



Weekly Wildcat News

October 17, 2016

Happy Monday Wildcat Families,

Only one more week until the 2016 Skechers Friendship Walk! Team Alta Vista currently has just over 100 walkers, well shy of our goal of 400. So if the kids and families of Alta Vista want to see me dressed like a hot dog and sprayed with ketchup and mustard, then the time to sign up is NOW. For every walker or virtual walker, Alta Vista receives twice as much money back; money that goes directly into our classrooms. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to support us. Please see registration details below.

Running Club needs you! Do you have one morning a week to come out and support our morning running club? The Alta Vista running club is desperately in need of volunteers to continue serving our kids five days/week. The duties are minimal; just cheering on our kids as they move joyfully around the track and marking their laps. No running skills necessary, just a positive spirit. Please email Isela Blair at iselablair@gmail.com if interested.

Important Dates this Week:

Tuesday, October 18th - CDC to Tanaka Farms

Wednesday, October 19th - Unity Day

Thursday, October 20th - Great California Shakeout

Friday, October 21st - 8:30am Flag Ceremony



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:
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or if you received this flyer digitally,
just click on the flyer

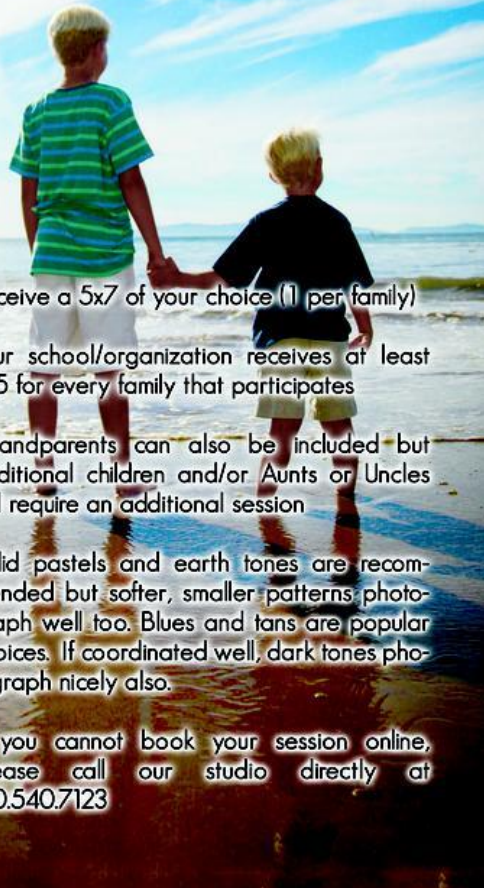


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- Receive a 5x7 of your choice (1 per family)
- Your school/organization receives at least \$15 for every family that participates
- Grandparents can also be included but additional children and/or Aunts or Uncles will require an additional session
- 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





3rd - 5th Grade Students Learning about Digital Citizenship during Library Time

Students will be using edmodo.com to access our Digital Citizenship lessons in the library. Please create a free Edmodo account before library class next week. Thank you very much!

Go to <https://edmo.do/j/n6fqxt>

Click on "I'm a Student"

Click on "Create New Edmodo Account" (you don't have to enter an email address)

Click on "sign up for free"

You will see the message: "You have requested to join this group. The owner of this group must approve your request."

Once the librarian sees your request, she will approve it & you will then be able to see our group info.

Students need to bring their username & password to the library to access the lessons.

If you do not want your child to be able to write posts or reply to posts within our group, please email nnavarro-britt@rbusd.org so I can change their account to "read only." Thanks again



Hooray for Halloween Day Camp

When schools are out on Oct.31, special Halloween AdventureCamp is in! Treat your kid to an unforgettable experience with a spooky, fun-filled day that includes activities like Halloween-themed games, arts and crafts, rock climbing and much, much more – all under the safe supervision of highly-trained staff and

counselors. [Sign up today!](#)

Monday, October 31, 2016

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Give your child an experience to remember at the camp voted “Best Camp” in the Easy Reader’s “Best of the Beach” awards for helping kids do what they love—have fun! October seasonal day camps puts the fun in health and fitness, with more opportunities to run, jump, explore, climb, make friends, learn and discover new things this fall!

Ages: 4-12

Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Cost: \$50 per day

Healthy Lunch: \$6

Before/After Care: 7-9am is \$6,

4-6pm is \$6



Skechers Friendship Walk & The Redondo Beach Educational Foundation

It's that time of year again!!! Last year, \$18,200 for ALTA VISTA! Last year, we were in 1st place for the third year in a row! Let's continue to support an event that brings SO MUCH MONEY directly to Alta Vista.

