



Weekly Wildcat News

February 27, 2017

Happy Monday, Wildcat Families,

I ask all of our families and friends to take a moment to read the attached safety letter from the Redondo Beach Police Department. Over the past few months, we have had an increase in Alta Vista drivers making illegal left turns into the school, illegal left turns out of valet as well as illegal parking. Nothing would break my heart more than one of our students or families to be injured due to the carelessness of others. Thank you to everyone for taking the time to remind ourselves of the traffic laws in and around the school campus.

Important Dates this Week:

Monday, February 27th - Read Across America Week begins - Wear Red/White or Dress Like a Dr. Seuss Character

Tuesday, February 28th - Green Eggs and Ham Day - Wear Green

Wednesday, March 1st - Fox in Socks Day! Wear Crazy Socks

Alta Vista Jog-a-Thon (see information below)

LIFT OFF Double Day

Thursday, March 2nd - Sleep Book Pajama Day! Wear your PJs

Friday, March 3rd - Cat in the Hat Day! Wear a hat with your college shirt

Fifth Grade Band Coffee Concert - 1:55pm - 2:30pm in the AV Cafeteria

February 1, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

In RBUSD, student and staff safety is a top priority. For this reason, in partnership with the Redondo Beach Police Department (RBPD), all staff have been trained on how to appropriately respond to an active shooter situation should it occur on one of our campuses. Given active shooter events that have occurred nationally, we want to make certain our students are prepared both on and off campus. Therefore, we will soon train our students on the “Run, Hide, Fight” (RHF) protocol. In 2012, the Department of Justice, led by the FBI, was tasked with training law enforcement agencies across the country, in order to protect schools, workplaces, places of worship, public gathering sites and communities. The FBI developed the RHF protocol, so law enforcement agencies, such as RBPD, could effectively and consistently train civilians in their community.

The RHF protocol has been modified in partnership with RBPD to support student safety and level of maturity. RBUSD students in grades 4-12 only will receive a formal training on “Run, Hide, Distract” and the training is slightly different at each level – elementary, middle and high. In addition, staff will modify the training to meet the individualized needs of students, as needed.

Elementary:

- Grades TK-3 will continue to practice lock down and evacuation drills with the entire school, but there will be no mention of “intruder” or “shooter”. TK-3 students will be trained to listen carefully to their teacher’s instructions and follow his/her lead.
- Grades 4 & 5 will receive “Run, Hide, Distract” training from their assigned elementary teacher.

Middle School:

- Grades 6-8 will be trained during their advisement period by their advisement period teacher.

High School:

- Grades 9-12 will receive training during Silent Sustained Reading time in their period 3 or 4 class by their period 3 or 4 teacher.

Your school principal will inform you of the student training date(s) at least one week in advance, and will send you the PowerPoint presentation. We understand the sensitivity of this topic, and we encourage you to engage in a discussion with your child(ren) about school safety, as you are their first teacher. Like with fire and earthquake drills, we know from experience that the more we discuss and practice our safety protocols, the more natural our responses will become. Preparation and knowledge of what steps to take when responding to an active shooter situation will result in students and staff responding decisively, calmly, and successfully.

Keeping our students safe on and off campus is a team effort, and we sincerely appreciate your support with this important safety topic. Should you have any questions, please contact your school principal.

Thank you,

Dr. Nicole Wesley
Director of Student Services



Elementary GATE Parent Coffees

Please join the RBUSD Educational Services Department to talk about outside GATE resources on Tuesday, February 28, at Tulita Elementary or Monday, March 6 at Birney Elementary.

Tuesday, February 28

8:30-9:00 am

Cafeteria

Tulita Elementary School

1520 Prospect Avenue Redondo Beach

Monday, March 6

9:00-9:30 am

Library

Birney Elementary School

1600 Green Lane

Redondo Beach



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.

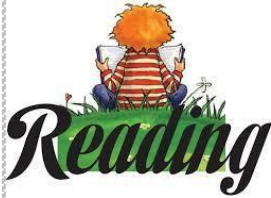
Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 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 #18: What was the writer's message?



Alta Vista PTA



6th Annual Chase Stecyk Fun Run! – The Color Run: This Wednesday, March 1st

The Color Run is almost here! Mrs. Cantor's class has swooped into 1st place at 100% of their goal, with Mrs. Wilson and Cosgrove now in 2nd and 3rd, however, there's still time left! The top classroom will win a Glow-in-the-Dark Dance Party with Mrs. Wildes.

