



Weekly Wildcat News

October 26, 2015

Happy Monday Wildcat Families,

From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank each and every one of our students, families and staff who participated either in person or virtually as a walker in the Skechers Pier-to-Pier Friendship Walk. It was so fun to see so many families supporting such a great cause, and being active! We didn't quite make our goal of 400 walkers, but we beat last year's numbers, so I believe this still deserves the "Nene" dance. Stay tuned as my dancers and I start our rehearsals...

Just a quick reminder about parking, please be mindful that our front parking lot and side lot by the cafeteria are for teachers and staff only. We ask that visitors utilize the school-side of Knob Hill, Julia Street or church parking.

Important Dates this Week:

Monday - Friday - Red Ribbon Week (See attached calendar)

- Monday - Wear boots
- Tuesday - Wear bright clothing and sunglasses
- Wednesday - Wear Alta Vista T-shirt or our school color - RED
- Thursday - Wear Character Counts! color for Responsibility - GREEN
- Friday - Wear Halloween Costume

Wednesday, October 28 - WATCH D.O.G.S. Pizza with Pops Night 6pm in AV Cafeteria (see RSVP below)

Friday, October 30 - Halloween Parade 8:30am - See attached Halloween Guidelines

Mrs. Wildes



Alta Vista School Site Council

Thank you to all the families who expressed interest in participating in Alta Vista's School Site Council. The ballot is set and votes may be cast in the Alta Vista main office. Our first SSC/ELAC meeting is set for Monday, November 2nd at 3pm.



Last Call for our WATCH D.O.G.S. Pizza and Pops Night! RSVP's are needed for accurate food counts...

Fathers and Father-figures,

On Wednesday, October 28, 2015 from 6-7:30pm, Alta Vista will be having our **2nd Annual 'Dads and Kids' Pizza Night** at our school. You will meet here at the school cafeteria at 6:00pm for

FREE pizza and drinks. At 6:30pm we will have a presentation about our WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads Of Great Students) Program, while your children enjoy supervised play and activities.

WATCH D.O.G.S. is an innovative program being used by Alta Vista which helps us to be positively impacted by the committed involvement of fathers and father-figures in their student's life. 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. There is nothing that you need to do ahead of time. Once you commit to be at Alta Vista for the day, we will orient you to the program and provide you with your complete day's schedule.

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 by ***CLICKING HERE*** 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 Wednesday, October 28th from 6-7:30pm.

You may also go

to www.fathers.com/dogstore to order your official apparel for yourself and your children.



School Conversation Starter

Starter #9: If you could choose, who would you like to sit by in class? (Who would you NOT want to sit by in class? Why?)



My School Bucks

Do you use www.myschoolbucks.com? This is the site that RBUSD utilizes where parents can deposit monies for their children's lunch and monitor their accounts. This website charges a small transaction fee.

Parents can make deposits to their students' account at anytime, or by placing money in an envelope and leaving it at the front office for our cafeteria workers to pick up.



Math Superstars

This week starts WEEK THREE of our Math Superstar Program. Didn't get a chance to complete week one or two? It's never too late. This is a voluntary math supplement program, that can be downloaded and printed off of our website under "PTA Programs." For families that

would like to participate, complete week one, and return to school by Friday and turn into the Math Superstar envelope in your child's classroom. Your child receives "stars" for each correct problem and will be highlighted on our school bulletin board for earning 50, 100, 200 and 250 stars. Please remember, math superstars is enrichment, and does not supersede your child's classroom homework. See attached letter for more information.



A few words from the PTA...

The Blue Run – November 18th!

This year's 5th Annual Chase Stecyk Fun Run will be The Blue Run, in celebration of Alta Vista's National Blue Ribbon award. Help us make this our last major fundraiser of the year! Our goal is \$35 per student.

Online registration is open NOW! Get a Wildcat WOW for your child by using the new on-line registration tool. Go to: www.thegetmovincrew.com to register your student and start fundraising now. See attached flyer for further details.

Reflections Contest – Submissions due Nov. 6th

Reflections is a National PTA art program. This year's theme is "*Let your Imagination Fly*" and there are multiple categories including visual arts, dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition and photography. See attached flyer, rules and entry form, which are also available in the front office and on the PTA website. There is also a theme contest for next year, which is due Nov. 1st. Please contact our Reflections Chair, Cat Sulikowski at [jwlthv3@gmail](mailto:jwlthv3@gmail.com) with any questions.

