



Weekly News

March 7, 2016

Happy Monday, Wildcat Families,

Just a reminder that Alta Vista dismisses on our MINIMUM DAY schedule all this week in grades 1-5 due to Parent/Teacher Conferences. Friday is a non-student day as it marks the end of the 2nd trimester.

A big thank you to our PTA for hosting an educational Cyber-Safety Night on Friday night with Patti Fitzgerald. Interested in the handouts from the night? Check out our PTA website for further details.

Last week marked the beginning of the 2016-17 school year registration for new students and kindergarten. If you or a neighbor has a kindergarten or TK student for the 2016-17 school year, please stop by the Alta Vista main office as soon as possible.

Important Dates for this Week:

Monday, March 7th - MINIMUM DAY

Tuesday, March 8th - MINIMUM DAY

Thursday, March 10th - MINIMUM DAY

Friday, March 11th - No School

Lost and Found

Missing a sweater or jacket? Not sure where your child's lunchbox has landed? Check out the Lost and Found area outside the AV Cafeteria. All items not collected by March 11th will be donated to charity.

Prospective Parent Tours & Kindergarten Registration

Know a family with a prospective kindergarten student for the 2016-17 school year? Our informational tours and kindergarten registration dates are posted on our website. Please direct any interested parents to our website for details.



**THANKS FOR
CLIPPING
BOX TOPS!**

Awesome support, Alta Vista families!
4958 clipped Box Tops have been submitted.
Combining the eBoxTops submitted online,
our school will be receiving about \$550.
Keep clipping and turning them in to your teacher.

PTA Box Tops Chair
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ATTENTION ALL WILDCAT PARENTS!!!

Mark your calendars for SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH!

The Redondo Beach Educational Foundation invites YOU to join us for our

SPRING GALA at the new SHADE REDONDO!

Guaranteed to be a fantastic evening on the water, this special night benefitting our schools will be filled with live music, special guests, wine tastings, food concepts by Michael Zislis, and a live and silent auction with INCREDIBLE PRIZES. All proceeds go directly to RBEF to fund music, science, field trips, college readiness education and MORE for RBUSD students!!

Tickets are \$100 per person or \$175 per couple. For more info and to purchase: <http://rbef.org/spring-gala>

Interested in a sponsorship opportunity for this exciting event? Please contact Kristen Byard at (310) 954-2004 today!



Thanks for Coming to Cyber Safety Parent Night!

We had a great turn-out for this event on Friday night. Please see our website at www.AltaVistaPTA.org if you are interested in some of the hand-outs that were provided by the presenter, Pattie Fitzgerald.

Ticket Pick-Up for Comedy & Magic Club Night

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets for our sold-out event on March 22nd! Tickets will be distributed **March 9th and 10th** before school until 8:30 a.m. and after school until 1:45 p.m. See attached ticket info for ticket holders. We are trying to get more tickets so stay posted if you are interested in going but have not yet purchased tickets.

Pi Day Restaurant Fundraiser – Week of March 14th

Celebrate your love of math and all things round on Pi Day (3.14 on 3/14) all week from March 14th to March 18th at **Pie Pie Pie** located at 610 Torrance, Blvd. in Redondo Beach. Order pizza, sweet & savory pies and more and Alta Vista gets 25% of the proceeds! Advanced orders for take-out suggested as this is primarily a take-out restaurant. Please bring attached flyer.

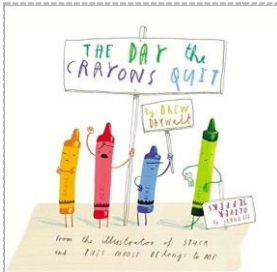
PTA Meeting – Wednesday, March 23rd

Join us for an important PTA meeting on Wednesday, March 23rd at 8:00 am in the Cafeteria. We will be holding elections for next year's PTA board and updating everyone on upcoming PTA events. Coffee and a delicious breakfast will be served and there will be a door prize! The preliminary election slate has been posted in the front office. Please also see attached slate. There is still an open board position for Auditor and there are also chair positions available. Please contact our parliamentarian, Shannon Lee, at bfabt@msn.com if you or someone you know is interested in being nominated for a board position for next year.

