



Weekly Wildcat News

October 24, 2016

Happy Monday Wildcat Families,

Hot dog costume? Check. Large quantities of ketchup and mustard? Check. Another chance for public humiliation for the principal? Check! It was close, but I woke up Sunday morning to 403 walkers!

From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank each and every one of our families, students and friends who signed up for the Skechers Friendship Walk. For the sixth straight year in a row, the Alta Vista community has had the largest number and percentage of participants, helping to secure a huge donation back to our campus and classrooms. I couldn't be more proud of the community for supporting such a great cause; The Friendship Circle and local education foundations around the Southbay.

Due to a non-student day on Monday, October 31st, Alta Vista will celebrate our Halloween Parade on Friday, October 28th at 8:30 am on the AV field. We ask all of our visitors to remember to check into the main office and obtain a visitor sticker prior to joining us on the field. Stay to the end and catch the Hot Dog Spraying! Please see the Halloween Costume Guidelines below. ****This year, we are asking that there are no scary clowns due to press coverage over the past month.****

Important Dates this Week:

Red Ribbon Week - October 24 - October 28

Monday, October 24th - RRW theme - Dress Like a Wildcat

School Picture Day for grades PK, K and 4th grade

Student Leader Interviews

Tuesday, October 25th - RRW theme - Wear Sunglasses

School Picture Day for grades 1, 2, 3, and 5

Wellness Council 8am

Wednesday, October 26th - RRW theme - Wear Red

LIFT Pupil Free Day

Thursday, October 27th - RRW theme-Lei Off Drugs-wear a Hawaiian Lei

MINIMUM DAY for Professional Development - Grades 1-2 dismiss at 1:15pm, Grades 3-5 dismiss at 1:30pm

Friday, October 28th - LIFT OFF Double Day

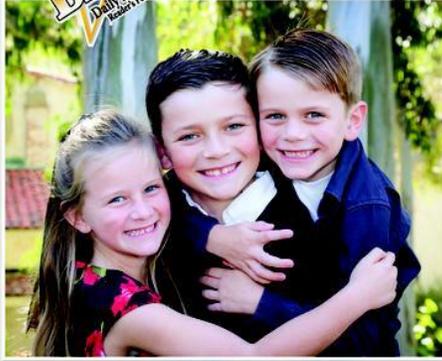
8:30am Halloween Parade

Kindergarten Carnival

Monday, October 31st - No School, Pupil Free Day for all staff Professional Development



Family Portrait Fundraiser



ONLY A \$ 20 SITTING FEE!

Saturday, November 5th

Torrance Beach (am)
Malaga Cove Plaza (pm)

Sunday, November 6th

Malaga Library (am)
St. Francis Episcopal Church (pm)

additional dates and locations are also available

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

To book your session, go to:

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or if you received this flyer digitally,
just click on the flyer



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- Receive a 5x7 of your choice (1 per family)
- Your school/organization receives at least \$15 for every family that participates
- Grandparents can also be included but additional children and/or Aunts or Uncles will require an additional session
- Solid pastels and earth tones are recommended but softer, smaller patterns photograph well too. Blues and tans are popular choices. If coordinated well, dark tones photograph nicely also.
- If you cannot book your session online, please call our studio directly at 310.540.7123



3rd - 5th Grade Students Learning about Digital Citizenship during Library Time

Students will be using edmodo.com to access our Digital Citizenship lessons in the library. Please create a free Edmodo account before library

class next week.

Thank you very much!

Go to <https://edmo.do/j/n6fqxt>

Click on “I’m a Student”

Click on “Create New Edmodo Account” (you don’t have to enter an email address)

Click on “sign up for free”

You will see the message: “You have requested to join this group. The owner of this group must approve your request.”

Once the librarian sees your request, she will approve it & you will then be able to see our group info.

Students need to bring their username & password to the library to access the lessons.

