



Weekly Wildcat News

November 28, 2016

Happy Monday Wildcat Families,

I hope that everyone had a restful and relaxing Thanksgiving break. It's difficult to believe we are already winding down the last few days of November. Just a reminder that parent-teacher conferences will be occurring December 5th - 14th, which will also be MINIMUM DAYS with students in grades 1-2 dismissing at 1:15pm and grades 3-5 dismissing at 1:30pm. Kindergarten will follow their normal, weekly schedule.

This Thursday, I have asked LifeTouch to retake all of our class photos, as I was unhappy with the way most of them turned out. Individual school photo retakes/makeups will still take place on Tuesday.

Important Dates this Week:

Monday, November, 28th - 3pm School Site Council/ELAC meeting

Tuesday, November 29th - National Day of Listening

School Picture Make Up Day

6:30pm Screenagers at RUHS Auditorium (see attached flyer)

Wednesday, November 30th - CPK Restaurant Fundraiser


Thursday, December 1st - Class Photo Retake Day

Friday, December 2nd - Student Preview the Book Fair

Join us for a special screening of


SCREENAGERS

STUDENTS ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND






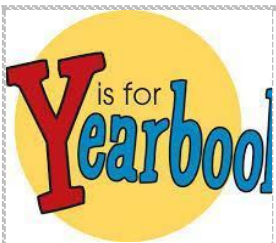
GROWING UP IN THE DIGITAL AGE

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WHEN: Tuesday, November 29th @ 6:30 PM
WHERE: RUHS Auditorium - FREE
RSVP: <https://impactflow.com/event/presented-by-redondo-beach-council-pta-945>
BY: RBUSD & REDONDO PTA
screenagersmovie.com



UPLOAD YOUR PICTURES TO THE YEARBOOK!

Do you have great pictures of your classroom's Halloween party, Skechers Pier to Pier Walk, Flag Ceremony, Red Ribbon week, or other Alta Vista events? If so, the Yearbook staff would

love to see them.

Just follow these steps to submit your photos:

- Go to <https://images.schoolannualonline.com/login.jsp>.
- If it does not automatically log you into the site, enter USERNAME:**406743617**
- Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload.
- Enter information about the photo including student name, name of his/her teacher and your contact information.
- Click "Save Details".

It's that easy!

YEARBOOK PUBLIC DISPLAY OF AFFECTION ADS

Don't miss this great opportunity to tell your student, "I love you and I'm proud of you," by placing a Public Display of Affection Ad in the yearbook!

Whether your son or daughter is a preschooler or 5th grader, a yearbook dedication is always a great idea. In the future, seeing your message will bring a smile as they remember your love and support during these important years.

Instructions and pricing to purchase one can be found by [clicking here](#). or attached to this eblast.



Join our Running Club today!

The 2016-17 Running Club is kicking off Tuesday, November 15th, membership is FREE and the benefits are priceless! The Alta Vista Running Club is a club for grades K-5 that promotes a positive and healthy opportunity for our children to develop a routine of physical exercise in addition to daily morning exercises. The club will run Tuesday - Friday mornings, from 7:45-8:05am. Re-registration for the 2016-17 school year is necessary to participate. See attached flyer for details or pick up a flyer in the main office.



The WATCH D.O.G.S. are back!

Want to be a member of the WATCH D.O.G.S.?

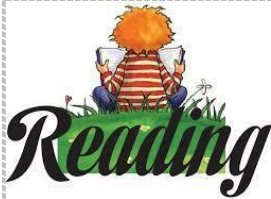
We're using SignUp.com (the leading online SignUp and reminder tool) to organize our upcoming SignUps.

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1) Click this link to see our SignUp on SignUp.com: <http://signup.com/go/z9SANm>
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com.

Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

We ask our fathers to limit their sign ups to no more than 2 per year so that all of our Fathers can have an opportunity.



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

Productive Talk Question #8: What was the big problem in the story? What other problems did the characters encounter?