All proceeds from the RBUSD team of walkers will come straight back to RBEF . Each school will receive the funds in proportion to the number of registered walkers we have. For example, if our school has 50% of the RBUSD walkers, we will get 50% of the proceeds RBEF receives. Let's get a big team together for a fun, family-friendly event for a great cause. (Note: If you can't join us at the event, please consider registering as a virtual walker...you can register and show your support without attending the event. You can also encourage family members, friends and co-workers to join!)

How to Register for the Skechers Friendship Walk –

Sunday, October 25th

Go to www.skechersfriendshipwalk.com

Click on **Register**

Select **Join An Existing Team**

If you registered last year, log in using the same email and password. If not, sign up using an existing social network account or create a Friendship Walk Account.

You will be asked to **Join or Form a Team** - enter "Alta Vista Elementary" to find the school team and click **Search for a Team**.

Scroll down and click the **Join** button next to your team

Follow the **Next** prompts to finish registering.

Remember to **select the Redondo Beach Educational Foundation** to benefit from your contribution.



Alta Vista PTA

Last Reflections Art Contest Workshop - Oct. 18th

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. PTA has hosted a series of workshops to provide information, materials and guidance for this great program. The third and last drop-in workshop will be after school on Tuesday, Oct. 18th from 2:30-4:00. The deadline for entries is November 2nd. Please see attached workshop flyer and contact our reflections chair, Jackie Brann at Jackie@5branns.com with questions.

Family Photo Fundraiser – 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 4 X 6 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!

Save the Date – Parent Ed Night – Nov. 18th

Please save the date for our first Parent Ed night of the year. On November 18th, Paul LeBron 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 on our children and other important issues. FREE Childcare and food will be provided. Please stay posted for further details.

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 Today!

Our Donation and Membership drive is going strong. Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far! We need your help to reach our \$35,000 goal, which is \$10,000 more than last year because there will NOT be a Fall catalog fundraiser this year, and the Fun Run is not until Spring! Join PTA today for only \$10 and make a flat fee contribution starting at \$50 and receive a FREE gift! (see attached flier for details). Your donations are critical because they help support over \$112,000 of funding for programs such as Hands on Art, field trips, assemblies, teacher educational funds, and much, much

more! Free gifts will be delivered to your student's classroom by mid-October.

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!

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!



ALTA VISTA BOX TOPS SCRAMBLE CONTEST UPDATE

Week 2 of the contest - A shout-out to the following teams that have advanced on the contest game board:

The 1st, 4th and 5th Grade Teams onto the second tile, with over 400 Box Tops submitted

The 2nd and 3rd Grade Teams onto the first tile, with over 200 Box Tops

FIRST TEAM REACHING 1,200 BOX TOPS WINS!

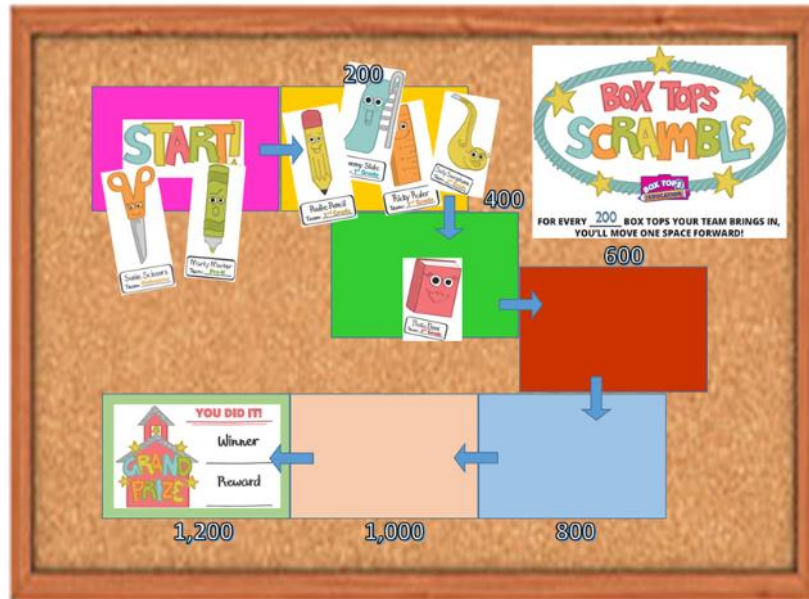
We've organized our school into teams to see who can turn in the most Box Tops the fastest. The winning team will receive free ice treats from Rita's. There are 7 teams for the 7 grade levels - from Pre K to 5th grade.

Bring your Box Tops into school **labeled with your child's name and classroom** so we can credit your team.

Your team will move forward a space on the board for every 200 Box Tops it brings in.