If you do not want your child to be able to write posts or reply to posts within our group, please email nnavarro-britt@rbusd.org so I can change their account to “read only.” Thanks again



Hooray for Halloween Day Camp

When schools are out on Oct.31, special Halloween AdventureCamp is in! Treat your kid to an unforgettable experience with a spooky, fun-filled day that includes activities like Halloween-themed games, arts and crafts, rock climbing and much, much more – all under the safe supervision of highly-trained staff and counselors. [Sign up today!](#)

Monday, October 31, 2016

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Give your child an experience to remember at the camp voted “Best Camp” in the Easy Reader’s “Best of the Beach” awards for helping kids do what they love—have fun! October seasonal day camps puts the fun in health and fitness, with more opportunities to run, jump, explore,

climb, make friends, learn and discover new things this fall!

Ages: 4-12

Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Cost: \$50 per day

Healthy Lunch: \$6

Before/After Care: 7-9am is \$6,
4-6pm is \$6



Halloween Costume Guidelines

This year, Alta Vista Elementary will be holding our traditional Halloween parade on Friday, October 28, 2016. Students need to be lined up and ready to enter their classrooms by 8:15 am for attendance. Students who choose to wear costumes for the parade should come to school dressed in their costumes. We will not hold morning exercises this day. The parade will begin around 8:30am and parents are asked to stay on the outside of the AV track, while students will be seated on the inside of the track.

As an extra reminder, our parade does include our preschool program. Therefore, we ask that costumes not be too scary as to frighten our three and four year olds and **NO SCARY CLOWNS**.

Below are the guidelines for dressing for our parade:

1. Costumes are not allowed to have any dangerous objects or imitation weapons such as swords, knives, guns, et
2. You must be fully dressed – Dress code rules still apply.
3. All Alta Vista expectations/rules will be enforced as such:
 1. No skateboards
 2. No rollerblades
 3. No scooters once inside the school gates.
4. Appropriate shoes must be worn at all times-no high heels, slippers, flip flops, etc.
5. Pre-K and grades 1-5th are asked to check with their teacher as to whether they need to bring a separate change of clothing to change into after the parade. Kindergarten will be wearing their costumes all day.
6. Costumes must not be offensive to a particular person or group. In other words, costumes must be in good taste and not distract from the learning environment. For older students, please remember that we have many younger students on campus that

can become frightened.

7. Masks may be worn during the parade, but need to be removed following the parade for safety reasons.
8. Shoes must be safe (Regular dress code – no flip flops, slippers, high heels.)

Students not following the Alta Vista guidelines will either be asked to change into another set of clothing or asked to call home.



Alta Vista PTA

Wildcat Gear is Almost Here!

We are excited to announce that the Wildcat Gear, including free gifts from our donation promotion, is scheduled to arrive this week and will be delivered to the classrooms by the end of the week. Please contact our Wildcat Gear chairperson, Karie Shehadey at madsoph825@gmail.com with any questions on your order after it has arrived.

Reflections Art Contest Submission Deadline – Nov. 2nd

Reflections is a National PTA art program. This year's theme is *“What’s Your Story”* and there are multiple categories including visual arts, dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition and photography. See attached flyer, rules and entry form. The deadline for entries is November 2nd. Please contact our reflections chair, Jackie Brann at Jackie@5branns.com with questions.

Family Photo Fundraiser – Nov. 5th – 6th

Back by popular demand, Treasured Moments Photography will be doing family portrait mini-sessions for Alta Vista families the weekend of Nov. 5th – 6th. Sessions are only \$20 per family and include a 5 X 7 portrait of your choice. A portion of the proceeds will go back to Alta Vista. Also, if enough families sign-up, we have the opportunity to earn even more money for the school! Please go to <http://www.treasuredmomentsphotography.com> and go to \$20 mini-sessions to book your session today to get the location and time that you want!



Please Complete the National PTA School of Excellence Survey by Nov. 7th

Alta Vista PTA is participating in the National PTA School of Excellence program, which is designed to support our school and PTA as we strengthen family-school partnerships that enrich students' educational experiences and overall well-being. One step in the process is to gather feedback from our school family on the frequency of family engagement strategies implemented by our school. We will need your help in completing this survey at the beginning of the year and end of the year to be considered for the National PTA School of Excellence designation. Please use this link to complete the survey by Nov. 7th.