Alta Vista PTA

Project Unified – Helping Families for the Holidays: Nov. 14th - Dec. 7th

During the holidays it is important to help out those less fortunate than us. Again this year, Alta Vista has adopted several families from our community who do not have the means to provide Christmas gifts for their children. There will be a tree in the front office starting this week with ornament tags with gift ideas from the parents of these families. Please use our Sign Up Genius link

at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0B49AEAD23A1FB6-project to register provide a gift (or two) and bring your unwrapped gift, identified with the assigned gift number, to the front office by Wednesday, Dec. 7th. Thank you so much for your support for this very important program.



Volunteers Needed for the Book Fair!

Mark your calendars for December 5th – 9th and get ready to shop at our annual Book Fair. Volunteers are needed to run the book fair, including set-up and tear down before and after the fair. Please click on the following link to sign-up to help: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0E45ADA62DA2FA7-alta



PTA Membership LEGOLAND Promotion

PTA members are eligible for FREE and discounted Legoland tickets! Please contact our VP of Membership at Valerie.schoolnewsrollcall@gmail.com, for information on getting your discount and free tickets.

Not a PTA member yet? It's not too late to join and get your free tickets! Anyone is eligible to join so please invite your friends and family to join as well. Visit <https://AltaVistaPTA.myschoolcentral.com> to purchase PTA memberships, make a donation and purchase Wildcat gear items, Yearbooks and Emergency kits.

Membership Cards: If you purchased your membership on our web store, you can also print your membership card there by logging into your accounting and selecting the "Membership Cards" button. Otherwise, unless you received your card at the Ice Cream

Social, other memberships purchased will be distributed to the classrooms within the next couple of weeks.



Pizza With a Purpose

We are excited to announce 2 upcoming fundraisers with CPK!

CPK South Bay Galleria Family Restaurant Fundraiser – November 30th: Please bring the attached flyer and join us ALL DAY on Wednesday, November 30th. 20% of all purchases (including drinks), for dine-in, take-out and catering will be donated to Alta Vista! Increase the donation to 30% by purchase a gift card before you go!

CPK Gift Card Fundraiser – November 14th – January

1st: Purchase a CPK gift card during this time frame and 10% will go back to Alta Vista! This includes purchases for use at our Nov. 30th fundraiser. Plus, for every \$100 purchased, a \$20 promo card will be sent (Promo cards are sent via e-certificate – no matter if plastic or e-cards are ordered). If the cards are purchased before 11/23/16, an additional \$10 promo card will be sent, for a total of \$30 back with every \$100 purchased! Purchases can be made at https://merchant.wgiftcard.com/wlc/virtual/cpk_fundraising/016_altavistapta/cpk

Please see attached flyer and contact Gail Lazo at gail.lazo@yahoo.com or Amie Jacoby at avpta.fundraising@gmail.com with any questions.

Become an Alta Vista PTA Community Partner Today!

Do you or someone you know own a local business that you would like to promote through Alta Vista PTA? We have just launched our new Alta Vista PTA Community Partner program to offer sponsorship and fundraising opportunities to help support Alta Vista. Please see attached information for further details and please

share with your friends and family who own local businesses.

Limited Quantities of Wildcat Gear Now Available on Webstore

There is a limited quantity of T-shirts, sweatshirts and other Wildcat gear available for purchase on our webstore at <https://AltaVistaPTA.myschoolcentral.com>. In stock quantities are available for delivery before Christmas break, so purchase now if you would like something for your students, teacher or administrator for the holidays. Our tote bags or stainless steel water bottles make great gifts!

Other Ways to Connect with and Support Alta Vista PTA

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

Also check out our website for information on easy fundraising opportunities such as South Bay Galleria Rewards, [Treasured Moments Photography](#), [Amazon Smile](#) and [Mabel's Labels](#).



Will you play a game with Mr. Fox in Socks ?