All Box Tops submitted since the beginning of the schoolyear will be counted toward this contest.

You can clip Box Tops from hundred of products. Each unexpired Box Tops clip earns 10 cents for our school.



The Great California Shakeout

The safety and welfare of our students and staff are our highest priority. To provide schools an opportunity to practice emergency response procedures, our district has asked that all students and staff participate in a District-wide emergency preparedness drill during The Great California Shake Out on **Thursday, 10/20/16 at 10:15 a.m.** We will close campus to visitors during the drill so that all staff and students may participate. *Please drop off or pick up children prior to 10 a.m., or (approximately) after 11:30 a.m. on this date.* If you are on campus volunteering, you will be required to join us in participating in this drill.

The goals of the training drill are to improve our ability to protect students, save lives, and reduce injuries. They allow us to evaluate our emergency operations plan and

improve our response skills. As part of the drill, the students and staff will participate in the activation of our school's Safe School Plan.

In order to protect students, in the event of an actual emergency, students will only be released to the parents and/or other adults listed on the student's Emergency Card. Please ensure that this card has updated and accurate information. It is a good idea to have several trusted adults listed on the card, including one or two who live within walking distance of school. You should assume that in an actual emergency, telephone communication may not be possible, and so you should discuss your family meeting place and reunification plans in advance with anyone listed on the student's Emergency card.

In the event of an actual emergency, any approved emergency contact person should do their best to bring identification and should first come to the Reunion Gate (the front gate to the left of the main office) to request the student. While the student is located, the adult will be directed to remain at the Reunion Gate to meet their child and sign them out. This procedure is designed for your child's protection and for your peace of mind.

Prior to the drill, please discuss your family's home preparedness plan with your student(s). The American Red Cross has outstanding materials. You can obtain Red Cross materials from their website: <http://www.redcross.org> .

The Great California Shake Out website at <http://www.shakeout.org/california/index.html> has valuable information on emergency preparedness, and there resources to be discovered on the internet in many languages.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to call our school office at Tel. (310) 798-8650.



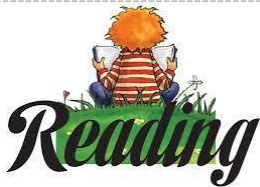
Homework Survey

Wildcat Parents and students:

The 2016-17 school year is fully underway, and in an effort to continue to be mindful and gather feedback to improve our instructional practice, we are asking all of our 1st - 5th grade families to provide some feedback about homework in your child's life.

Please take a few minutes to complete the following survey. We appreciate your time.

<https://goo.gl/forms/3U552tyUX8GIKaxp1>



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

Productive Talk Question #3: What does this story remind you of? Can you think of another book that is similar to this one?



Growth Mindset Corner

Say This, Not That

The way we praise our children can have a profound impact on their mindset. Research on praise and mindsets shows that when we praise children for being smart, it promotes a fixed mindset. It sends a message that their accomplishments are trait-based, and tied to something innate. In contrast, praising kids for working hard promotes a growth mindset. It sends a message that the child's effort is what led them to success. Want more tips on what to say, and what not to say, when praising your kids? Say This, Not That!

Say This	Not That
"I can see you worked so hard on this!"	"You are so smart!"
"It seems like it's time to try a new strategy."	"It's okay. Maybe you're just not cut out for this!"
"I like watching you do that."	"You're a natural at that!"
"It looks like that was too easy for you. Let's find you something challenging so your brain can grow."	"That's right! You did that so quickly and easily; great job!"
"That's not right. You don't understand this yet. What strategies can you try to understand it better?"	"That's not right. Are you paying attention in class? It seems like you're not even trying."
"That was really hard. Your effort has paid off! Next time you'll be ready for this kind of challenge!"	"That was really hard. I'm so glad it's over and you don't have to do that again."
"You've worked hard to become a good writer. You should challenge yourself with an advanced class, and learn something you don't know how to do yet."	"You have a real talent for writing. You should take a creative writing class because you're so good at it."

Student Absences

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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:

Wednesday, October 19th - Unity Day

Thursday, October 20th - 10:30am Great California Shakeout

Friday, October 21st - 8:30am Flag Ceremony

Sunday, October 23rd - Skechers Friendship Walk

Monday & Tuesday, October 24th & 25th - School Pictures Day

Wednesday, October 26th - LIFT Pupil Free Day

Thursday, October 27th - MINIMUM DAY - Staff Professional Development

Friday, October 28th - 8:30am Halloween Parade

Monday, October 31st - NO SCHOOL, Teacher Professional Development Day

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

November 21st - 25th - Thanksgiving Break - No School

Tuesday, November 29th - School Picture Make Up Day

National Day of Listening

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