<https://goo.gl/forms/9JDYpm0miuJLZzDo2><https://goo.gl/forms/9JDYpm0miuJLZzDo2>

Register Now for Parent Ed Night: “Pop Culture and the Noise it Creates” – Nov. 18th

Please join us on Friday, November 18th for our first Parent Education Night of the year. Paul LeBaron, Long Beach Police Commander, will be joining us for a presentation titled “*Pop Culture and the Noise it Creates*”, in which he will discuss with us the effects of social media and other aspects of pop culture on our children. See attached flyer and info for further details. FREE Childcare (kids 5yr +) and food will be provided. Dinner at 5:15, event starts at 5:45. Please register by Nov. 15th at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0B49AEAD23A1FB6-parent

This event will follow a brief PTA meeting, at which time we will be voting to adopt minor amendments to our bylaws, which are required to be updated every 3 years. A summary of these amendments are posted in the front office. Members may contact our Parliamentarian, Shannon Lee, to request a complete copy of the current bylaws.

Let's hear your ROAR! Join PTA and Donate Today!

Visit <https://AltaVistaPTA.myschoolcentral.com> to make a donation and purchase PTA memberships, select Wildcat gear items, Yearbooks and

Emergency kits.

Mabel's Labels are BACK!

mabel's labels

Alta Vista PTA is fundraising with Mabel's Labels! Mabel's Labels are "Labels for the Stuff Kids Lose!" These labels can be personalized and are dishwasher, microwave and laundry safe. Please visit campaigns.mabelslabels.com and search for Alta Vista PTA to place your order and support our school! Order **today** if you want labels in time for 5th Grade Science Camp!

We Still Have Emergency Kits

If you have not yet purchased or submitted your own emergency kit, now is your chance to purchase one for only \$5. A limited quantity of emergency kits are now available for purchase on our web store at <https://AltaVistaPTA.myschoolcentral.com> while supplies last. The kits will be delivered to your classrooms.

Ways to Connect with Alta Vista PTA

Check out our website at www.AltaVistaPTA.org and Like us on our **new** Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/altavistapta>

Stay tuned for upcoming new ways to connect with us!



The WATCH D.O.G.S. are back! - Pizza with Pops Night - RSVP needed

Fathers and Father-figures!

On Tuesday, November 1, 2016, we will be having our 3rd annual 'Dads and Kids' Pizza Night at our school. For Dads that are new to WATCH D.O.G.S., we will have a brief "New DOG Orientation" from 5:30-6:00pm. All other DOGS will meet here at the school cafeteria at 6:00pm for FREE pizza and drinks. Since this is our third year, we wanted to change the format of the night. This year, our Dads and Kids will enjoy a fun "Board

Game Night" with each other and friends.

WATCH D.O.G.S. is an innovative program being used by Alta Vista and schools across America which helps us to be positively impacted by the committed involvement of fathers and father-figures in our students' lives. Our goal is to have you spend at least one day this year at the school to be a positive male role model and to provide an extra set of eyes and ears.

Dads, granddads, uncles, step-dads and male guardians...this is your chance to have a night out along with your student in a fun atmosphere at school.

In order to participate, you need to do two things:

*Fill out the [RSVP form](#) -

<https://goo.gl/forms/yWQXzGnA8CCnAQBr2> and submit saying that you will attend the pizza night so we'll have an accurate head count for the food.

*Mark your calendars, and we'll see you Tuesday, November 1st, from 6-7:30pm. You may go to www.fathers.com/dogstore to order your official apparel for yourself and your children.

Thank you for your time and for all you do for Alta Vista,



BOX TOPS SCRAMBLE CONTEST RESULT

WE HAVE A WINNER...

AND NOT JUST ONE, BUT TWO TEAMS!!!

