



Weekly Wildcat News

November 1, 2016

Happy Monday Wildcat Families,

I hope that all of our families had a wonderful long weekend and an exciting Halloween night. As much fun as our kids have Trick-or-Treating, we, as parents, don't always want the TONS of candy left in our house for weeks. This year, thanks to our Student Leaders, Dr. Joyce and Ms. Ru, Alta Vista will be offering families the "Candy Monster!" The Candy Monster allows your child to donate any extra treats to our troops. What would our student leaders like you to do?

Show your care by simply donating some of your Halloween treats to our troops abroad.

What to donate:

1. 1-2 sandwich-sized Ziploc bag(s) filled with trick-or-treat goodies - your child is more than welcome to include a special note to the troops inside as well!
2. Separate Chocolate from candy
3. No Pixie Stix or powdered candy, please
4. Wednesday, November 4 LAST DAY to donate
5. DO NOT purchase candy to donate
6. Drop off your classroom's donation in the front office

Important Dates this Week:

Tuesday, November 1, 2016 - WATCH D.O.G.S. Kick Off Night - 5:30pm New DOG orientation, 6pm Pizza and Games with Pops Night in the AV Cafeteria

Wednesday, November 2 - LIFT (SDC PK) Pupil Free Day, LIFT OFF (SDC K) Double Day

Thursday, November 3rd - PE Make up day (for missing PE on Monday)

Hands On Art Training in AV Cafeteria

Friday, November 4th - Hands on Art Training in AV Cafeteria

Saturday & Sunday - PTA Family Photo Fundraiser (see info below)



South Bay's BEST Family Photo

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)

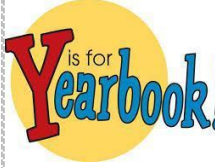
additional dates and locations are also available

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
To book your session, go to:
www.tmp.photo
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



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.



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

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.

Want to be a member of the WATCH D.O.G.S., but can't make it tonight?

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.



The Walking School Bus - November 2016 – Get on the Bus

The Walking School Bus is taking off thanks to the parent volunteers who make this program possible. If you haven't registered your child to walk a route, you can do so at: www.bchd.org/WalkingSchoolBus. All students who walk on Wednesday, November 9th, will receive a cool yellow backpack tag. Parents who are available to help walk kids to school are still needed, please contact Maureen Raynor at maureen815@yahoo.com. See you on the bus!



Alta Vista PTA

Wildcat Gear Has Been Delivered!

Wildcat gear, including free gifts from your generous donations, was delivered to the classroom at the end of last week. Please note that small quantity of kids baseball shirts are on back order and we expect delivery of those in a couple of weeks. We apologize for the delay on that. There is a limited quantity of select gear available for purchase on our webstore at <https://AltaVistaPTA.myschoolcentral.com>. Please contact our Wildcat Gear chairperson, Karie Shehadey at madsoph825@gmail.com with any questions on your order.

Reflections Art Contest Submission Deadline – This Wednesday - 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 submit your entries to the front office and contact our reflections chair, Jackie Brann

at Jackie@5branns.com with questions.

Family Photo Fundraiser is Coming Up! – 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>
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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!

The logo for Mabel's Labels, featuring the text "mabel's labels" in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font inside a pink rounded rectangular box.

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!



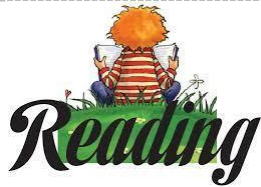
The Great California Shakeout

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 #5: How would you feel if _____ happened to you? Would you solve the problem the same way the character did?



Growth Mindset Corner

Accept Mistakes as Learning Opportunities

One of the best ways you can model a growth mindset is to speak candidly about the mistakes you've made, and what you've learned from them. Speak positively about your

mistakes and struggles, and this will show your children that taking risks and making mistakes are a natural part of the learning process. Explain to your children that trying hard things is what helps us grow, and you can't be perfect when you try something hard!



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:

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

Tuesday, November 29th - Screenagers at RUHS Auditorium, 6:30pm

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