

Weekly Wildcat News

January 11, 2016

Happy Monday Wildcat Families,

I am so proud of how hard all of our Wildcats have been working over this past week, really hitting the ground running. As we continue on through January and the remainder of the school year, classroom expectations and challenges will continue to increase. Thank you for helping us at home as we praise your children's growth mindset, hard work and persistence.

We invite ALL of our families to join us on Friday, January 15th at 8am for our PTA meeting. Our special guest, the new Redondo Beach Chief of Police, Keith Kauffman, will join us to talk about school safety and answer questions from the community.

Please also note that this Tuesday is our school-wide Vision/Hearing Screening in grades K, 2 and 5. We ask parents to PLEASE remember to send your child to school with their glasses if they need them. We appreciate your help.

Important Dates this Week:

Monday, January 11th - Clean Off Your Desk Day!

School Site Council, 3pm

Live Well Kids Garden Docent Training

Tuesday, January 12th - Vision/Hearing Screening

Friday, January 15th - 8am PTA Meeting

Have a great week,

Mrs. Wildes

Why is Math Taught So Differently Now?

As parents, it's often difficult when our children come home with work that looks very different from when we grew up. In response to families asking why math is so different now, we've found one of the best videos that captures everything your children's teachers and I would like to explain.

[Click here to view](#)



Interested in volunteering for the WATCH D.O.G.S. program?

[Click here](#)

We ask that "Dads" volunteer for no more than 2 days per school year to allow all dads the opportunity to participate.

Please indicate your child's teacher's name in the comment section of your signup.

Want to know more about the WATCH D.O.G.S. Program? Watch our [Orientation Video](#)

NOTICE TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS ABOUT VACCINE EXEMPTIONS

Please read the following notice outlining new state guidelines related to vaccines and school registration.

[Click here](#)



School Conversation Starter

Starter #16: Tell me one thing you read at school today.



Math Superstars

This week starts WEEK ELEVEN of our Math Superstar program and WEEK ONE of our Kindergarten Math Superstar program.



Next PTA Meeting: This Friday, Jan. 15th, 8:00 a.m. **– Meet the Chief!**

Join us for our next PTA meeting this Friday, January 15th at 8:00 a.m. in the cafeteria, featuring special guest speaker Keith Kaufmann, the new Police Chief for the Redondo Beach Police Department. Chief Kaufmann will hold an open forum to discuss issues affecting our community. Also, food will be provided courtesy of My Prep'd Meals. We look forward to seeing you there!

New Family Carnival Date - May 14th

Due to the potential for rain in January, and various other factors, the Family Carnival has been postponed to Saturday, May 14th. Please mark your calendar for this new date and stay posted for volunteer opportunities. Committee positions are still available. Please contact Sharon Day at sday@rpgcpa.com if you are interested in serving on

the Carnival committee.

PTA Honorary Service Awards

Please see attached honorary service award application. The Honorary Service Award is given to recognize an individual or organization for outstanding service to children and youth in our community, going above and beyond what is asked of them. Please complete and submit nominations to Sharon Day at sday@rpgcpa.com by January 25th if you would like to nominate someone for this award. The winner will be announced in early May. Please also let us know if you would be interested in serving on the HSA Award Committee.



Moment
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Mrs. Wildes App/Website of the Week

So much to my chagrin, technology in the form of the iTouch has entered my home. Within a day, my husband and I realized that we needed help regulating technology usage, and therefore, this week's app of the week is solving that problem for me. Moment is an iOS app that automatically tracks how much you use your iPhone and iPad each day. You can set daily limits and be notified when you go over.

Moment Family: Track your family's use from your own iPhone and set up time for your entire family to be screen-free using family dinner time.



Prospective Parent Tours & Kindergarten Registration

Know a family with a prospective kindergarten student for the 2016-17 school year? Our informational tours and kindergarten registration dates are posted on our website. Please direct any interested parents to our website for details.

Weekly Flyers

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:

- January 12th - Vision and Hearing Screening
- January 11-15 - GATE classes begin
- Monday, January 11th - School Site Council/ELAC meeting 3pm
- Friday, January 15th - 8am PTA Meeting
- Monday, January 18 - NO SCHOOL
- January 21-22 - Hands on Art Training in AV Cafeteria
- January 25-29 - Great Kindness Challenge
- Thursday, January 28 - Wear Yellow Day to Show Respect
- Monday, February 1st - 5th grade physical fitness testing window opens
- Wednesday, February 3rd - LIFT Pupil Free Day
- Thursday, February 4th - Superbowl Jersey Day
- Friday, February 5th - 8:30am Prospective Parent Tour
- Wednesday, February 10th - 100th Day of School
 - Kindergarten RoundUp - 2pm
- Thursday, February 11th - National Make a Friend Day
 - 8:30am Flag Ceremony
- Friday, February 12th - No School
- Monday, February 15th - No School
- Tuesday, February 16th - 4th grade field trip to Irvine Park Railroad
- Wednesday, February 17th - National Random Acts of Kindness Day
- Thursday, February 18th - California Healthy Kids Survey for 5th grade students
- Thursday & Friday, February 18-19 - Hands on Art Training in AV Cafeteria
- Friday, February 19th - Third Grade Living Museum
- Friday, February 26th - 8:30am Prospective Parent Tour

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 ww.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.
- 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