PTA Membership & Wildcat Gear Orders

It's not too late to sign-up for PTA Membership! Membership is only \$10 per person and will provide you with a variety of great discounts. See attached flyer. Our goal is 100% membership. No obligation required. Anyone can join – friends, family, neighbors!

Wildcat Gear orders received from Sept. 16th – Oct. 30th will be delivered the 3rd week of November, in time for the holidays!

Purchase memberships and Wildcat Gear at PTA Web Store only
at www.AltaVistaPTA.org

Next PTA Meeting & Family Movie Night – November 13th

Mark your calendars for our next PTA meeting on Friday, November 13th at 6:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria, Family Movie Night directly following the meeting. We will be watching the Disney Pixar film Inside Out!

Save the Date - Alta Vista's Blue Ribbon

Family Picnic Celebration – Dec. 5th!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 5th from 11:00 – 1:00 for a family picnic and National Blue Ribbon Flag Raising Ceremony at Alta Vista. Stay posted for details!



Mrs. Wildes' App/Website of the Week

Go on a wonderful math-filled adventure and learn common core math standards with Maxx, the mighty monster in **Monster Math!** Have your child be the best in their grade and practice addition, subtraction, multiplication or division with this fun free math game. Help Maxx save his friend Dextra, explore new worlds, battle enemies and find allies in unexpected places!



Operation Gratitude

Halloween is one of the most exciting times of the year for our children, but for us as parents, the idea of having pounds of unwanted candy in our house is painful. This year, thanks to Girl Scout Troop 2245, we have a solution. Bring your extra Halloween candy and surplus to our morning valet, November 2nd - 4th from 7:45-8:15am, and the girls will deliver your candy to Operation Gratitude to support our troops.



Wine Cork Recycling Campaign

Do you know that wine corks are as much recyclable as the bottle with? Cork is a renewable, recyclable material that does not end up in landfills. They can be recycled into craft supplies, packing materials, sandals, etc. However, due to being so small, the wine corks should go in the curbside recycling bins. During a 3 week period from 10/19 to 11/6, school FLL team (several 4th & 5th graders) will conduct a wine cork collection on campus. They will take the collection to drop off at local Whole Foods stores. These stores partner with various cork recycling companies and they will be able to route the corks to the right recycling facility.

Please support our school's FLL team in their campaign to keep wine corks from the landfills and give them a new life. Start saving the corks and bring them off to the school collection bins during 10/19 - 11/6.

For more info, go to:

<http://www.corkforest.org/>

<http://www.earth911.com/recycling-guide/how-to-recycle-cork/>



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. **Weekly Flyers**

Important Dates for the Next Few Weeks:

- Wednesday, October 28th - WATCH D.O.G.S. Kick Off Night - Pizza with Pops
- Friday, October 30th - Halloween Parade 8:30am
- Monday, November 2nd - SSC - ELAC meeting 3pm in AV Library
- November 3rd-6th - Fifth Grade Science Camp
- Wednesday, November 11th - Veteran's Day - **NO SCHOOL**
- Friday, November 13th - 8:30am Flag Ceremony
 - 6pm PTA Meeting, Movie Night/Cyber Ed Night
- November 18th - BLUE Jog-A-Thon

- Thursday, November 19th - **MINIMUM DAY**, Staff Development
 - Career Dress Up Day
- November 23 - 27th - Thanksgiving Break - No School
- November 30 - December 9th - **MINIMUM DAYS** - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- December 5th - Blue Ribbon Celebration Family Picnic and Flag Raising
- December 9th - Pretend it's Snowing Day - Wear White
- December 11th - 8:30am Flag Ceremony
- Saturday, December 12th - 11am - 1pm Alta Vista Blue Ribbon Family Picnic and Flag Raising
- December 21st - January 1st - Winter Break - NO SCHOOL

Ways to Support Alta Vista:

- Join the PTA!
- Student absences cost the school \$38 per day per child. Families are welcome to repay that cost directly back to Alta Vista if able.
- 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.
- Missing a new lunchbox or sweater already? Please encourage your child to check out our lost and found area. To purchase labels that can be used to mark all of your child's belongings and help give back to Alta Vista, visit www.altavista.mabelslabels.com
- 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.
- Do you have a **TARGET Red Card/Debit Card**? Don't forget to designate your card to Alta Vista Elementary to help our school earn 1% of your purchases directly back to our school. To add your Red Card, go to: <http://www.target.com/redcard/manage>
- 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