



Weekly Wildcat News

January 9, 2017

Happy Monday, Wildcat Families!

I hope everyone is ready for the first full week of 2017. The weather forecast is calling for a few days of rain this week, however right now, Friday looks clear for our flag ceremony to honor all of our December and January Students of the Month.

Important Dates this Week:

Wednesday, January 11th - Rita's Ice Fundraiser, 1:30pm - 3:30 (see attached flyer) 100% of the proceeds return to the Alta Vista PTA

Clean off your desk day!

Thursday, January 12th - 6:30pm College Savings and Planning Night at Parras MS

Friday, January 13th - 8:30am Flag Ceremony

Calling Elementary and Middle School Parents
It's Never too Early to Begin...
College Savings and Planning Night

Come join us for one hour on any of the following nights to learn more about the costs of college and how to plan to pay for it.

Speakers include:

Dr. Steven Keller, RBUSD Superintendent of Schools

Shannon Rodriguez, RUHS, College Resource Counselor

Mike Diephouse, ScholarShare, Tuition Financing Consultant

Thursday, January 12th @ Parras M.S. Cafeteria

Tuesday, January 17th @ Parras M.S. Cafeteria

Thursday, January 26th @ Adams M.S. Cafeteria

Tuesday, January 31st @ Adams M.S. Cafeteria

All events begin at 6:30 p.m. sharp!
Child care for school-aged children will be available at each event.



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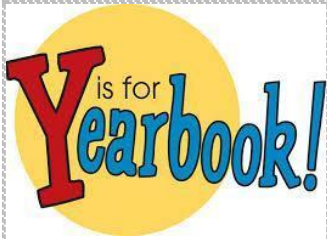
REWARD

**For capture of the Notorious Box Top
and its look alike. Last seen at the store
on certain products.**

~ One raffle ticket for every 10 turned in ~

From 1/3/17 until 2/24/17

8 students will win a Fresh Brothers personal pizza



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 #12: Explain the differences between fiction and nonfiction (informational) texts.



Alta Vista PTA



Rita's Fundraiser – Wednesday, January 11th

Join us on Wednesday, January 11th from 1:30 – 3:30 at Rita's Italian Ice at 403 N. PCH in Redondo Beach. Just mention Alta Vista or bring the attached flyer and Rita's will generously donate **100% of the proceeds** during this time to Alta Vista!

PTA Meeting & Common Core Math Presentation – Friday, January 20th

Please join us for our 1st PTA Meeting of 2017 at 8:00 in the Cafeteria on January 20th. Coffee and light breakfast will be served. Also, don't miss an engaging presentation by Mrs. Wildes on Common Core Math principles, which will allow parents to obtain first-hand knowledge of some of the common core principles that our students are now learning.

Congratulation to Alta Vista Reflections Contest Winners!

The following Alta Vista students received awards for their Reflections contest submissions at the Redondo Beach Council PTA level, which includes all schools in RBUSD:

- Jonathan Creado – First Place for Literature
- Hailey Johnston – First Place for Film
- Micha McFadden – Third Place for Music
- Nikolai Ivanov – Third Place for Dance

Congratulations to all of these amazing artists and thank you to all of the students for their submissions! We are so proud of you. First place winners will go on to the next level to compete with all of the schools in the 33rd District of California State PTA. Good luck Jonathan & Hailey!

Become an Alta Vista PTA Community Partner by Feb. 1st for Great Benefits!

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. 1st, you can be eligible for inclusion on the Fun Run T-shirt and our Community Partners Banner to be displayed outside the school.

PTA Membership Perks

Not a PTA member yet? It's not too late to join! 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 and Yearbooks.

PTA members are eligible for various perks such as FREE and discounted Legoland tickets! Please see PTA Membership Perks Flyer and contact our VP of Membership at Valerie.schoolnewsrollcall@gmail.com, for information on getting your discount and free tickets.

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>.

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*](#).



Growth Mindset Corner

How do I Help Promote a Growth Mindset?

According to Carol S. Dweck, Ph.D., author of [*Mindset*](#), Check out the following links to learn more about the plasticity of your brain!

5. Encourage and model positive self talk.

Finally, our **self talk** is where it all starts to shift.

What Can I Say To Myself?

Instead of...

• I'm not good at this.

• I'm awesome at this.

• I give up.

• This is too hard.

• I can't make this any better.

• I just can't do math.

• I made a mistake.

• She's so smart. I will never be that smart.

• It's good enough.

• Plan A didn't work.

Try thinking...

• What am I missing?

• I'm on the right track!

• I'll use some of the strategies we've learned.

• This may take some time and effort.

• I can always improve, so I'll keep trying.

• I'm going to train my brain in Math.

• Mistakes help me to learn better.

• I'm going to figure out how she does it so I can try it!

• Is it really my best work?

• Good thing the alphabet has 25 more letters!



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.

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:

Thursday, January 12th - RBUSD College Savings Night at Parras MS

Friday, January 13th - 8:30am Flag Ceremony

Monday, January 16th - Local Holiday - No School

Tuesday, January 17th - 8am Wellness Council

RBUSD College Savings Night at Parras MS

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

RBUSD College Savings Night at Adams MS

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

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

Tuesday, January 31st - RBUSD College Savings Night at Adams MS

Wednesday, February 1st - 5th grade PE testing window opens

LIFT Pupil Free Day, LIFT OFF Double Day

Friday, February 3rd - 8:30am Prospective Parent Tour

Superbowl Jersey Day

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

Tuesday, February 7th - PE Makeup Day

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

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