



Weekly Wildcat News

December 5, 2016

Happy Monday Wildcat Families,

Today marks the beginning of our Parent/Teacher conference window, from December 5th - December 14th. As a reminder to all families, these days are MINIMUM DAYS, with grades 1-2 dismissing at 1:15pm and grades 3-5 dismissing at 1:30pm. Kindergarten students maintain their normal schedule throughout conferencing. We ask all of our families to please remember to come through the front office to check in prior to meeting your child's teacher. Due to the number of conferences that our teachers are holding, we thank everyone for arriving promptly at your scheduled time so that other families are no impacted.

Important Dates this Week:

Monday, December 5th - MINIMUM DAY, Book Fair Opens

Food Drive Begins (see below)

Tuesday, December 6th - MINIMUM DAY

5pm Redondo Beach Tree Lighting - Civic Center (see attached flyer)

Wednesday, December 7th - MINIMUM DAY, LIFT OFF Double Day

Holiday Walking School Bus - See below

Thursday, December 8th - MINIMUM DAY

Friday, December 9th - MINIMUM DAY, Last Day of the Book Fair, End of 1st Trimester

Sunday, December 11th- Jingle Bell Run (see attached flyer)



Holiday Food/Clothing Drive

Dec. 5 - Dec. 16, 2016

The Holidays represent a time of giving & helping those in need. This year we are asking your help to please support the Long Beach Rescue Mission with donations of either food, toiletries or clothing. Since 1972, the Long Beach Rescue mission has opened their doors to thousands of homeless and less fortunate men, women and children in the community. They provide over 275,000 meals per year. This program changes lives and you can to..We are asking for your help. www.lbrm.org

There will be marked boxes located throughout the school for all donations

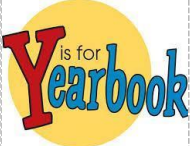
Some Of The Items You Can Donate:

- Canned Veggies
- Canned Fruits
- Ground Coffee
- Bottled Water
- And Other Non-Perishable Foods
- Socks & Underwear for Men, Women, and Children
- Baby Supplies
- Jackets, Warm Clothing
- Aspirin
- Sleepware/Pillowcases & fitted sheets (twin size)
- Toiletries
 - toothbrushes (unused and in new packaging)
 - toothpaste
 - deodorant
 - shampoo
 - shaving cream
 - shaving razors (Men & Women)
 - lotion
 - conditioner

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT,
MAYA GAINES**



Our Christmas table STARTS WITH YOU



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 #9: Can you think of another book that is similar to this one? How is the (topic, characters, ending) similar to (title of another book)?

Follow-up Question: How did that connection help you understand the story?)



Alta Vista PTA

Project Unified Deadline Dec. 7th - Helping Families for the Holidays

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. Thank you to everyone who has generously taken a gift tag! If you have not done so already, please REGISTER YOUR TAG at our Sign Up Genius link at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0B49AEAD23A1FB6-project 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 Dec. 5th - 9th

The Book Fair started today! The fair will be open all week from 7:45 am to 3:30 pm. Please stop by when you are here for your parent teacher conference.

Volunteers are needed to run the book fair. Currently, there are numerous slots open. Please click on the following link to sign-up to help: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0E45ADA62DA2FA7-alta. Please also make sure that your volunteer forms are turned into the front office (see front office for additional copies), including TB Test results (if not already on file and if you are volunteering for more than one shift).



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

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! 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). Purchases can be made at https://merchant.wgiftcard.com/wlc/virtual/cpk_fundraising/016_altavista/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*](#).



BOX TOPS CONTEST UPDATE

~ 2 socks ~

Ms. Catterson (room 8), Ms. Chen (room 25)

~ 1 sock ~

Ms. Young (room 4AM), Ms. Washington (room 4PM)

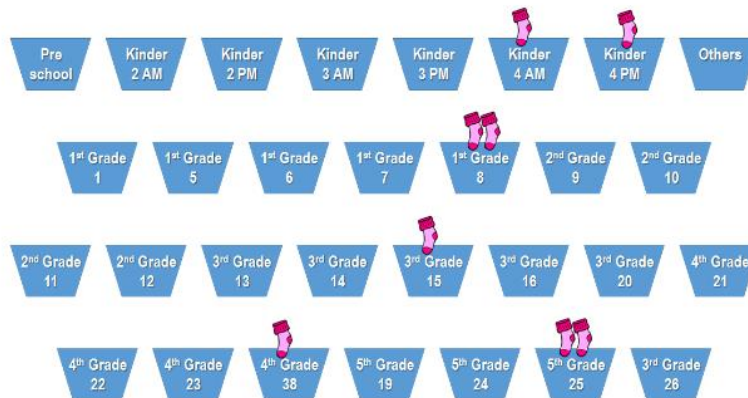
Ms. Mathenge (room 15), Ms. Tuler (room 38)



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

The classroom collected the most socks wins free kid's meals from Corner Bakery. Each kid's meal includes a sandwich or a mac & cheese, a beverage, and a cookie.

30 = 1





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:

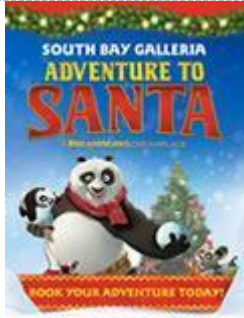
2. Give feedback on process only.

[Praise effort](#), persistence, strategies, seeking challenges, setting goals, planning, or using creative strategies.

Don't praise personal abilities like being smart, pretty, or artistic. This kind of praise actually can [lead to a loss of confidence](#) since kids won't be smart at everything. They'll doubt their ability to be good at something that is difficult initially.

[Salman Khan recently wrote](#) that **he will never tell his son he's smart** for this very reason. He shares, "*Between the deep body of research on the field of learning mindsets and this personal experience with my son, I am more convinced than ever that mindsets toward learning could matter more than anything else we*

teach.”



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:

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

Saturday, January 21st - RBUSD Kindergarten Informational Meeting - Time TBD

Monday, January 23rd - Prospective Parent Tour 8:30am

Tuesday, January 24th - Compliment Day

Wednesday, January 25th - Kindergarten Field Trip to Zoo

Thursday, January 26th - MINIMUM DAY - Staff Professional Development

January 26th - 27th - Hands on Art Training in AV Cafeteria

Monday, January 30th - 4th grade field trip to Irvine Park Railroad

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