The classroom collected the most socks wins free kid's meals from Corner Bakery

$$30 \text{ BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION} = 1 \text{ SOCK}$$

Pre school	Kinder 2 AM	Kinder 2 PM	Kinder 3 AM	Kinder 3 PM	Kinder 4 AM	Kinder 4 PM	Others
1 st Grade 1	1 st Grade 5	1 st Grade 6	1 st Grade 7	1 st Grade 8	2 nd Grade 9	2 nd Grade 10	
2 nd Grade 11	2 nd Grade 12	3 rd Grade 13	3 rd Grade 14	3 rd Grade 15	3 rd Grade 16	3 rd Grade 20	4 th Grade 21
4 th Grade 22	4 th Grade 23	4 th Grade 38	5 th Grade 19	5 th Grade 24	5 th Grade 25	3 rd Grade 28	



Catch the Holiday Walking School Bus

Invite a friend to the **Holiday Walking School Bus** on December 7th! Kids are encouraged to wear holiday head gear like reindeer antlers, winter hats or make their own with gift wrap, ornaments and other festive supplies. Since it's the season of giving, walkers will receive a small gift.

Plus everyone who has registered will get their free pass to Adventure Plex.

To register, please fill out the online form at www.bchd.org/WalkingSchoolBus. For more information and parent volunteer opportunities contact Maureen Raynor, Walking School Bus Coordinator at maureen815@yahoo.com.



Growth Mindset Corner

How do I Help Promote a Growth Mindset?

According to Carol S. Dweck, Ph.D., author of [*Mindset*](#), I can do the following:

1. Have daily learning discussions.

At dinner, in the car or at bedtime take time for both the kids and parents to share the answers to these types of questions:

“What did you learn to day?” (*I LOVE this – so much better than “How was your day?”*)

“What mistake did you make that taught you something?”

“What did you try hard at today?”

It's really important says Dweck that I share what I learned, too. This models for kids that I learn new things every day,

even learning from failures.

When children share, you can reply like this:

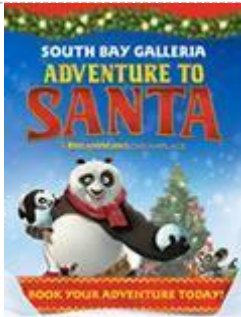
“You certainly did get smarter today.”

“I like the way you tried all kinds of strategies on that math problem until you finally got it right.”

“We all have different learning curves. It may take more time for you to catch on to this and be comfortable with this material, but I you keep at it like this you will.”

“Everyone learns in a different way. Let’s keep trying to find the way that works for you.”

(These are direct quotes from *Mindset* by Carol S. Dweck, Ph.D.)



Prepare your trip to The North Pole! South Bay Galleria presents...ADVENTURE TO SANTA!

What is Adventure to Santa? It is a DreamWorks DreamPlace, magically combining the time-honored tradition of meeting Santa Claus, with technological wizardry, to deliver a very special and immersive holiday experience. Join Kung Fu Panda and friends for interactive games and an immersive, cinematic journey that transports guests to the North Pole for your private meeting with Santa.

Purchase a photo package, then **submit your receipt to Guest Services** (Level 1, North Wing) to earn **5,000 points for Alta Vista**, for November visits, and 2,500 points for December visits, plus 50 points per dollar spent on the photos. Pet photos available Sundays, 11/20 and 12/4 from 7:30-9 PM.

Spend \$75 or more and get a \$15 Galleria gift card, through Nov. 30th. Make an appointment at <http://www.southbaygalleria.com/> and don't forget to submit your receipts to help our school earn money!

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:

Tuesday, November 29th - School Picture Make Up Day

National Day of Listening

6:30pm Screenagers at RUHS Auditorium

Wednesday, November 30th - CPK Restaurant Fundraiser Night

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

Wednesday, January 4th - Superhero day

LIFT OFF Double Day

Friday, January 6th - PE Make up Day

Friday, January 13th - 8:30am Flag Ceremony

Monday, January 16th - Local Holiday - No School

Tuesday, January 17th - 8am Wellness Council

Friday, January 20th - 8am PTA Meeting

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.

Shopping Online? Please help Alta Vista PTA by shopping through Amazon Smile. At no cost to yourself, Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase price to Alta Vista PTA. Remember to select Alta Vista PTA as your cause or use this link. (Tip: if you bookmark this link when it opens you can make sure you are shopping in Smile. <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/95-3154489>)

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