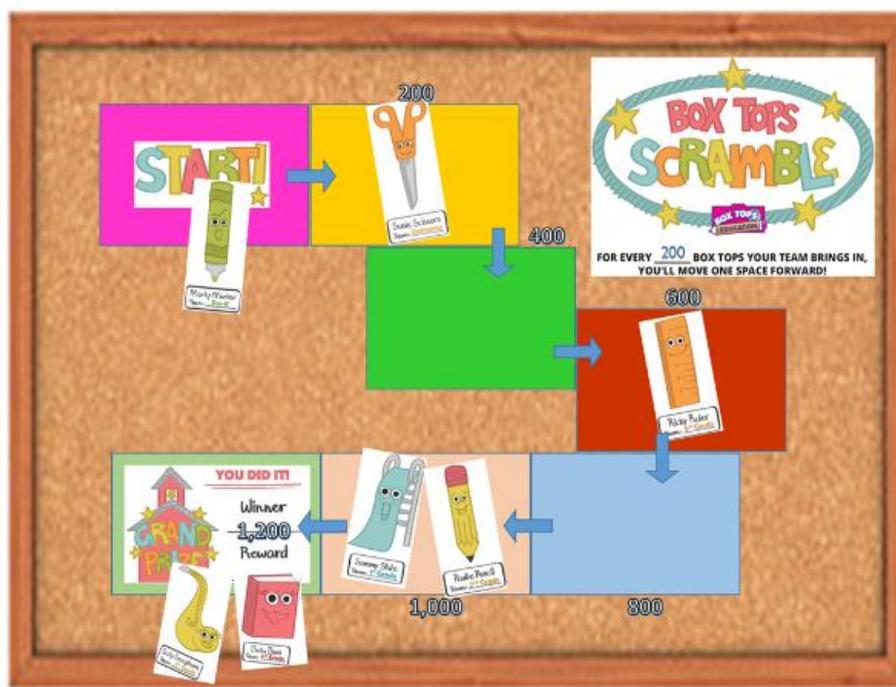
Amazing! It was such a close race that 2 winners tying for the first place! Congratulations to both the 4th Grade and 5th Grade teams for being the first ones to cross the finish line in bringing over 1200 Box Tops to the school!

That means a free ice treat for everyone in 4th and 5th Grades, thanks to the generosity from Rita's Italian Ice.

Thank you to all the participants in this contest! In less than 2 months, we've collected over 6,000 Box Tops.

That is over \$600 of free money for the school. Please keep on collecting and be ready for upcoming fun contests.

You can clip Box Tops from hundred of products. Each unexpired Box Tops clip earns 10 cents for our school. For more earning tips, visit <http://www.boxtops4education.com>



The Great California Shakeout

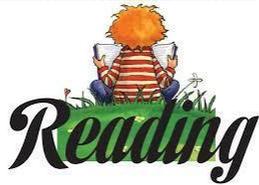
Just a reminder to all of our families! If you did not update your child's emergency contact information during online registration, please make sure to stop by the main office and update this critical information. In the event of an actual emergency, Alta Vista Elementary will ONLY release students to those persons listed as designated

emergency contacts.



Birthday Party Invitations

Just a reminder that we do not permit birthday or any party invitations to be distributed at school. Although we recognize that birthdays are important events in our students' lives and they want to be able to invite their school friends, we also know that not receiving an invitation can be devastating. We ask our parents to please utilize online tools or the postal service to distribute invitations.



How to have a productive reading conversation with your child - prompts for supporting your reader

Productive Talk Question #4: Look at the dialogue in the text. What does the dialogue tell you about how the characters are feeling or thinking? Why do you think the character felt _____ or acted _____?



Growth Mindset Corner

Talk About the Brain

The brain is far more malleable than we once thought. Teaching our kids that they actually have control over growing their brains through the actions they take is empowering! Tell your children that when they work hard, that's the feeling of their neurons connecting. The dendrites are reaching out to other dendrites, trying to connect to make a stronger brain. What strengthens those connections is practice, asking questions, and actively participating in learning. When children learn that their brains physically change with effort, it leads to increased motivation and achievement. Show your kids this [Brain Animation video](#) to

explain!



