



Monte Vista

Paw Prints Newsletter

November 28, 2021

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Dec. 9-14: Monty's Holiday Shop

Dec. 16: Principal Pals: Kinder - 9:30, 3rd - 12:00, 4th - 12:25

Dec. 17: Spirit Assembly; Principal Pals: 1st-11:30, 2nd-11:55, 5th-12:30, 6th-12:55

INSTAGRAM/FACEBOOK: Follow Monte Vista [@montevistagusd](#) (instagram) and [@Monte Vista Elementary - GUSD \(Facebook\)](#) to meet our staff and see all of the amazing things that are happening at our school!

ROBOTICS: Congratulations to Monte Vista's two Robotics Teams who recently competed in the La Canada Robotics qualifying tournament. Both teams worked hard preparing for the competition and had a lot of fun competing. While neither team was selected to advance to the championship tournament, Team 1 finished 3rd out of 17 teams in the Robot Game. No team from Monte Vista has finished third or higher in a qualifying tournament Robot Game in ten years. This is an amazing accomplishment! Congratulations again to both of our Robotics teams. - Mr. Weingarten

MONTY LANE: Do you have a few extra minutes to help open doors and check for the Ruvna code? We would love your help in Monty Lane from 7:50-8:10. [Sign up here](#) if you are interested.

LOST AND FOUND: Please check the front of the school at drop off and pick up time on Friday, Dec. 17, 2021. Come and find lost jackets, lunch boxes and water bottles. All unclaimed items will be donated.

IMMUNIZATION RECORD UPDATE: If your child has had any recent immunizations (NOT including the flu shot) please email an updated copy of their immunization record to Ms. Stephanie in the Health Office, sallen@gusd.net. This will help to make sure your child's school health records are up to date.

ATTENTION 6TH GRADE FAMILIES: Tdap (Whooping Cough) boosters are a requirement to enter 7th grade, including Summer School. Please send proof of Tdap to Ms. Stephanie in the Monte Vista Health Office via email, sallen@gusd.net or make arrangements for your student to receive their Tdap booster as soon as possible. Students who do not have tier TDAP will also be getting a reminder in their Thursday Folder soon.

STUDENT COVID TESTING:

- Testing will ONLY be available at the district office on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday December 20, 21 and 23 from 7:30am to 4:30pm and from 5-m to 8pm.
- Testing will ONLY be available at the district office the week of January 2 to 6, 2022 from 7:30am to 4:30pm and from 5-m to 8pm.
- Starting on January 10, all testing will resume normal operation.

ABSENCES/HOMEWORK INFORMATION: If your child is absent because they're ill (not COVID related), please email your child's teacher for any missed assignments that they would like for your child to complete. If there are any assignments that need to be picked up, they will be ready to be picked up after school to allow time for teachers to prepare the materials.

NOTE: Instruction over Zoom is available only in cases where the school has asked for students to quarantine due to COVID.

BREAKFAST/LUNCH MENU UPDATE: We know how disappointing it is for our students when they don't get the meal they anticipated. Nutrition Services will continue to do their best to minimize the substitutions. Here is a [link](#) to the website where menu substitutions are listed. This page will be updated at the beginning of each week.

FLAG KOREAN PROGRAM FOR INCOMING KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

Please mark your calendar! If interested in enrolling your incoming kinder child to Monte Vista FLAG Korean, you MUST submit an application online to participate in the lottery. The magnet/FLAG application for 2022-23 school year is **now open**. [Click here to apply](#) If you have an incoming kinder-aged child, be sure to apply online.

CROSSING GUARDS NEEDED: Would you like to work part-time as a Crossing Guard for La Crescenta children and earn \$45.00 per day, committing to just 2 hours a day? Would you like to work before and after school, only on the days school is in session, and not have to work nights, weekends or holidays? If you can answer "YES" to these questions, the city of La Crescenta is interested in talking to you about being a SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD FOR LA CRESCENTA. No Experience Necessary – Training Provided.

Asst. Regional Manager Maria (818) 331-4454

Visit <https://acmssafety.com/careers/> for more information or to apply.

MV HEALTH OFFICE

- *If your child is sick, please keep them and their siblings at home and notify the school.*
- If your child requires medication during school hours please contact Stephanie Allen for forms and more information, (818) 248-2617.
- If your child quarantines and obtains a COVID test from an outside facility, please be sure to show/send documentation of a negative test result to the front office upon return to school.

IT'S FLU SEASON: Flu season is upon us and we want to make sure you are taking steps to stay healthy and safe. Here are a few reminders:

- Take advantage of our daily on-site COVID-19 testing (www.gusd.net/COVIDTesting)
- Do not send your children to school if they are sick.
- Call your doctor or local pharmacy for flu vaccinations. The yearly flu vaccine is the first and most important step in protecting yourself from the flu.
- Check out our latest flu prevention resource data to receive

MASK GUIDELINES: [GUSD mask policy](#) is based on current guidance from the California and Los Angeles County Departments of Public Health, face masks are required for all students, employees, and visitors while indoors, regardless of vaccination status. Masks are strongly encouraged when outdoors. Students, employees, families and visitors may be asked to wear a mask while outdoors when physical distancing is difficult, such as during drop-off and pick-up.

*No Gaiter *No masks with vents or valve

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

GUSD COVID NOTIFICATION PROTOCOL: [This document](#) contains the protocol that GUSD will follow with any positive case of COVID-19 on a district campus or facility.

PTA

PTA Holiday Scrip Order!

It's time for Monte Vista Scrip!! What is Scrip, you ask? It is basically the same as gift cards and gift certificates you would normally purchase and they work the same way. Monte Vista PTA benefits because we have purchased these gift cards/certificates at a discount and have offered them to you at face value. It is really easy!

With holidays upon us and many to buy for, this is the perfect gift!! The order forms are attached below. Please print the order forms and return to the PTA box no later than Friday Dec. 3rd by 2:00pm. Scrip orders will be available to pick up at the front office on December 10th. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jeannie Higa at jeannie717@gmail.com Thank you!!

[Holiday Scrip Letter](#)

[Scrip Order Form](#)

Monty's Prom Night (Formally Monte Vista Silent Auction)

Hello MV Parents! As we look forward to 2022, we are hoping to once again host our annual PTA parent-only event in early March. In previous years this has been a dinner and silent auction, but this year we would like to focus on bringing our community together for a fun, kid-free evening, with dinner, dancing and some fun games to help our parents, particularly new parents, get to know each other. Our venue will be both indoors and outdoors, and we will follow all current LA county health and safety guidelines, including proof of vaccination, and masks indoors (except when eating and drinking).

We understand that this event may be more comfortable for some, so we wanted to gauge interest with this [simple survey](#) (taking the survey does not commit you to attending the event). Thank you for your help!

Monty's Holiday Shop

Calling all artistic parents and guardians! We need your help to make our annual Monty's Holiday Shop a continued success!

We are looking for several artists to help with personalizing gifts that our students purchase at Monty's Holiday Shop. We are looking for volunteers who are talented in fancy and/or calligraphy style writing with paint pens. Some examples of personalized gifts are coffee mugs, holiday ornaments and pet accessories. Every year, personalized gifts are some of our biggest sellers! This is a fun way to help support this annual holiday event. Our students love gifting personalized items and our families love receiving them! This would be either an in person or at home volunteer opportunity depending on district and school protocols closer to the date.

Monty's Holiday Shop is scheduled to run Dec. 9-14, which is right around the corner! If you are interested in volunteering to help with personalizing gifts, please reach out as soon as possible to Julie Ashe @ Julieashe23@gmail.com