) or First VP Programs Janny Kim at [jannykim@gmail.com](mailto:jannykim@gmail.com).

## REWARD PROGRAMS

Did you know that PTA can earn money when you grocery shop at Ralphs or purchase on Amazon?

### ***Ralphs Community Contribution***

Visit <https://www.ralphs.com/topic/community-contribution-2> or go to [ralphs.com](http://ralphs.com) and select Rewards from the menu, then Community Contribution, and click on "Enroll Now." When enrolling your Ralphs Reward Card in the community contribution program be sure to select Monte Vista Elementary School PTA (NPO #84292) to receive contributions. If you don't know your Ralphs Reward number or need assistance, please call the Ralphs rewards card hotline at 1-800-443-4438.

### ***Amazon Smile Contribution***

Shop on Amazon through the Amazon Smile link, <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/90-0740987>, and support Monte Vista! You can also search for our school name which is listed as "Monte Vista Glendale Council."