Presented by RBPB and RBUSD Educational Services

RBUSD Parent Information Sessions

How are we preparing (y)our students for an active shooter?



WHEN/WHERE:

NOVEMBER 14 @ RUHS LIBRARY
NOVEMBER 15 @ PARRAS CAFETERIA
DECEMBER 8 @ ADAMS CAFETERIA

TIME:

6:00 PM

*The parent information sessions are for ALL RBUSD parents. Elementary and middle school parents may attend either middle school location, as the presentations at the middle schools are geared toward K-8 students and will be the same.

CHILD CARE WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCATIONS
FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

Student Absences

Just a reminder that all student absences need to be reported to our main office at 310-798-8650 every day that your child is going to be absent. Our office calls all of the families of absent students if we do not hear from you by 10am.

Our district is happy to announce a new consolidated site for all district flyers featuring community events. Please [click here](#) to view all of the latest flyers available to families and our community. Looking for a flyer specific to Alta Vista and our after-school programs?

[Click here](#) to be directed to our home page that houses all of our latest flyers.

Important Dates for the Next Few Weeks:

Monday & Tuesday, October 24th & 25th - School Pictures Day

Wednesday, October 26th - LIFT Pupil Free Day

Thursday, October 27th - MINIMUM DAY - Staff Professional Development

Friday, October 28th - 8:30am Halloween Parade

Monday, October 31st - NO SCHOOL, Teacher Professional Development Day

Tuesday, November 1st - Pizza with Pops Night - Make sure to RSVP above

Wednesday, November 2nd - LIFT Pupil Free Day, LIFT OFF Double Day

Thursday & Friday, November 3-4 - Hands on Art Training in AV Cafeteria

November 5-6 - PTA Family Photo Fundraiser

November 7 - 10 - Fifth Grade Science Camp

Thursday, November 10th - Reflections Contest Entries Due

Friday, November 11th - No School, Local Holiday

November 14th and 15th - 4th grade classes to UCLA

Wednesday, November 16th - Career Dress Up Day

Friday, November 18th - 8:30am Flag Ceremony

Parent Education Night - 5:30pm in the AV Cafeteria

November 21st - 25th - Thanksgiving Break - No School

Tuesday, November 29th - School Picture Make Up Day

National Day of Listening

December 5 - 14th - MINIMUM DAYS - Parent-Teacher Conferences

December 5-9th - Scholastic Book Fair

Wednesday, December 7th - LIFT OFF Double Day

Wednesday, December 14th - Pretend its Snowing Day - wear white

Friday, December 16th - 8:30am Flag Ceremony

December 19th - January 2nd - No School, Winter Holidays

Tuesday, January 3rd - School Reopens

Ways to Support Alta Vista:

Join the PTA!

Consider donation to the Redondo Beach Educational Foundation. Go to www.rbef.org/donate

Student absences cost the school \$38 per day per child. Families are welcome to repay that cost directly back to Alta Vista if able.

Do you shop Amazon as much as I do? Try Amazon Smile instead! Go to <http://smile.amazon.com> and designate Alta Vista PTA and a portion of all your purchases will go back to support our school.

Looking to purchase a new lunchbox or lunch gear? Go to www.mightynest.com where 15% of your purchases will go directly back to Alta Vista.

Don't forget to collect and return your General Mills Box Tops for Education. Every boxtop is money for our school!

Go to mycokerewards.com/school, enter your Coca-Cola product codes and donate to our school. Our school can redeem the points for much needed physical education equipment.

Keep collecting your Galleria receipts! Just shop and log receipts from any South Bay Galleria stores and restaurants until December 31, 2013. Receipts can be logged at Guest Services anytime during the program. Remember to tell your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to log their receipts. Anyone can support AV in the Galleria School Rewards Program!

Stopping by Jamba Juice on a warm summer day? Just show the PTA Jamba Card when making a purchase.

Have a wonderful week,

Mrs. Wildes