Mandatory Room Parent Meeting – March 31st

Room Parents please join us for a mandatory meeting on Thursday, March 31st at 8:15 in the Cafeteria. We will be discussing the

upcoming Carnival, as well as, Teacher Appreciation Week. Please send a representative from your class if you are unable to make it.



Author Drew Daywalt to Visit Alta Vista on May 18th – Books on Sale Now!

We are excited to announce that Drew Daywalt will be the first author in our Wildcat Writers Workshop Series and will visit our students for a special session with each grade level on May 18th. Drew Daywalt is the author of *The Day the Crayons Quit* and his most recent book, *The Day the Crayons Came Home*. Copies of his books, which he will sign for the kids on May 18th, are available for purchase at 40% off the list price for \$10.80 and \$11.40 respectively. Purchase on the PTA web store at www.AltaVistaPTA.org by March 25th so that we can get our order in on time. Please see attached flyer.



Interested in volunteering for the WATCH D.O.G.S. program?

[Click here](#)

We ask that "Dads" volunteer for no more than 2 days per school year to allow all dads the opportunity to participate.

Please indicate your child's teacher's name in the comment section of your signup.

[Want to know more about the WATCH D.O.G.S. Program? Watch our Orientation Video](#)



School Conversation Starter

Starter #23: How did somebody help you today?



Math Superstars

This week starts **WEEK EIGHTEEN** of our Math Superstar program and **WEEK EIGHT** of our Kindergarten Math Superstar program.



Mrs. Wildes App/Website of the Week

MamaBear is the simple and timesaving all-in-one app to protect your children and connect your family. Their streamlined, 24/7 Family Newsfeed and Family Map display your child's social media activity, video history and received and sent text messages, constant physical location, customizable Safe Place arrival and departure notifications, Panic Button alerts with instant location and one-touch dial, and driving speed (whether they are driving or a passenger) right on your mobile device, where ever you are, all the time.

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. **Weekly Flyers**

Important Dates for the Next Few Weeks:

- March 7-10th - MINIMUM DAYS, Parent-Teacher Conferences as needed
- Friday, March 11th - No School, End of 2nd Trimester
- Monday, March 14th - Fifth Grade Field Day at RUHS
- March 17 & 18 - Hands on Art Training in AV Cafeteria, Walk through the Revolution for 5th grade students
- Tuesday, March 22nd - Comedy and Magic Night for AV

- Thursday, March 24th - 2nd grade field trip to the Natural History Museum
- Friday, March 25th - No School, Local Holiday
- Monday, March 28th - School Site Council 3pm
- Tuesday, March 29th - Fifth Grade Human Growth and Development Lessons
- Wednesday, March 30th - Battle of the Books 2pm
- Thursday, March 31st - School of Choice Window Ends
- Friday, April 1st - 8:30 Flag Ceremony
- April 4th - 8th - School Closed, Spring Break April 11th & 12th - 4th grade classes visit UCLA
- Tuesday, April 12th - Dental Screenings 8-12
- Wednesday, April 13th - LIFT Pupil Free Day
- Thursday, April 14th - Jump Rope for Heart
- Thursday, April 14th - Alta Vista Variety Show Dress Rehearsal
- Friday, April 15th - Alta Vista Variety Show
- Tuesday, April 19th - GATE Testing at AV
- Tuesday, April 19th - 1st grade to STAR EcoStation
- Wednesday, April 20th - National Look Alike Day
- Wednesday, April 20th - District Battle of the Books
- Thursday, April 21st - MINIMUM DAY - professional development
- Friday, April 22nd - 8:30am Prospective Parent Tour
- Wednesday, April 27th - 8:30am and 6pm - Parent Math Meetings
- Thursday, April 28th - National Poem in your Pocket Day
- Thursday and Friday, April 28 & 29th - Hands on Art Training in AV Cafeteria
- Friday, April 29th - RBEF Spring Fundraiser 6-10pm
- Tuesday, May 3rd - CAASPP Testing Window Opens

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.
- 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.
- Missing a new lunchbox or sweater already? Please encourage your child to check out our lost and found area. To purchase labels that can be used to mark all of your child's belongings and help give back to Alta Vista, visit www.altavista.mabelslabels.com
- 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