See attached flyer for more 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
- 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>

Fun Run T-Shirt Contest Winner Announced

As announced during last week's Flag ceremony, we would like to congratulate Danny Arellano for winning the 5th grade Fun Run T-shirt design contest. We are excited to see Danny's designs on everyone's shirts next week. Each grade level will get a different color shirt!



Announcing the 2017 Alta Vista Variety Show – March 10th

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 10th at the Parras Gym. The 1st 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 21st

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>

Performers for the Family Carnival

Is your child a member of a dance troop, demo team, etc. and like to perform at the Alta Vista Carnival on April 29th? If so, please reach out to Shannon Lee (bfabt@msn.com) for more information. The Carnival committee has some open spots for teams to display their talents.

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 [*Amazon Smile*](#) and [*Mabel's Labels*](#).

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WANTED CONTEST WINNERS

1. Oliver Cody - Kinder AM Cantor Rm 2
2. Evan Dawdy - Kinder PM Dillon Rm 2
3. April Peterson - 1st grade Meyer Rm 7
4. Carson Chi - 2nd grade Cosgrove Rm 12
5. Mason Hochstein - 2nd grade Hoyem Rm 10
6. John "J.J." Shumski - 2nd grade Marsh Rm 11
7. Grace Dillon - 4th grade Wilson Rm 22
8. Lexi LaVerne - 4th grade Tuler Rm 38

Thank you to all students and families for participating in this fun contest which has brought in approximately \$350 for our school.

Starting from 2/27, new submissions will be counted toward a new contest that will soon be announced. Please continue to collect and submit them to your teacher.

Alta Vista PTA Box Tops Coordinators
~ Amelia Lee & Thanh Diep ~



Growth Mindset Corner

Read Aloud Books that Promote a Growth Mindset

If your children are like mine, they have favorite books that they love reading at night before bedtime with me. As much as I love our time together, I do enjoy sprinkling in new books selections that will hopefully give them something to think about while they drift off to sleep. Here are some of my favorite picture books that help teach a "Growth Mindset."

- [Your Fantastic Elastic Brain](#) by Joann Deak
- [Beautiful Oops!](#) by Barney Saltzbert
- [The Most Magnificent Thing](#) by Ashley Spires
- [Thanks for the Feedback, I Think](#) by Julia Cook
- [Everyone Can Learn to Ride a Bicycle](#) by Chris Raschka
- [Rosie Revere, Engineer](#) by Andrea Beaty
- [What Do You Do with an Idea](#) by Kobi Yamada
- [Making a Splash](#) by Carol Reiley



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.

SAVE THE DATE.
Friday, May 12, 2017

RBEF
ANNUAL SPRING GALA
at the Portofino Hotel & Marina

Celebrating 125 Years
REDONDO BEACH 1892-2017

RBEF Our Kids, Our Community, Our Legacy

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!

10 Week Program
Fee Only \$225

REGISTER AT
www.gotrla.org
Before March 6

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

**Starts Tuesday
March 14th**

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

(626) 590-4770
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Pasadena, CA 91105

www.gotrla.org
Facebook.com/gotrla
Twitter.com/gotrla
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 27th - March 3rd - Read Across America Week

Wednesday, March 1st - Jog-A-Thon

LIFT OFF Double Day

Thursday, March 2nd - Dr. Seuss' Birthday - Pajama Day

Friday, March 3rd - 1:55pm 5th Grade Band Coffee Concert

Monday and Tuesday, March 6th & 7th - BMI Testing for grades K, 1, 3 and 5

Tuesday, March 7th - 8:30am Prospective Parent Tour

Thursday, March 9th - 8:30am Room Parent Meeting

Friday, March 10th - 8:30am Flag Ceremony

AV Variety Show

March 13 -16th - MINIMUM DAYS - Parent/Teacher Conferences

Friday, March 17th - Trimester Break - NO SCHOOL

Monday, March 20th - Dental Screening

International Acts of Happiness Day

Tuesday, March 21st - Comedy and Magic Night

Wednesday, March 22nd - 5th grade Field Day at RUHS

Thursday, March 23rd - Hands on Art Training in AV Cafeteria

Friday, March 24th - Hands on Art Training in AV Cafeteria

Tuesday, March 28th - GATE Testing

Wednesday, March 29th - LIFT Pupil Free Day

5th Grade Honor Band 3-5pm

Thursday, March 30th - 5th Grade Honor Band 6:30-8:30pm

Friday, March 31st - 8am PTA Meeting

2nd grade field trip to Natural History Museum

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.

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