



## Weekly Wildcat News

**January 22, 2017**

Happy Sunday, Wildcat Families!

I'm sending out this week's eblast a little early, as much of the information is timely.

Please note that with the intense rain, families will need to plan for a little extra time at drop off in the morning. Julie Street is impacted with water and may not be useable in the morning. At this time, the valet area is clear for use in the morning, but if that changes, we will send out a notice. Also note that if your child walks to school, their normal route may be impacted. Monday looks to be our last rainy day for a while. Sending your child to school with an extra pair of socks and shoes is a good idea if you have a child who is magnetically drawn to puddles.

*Due to the rain and wind predicted Monday, the 8:30am Prospective Parent Tour is postponed until NEXT Monday.*

A big thank you to all of the parents who were not deterred by the wind and rain and attended this month's PTA meeting and my Mathematical Mindset presentation. My hope is that everyone left with a deeper understanding of the shift in math for our students and an appreciation for the rigorous work that our kids do daily.

And speaking of the PTA, the teachers and I are looking for parents and guardians who are interested in taking on specific roles in the PTA leadership at Alta Vista. These PTA board members work closely with myself and the teachers to ensure that critical programs and supports are available to your children. Time commitments for various positions vary, but know that it is possible to be working parent and serve on the PTA board. Interested? Know a friend who also might be interested? Please email me at [swildes@rbusd.org](mailto:swildes@rbusd.org) or our nominating committee chair, Karen Ford Cull at [karenfcull@gmail.com](mailto:karenfcull@gmail.com).

This week marks our annual Great Kindness Challenge. Please take a few minutes this week to go over the events with your child. See attached calendar for details.

All of our students, K-5, will also be engaging in digital citizenship lessons as part of the week's challenge.

***Important Dates this Week:***

Monday, January 23rd - Great Kindness Challenge Begins

9:30am PTA Nominating Committee Meets

Wednesday, January 25th - Kindergarten Field Trip to the Zoo

Thursday, January 26th - MINIMUM DAY for teacher professional development

6:30pm College Savings Night at Adams MS

Thursday & Friday, January 26-27 - Hands on Art Training in the AV Cafeteria

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## 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**

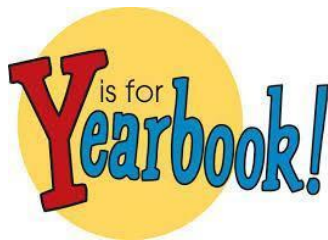
**All events begin at 6:30 p.m. sharp!**

**Child care for school-aged children will be available at each event.**



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## 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 #13:* (Perfect for use with a NON-FICTION book) What text features did you notice in the book? How did they help you understand the book?

### **Alta Vista PTA**

#### **Fun Run T-Shirt Design Contest – Deadline Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Attention 5<sup>th</sup> Graders - the Fun Run T-shirt Design Contest is here! Please see attached flyer. This year's theme is "*A World of Color – Celebrating Diversity*". The Fun Run is scheduled for March 1<sup>st</sup>, however, the T-shirt contest deadline is Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> and is only open to 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. The winner will be announced at the Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> Flag Ceremony. Good Luck!

#### **Become an Alta Vista PTA Community Partner by Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> 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. 1<sup>st</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. Tickets will go on sale soon!

#### **Save the Date – 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. Tickets

on sale soon. Stay posted!

### **2017-2018 PTA Board Nominations**

Alta Vista PTA is looking for new leadership to join the 2017-2018 Executive Board. Several long-time board members will not be with us next year and we must find their replacements in order to maintain the amazing programs that PTA supports! Attached is a listing of board positions as well as committee chair opportunities. We are accepting nominations now and the election is scheduled for March 31<sup>st</sup>. Please contact our nominating committee chair, Karen Ford Cull at [karenfcull@gmail.com](mailto:karenfcull@gmail.com) with any questions or if you are interested in being nominated.

### **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 – Frist 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 33<sup>rd</sup> District of California State PTA. Good luck Jonathan & Hailey!

### **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](mailto: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](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**

#### **How Students Critiquing One Another's Work Raises the Quality Bar**

From Mindshift, January 10, 2017

When students practice giving kind, specific and helpful feedback on each other's work, they learn the value of revision and define for themselves what quality work looks like.

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.

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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:**

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

8:30am Prospective Parent Tour

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](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

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