



## Weekly Wildcat News

**February 7, 2017**

Happy Tuesday, Wildcat Families,

Why did your children have off from school yesterday? On Monday, all RBUSD elementary schools were engaged in professional development, while secondary schools celebrated the semester break. At Alta Vista, the teachers and I spent the day with one of the founding members of the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project and a leader in the field of teaching writing, Georgia Heard. We spent the day exploring the use of poetry as an important genre in developing thoughtful readers and writers. Although non-student days are never ideal, this once in a lifetime opportunity to spend the day with a prolific author and poet was priceless. We hope that your children come to love poetry as much as we now do.

Forecasters are calling for another rainy week, with a 90% chance of rain again this Friday. Therefore, we will postpone this Friday's Flag Ceremony until Friday, February 24

### ***Important Dates this Week (and next):***

Tuesday, February 7th - PE day to makeup for Monday holiday

Monday & Tuesday, February 13-14 - Fifth grade Walk Through the American Revolution

Tuesday, February 14th - 3rd Grade Vocal Music Performance 1pm, 4th grade Vocal Music Performance 1:45pm in the AV Cafeteria - See attached Flyer

February 17 - 20th - No School, President's Day Holiday weekend

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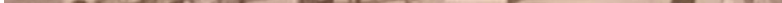
# The COLOR RUN!

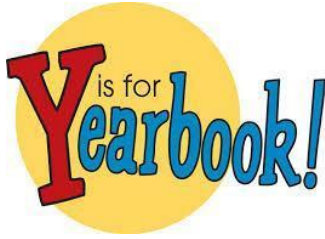
## **Announcing the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Chase Stecyk Fun Run! – The Color Run: March 1<sup>st</sup>**

***Let the Fun Run Fun-raising begin!*** Register now for our most important fundraiser of the year and the event the kids love the most! This year we are having a Color Run with the theme ***A World of Color – Celebrating Diversity***. See attached flyers for information about the Fun Run, online registration, other fundraising options and the amazing awards, **such as a chance to win a Fitbit for everyone who registers online and much, much more!** Just follow these easy steps:

- Go to [thegetmovincrew.com](http://thegetmovincrew.com)
- On the webpage, click on the gold star under the Let's Get Movin' red square to start the registration process and create an account (*you can use your login in from last year if you participated last year!*)
- Click on the red student button in the upper right corner to edit the Student page with your student's information. For school, use the drop down menu or type in Alta Vista Elementary, activate your online pledge profile and add a picture!

**Volunteers are needed to help out with this event. Please sign-up here:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040849A8AC29A31-alta1/11780780>





## 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!

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 #15:* What did the writer want you to learn from this book?



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**Alta Vista PTA Community Partner Deadline Extended to Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>!**

Do you or someone you know own a local business that you would like to promote through Alta Vista PTA? Our new Alta Vista PTA Community Partner program offers 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. If you become a Community Partner by Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, you can be eligible for inclusion on the Fun Run T-shirt and our Community Partners Banner to be displayed outside the school.



### **Announcing the 2017 Alta Vista Variety Show – March 10<sup>th</sup>**

Please see attached flyer and application if you are interested in participating in this year's Alta Vista Variety show, *Wildcats Got Talent*, schedule for 6:00 on March 10<sup>th</sup> at the Parras Gym. The 1<sup>st</sup> audition/practice is schedule for Thurs. Feb. 23 at 2:30 at the flag assembly area.



### **Tickets on Sale NOW for Comedy & Magic Fundraiser – March 21<sup>st</sup>**

Join us on Tuesday, March 21st for our annual parents night out at the Comedy & Magic Club in Hermosa Beach. Due to limited seating, you can only Buy Tickets ON-LINE on our PTA website. TICKETS ARE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE. Girls' Night Out? Dads' Night Out? Date Night? Get your babysitters now! This is a fun event that you won't want to miss. Ticket Price is \$25.00 per person. Additional donations are welcome. See also attached Flyer. We hope you can make it! Link to Buy Tickets is: <https://altavistapta.myschoolcentral.com>

### **Other Ways to Connect with and Support Alta Vista PTA**

Check out our website at [www.AltaVistaPTA.org](http://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 *Amazon Smile* and *Mabel's Labels*.



## **Growth Mindset Corner**

### **Forget Practice: Why Practice is Key to Most Prodigies' Success**

From Mindshift, June 1, 2016

In the age-old fight between hard work and talent, researcher Anders Ericsson says it's no contest. Practice wins the day.

To continue reading, [CLICK HERE](#)



### **Prospective Parent Tours & Kindergarten Registration**

Know a family with a prospective kindergartner or new student for the 2017-18 school year? Our informational tours and kindergarten registration dates are posted on our website. Please direct any interested parents to our website for details.

### **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.





# Did you hear?

## GIRLS ON THE RUN IS COMING TO Alta Vista

Girls on the Run is a transformational learning program for 3rd to 5th grade girls. The goal of the program is to unleash confidence through accomplishment while establishing a lifetime appreciation of health and fitness. Girls build confidence through dynamic, conversation-based lessons and fun running games. Girls do not have to be runners to enroll, learn and have fun! The program culminates with a celebratory 5K event on Sunday, May 21st. Every girl enrolled in the program receives:

- GOTR Water Bottle
- GOTR T-Shirt
- 5K Event Finisher's Medal
- Registration to the 5K
- An End-of-the-season Team Celebration
- A Lifetime of Healthy Habits!



*Spaces are limited.*  
Register early to reserve your spot!

**Starts Tuesday  
March 14th**

**Meets TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 2:30-4:00PM**

**10 Week Program  
Fee Only \$225**

**REGISTER AT  
[www.gotrla.org](http://www.gotrla.org)  
Before March 6**

(626) 590-4770  
[program@gotrla.org](mailto:program@gotrla.org)  
556 S. Fair Oaks Ave, #101-307  
Pasadena, CA 91105

[www.gotrla.org](http://www.gotrla.org)  
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 [Twitter.com/gotrla](https://twitter.com/gotrla)  
 [Pinterest.com/gotrla](https://www.pinterest.com/gotrla)



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:**

Monday, February 6th - No School, Staff Professional Development Day

Tuesday, February 7th - PE Makeup Day

Monday & Tuesday, February 13-14 - Fifth Grade Walk Through the Revolution

Tuesday, February 14th - 3rd and 4th grade Music Performance, 1pm and 1:45pm

Wednesday, February 15th - California Healthy Kids Survey to 5th grade students

2pm Kindergarten Roundup in AV Cafeteria for prospective families

Thursday, February 16th - Music Mobile for 3rd grade students

National Random Acts of Kindness Day

Friday, February 17th - No School

Monday, February 20th - No School

Tuesday, February 21st- 100th Day of School

Wednesday, February 22nd - 8:30am Prospective Parent Tour

Thursday and Friday, February 23rd - 24th - Hands on Art Training in the AV Cafeteria

Friday, February 24th - 8:30am Flag Ceremony

3rd Grade Living Museum

### **Ways to Support Alta Vista:**

Join the PTA!

Consider donation to the Redondo Beach Educational Foundation. Go to [www.rbef.org/donate](http://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](http://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](http://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.

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