



Weekly Wildcat News

March 13, 2017

Happy Monday, Wildcat Families,

Just a reminder that Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week are all MINIMUM DAYS due to Parent-teachers conferences. Kindergarten maintains a regular schedule. Friday is a non-student day for district professional development in the secondary schools.

Important Dates this Week:

Monday, March 13th - MINIMUM DAY

Tuesday, March 14th - MINIMUM DAY

Pi Day - See attached flyer for our restaurant fundraiser

Wednesday, March 15th - MINIMUM DAY

Thursday, March 16th - MINIMUM DAY

End of 2nd Trimester, Report cards go home

Friday, March 17th - No School

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Redondo Beach Unified School District and the Council of PTAs Presents:

Keeping Our Kids Safe in Cyber Space

Wednesday, March 29

6:30 PM

Parras Middle School

200 N Lucia Ave

Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Bring your child and your device(s)!

Guest speaker Jon Moffat speaks about Cyber Safety

- ♦ What is the right age for my child to have a smartphone?
- ♦ How do I set up boundaries in the Digital World? How do I keep up?
- ♦ Learn about some of the latest phone apps that could put you and your teen at risk.
- ♦ Learn more about Instagram, Snapchat, Musically, and many more!!
- ♦ Learn some simple techniques to better connect with your child and the tech.



March 21st - World Down Syndrome Day



Why March 21?

3/21 was chosen because people with Down syndrome have three copies of the 21st chromosome. Down syndrome is also known as Trisomy 21.

What is Down syndrome?

Down syndrome is a naturally occurring chromosomal arrangement that has always been a part of the human condition, exists in all regions across the globe and commonly results in variable effects on learning styles, physical characteristics or health.

It is not a disease, disorder, defect or medical condition.

There are trillions of cells in the human body. They are so tiny you can only see them through a microscope. Inside these tiny cells are even tinier parts called chromosomes. Most people have 46 chromosomes in each of their cells. People with Down syndrome have 47, and because of that, they may look and learn differently.

Down syndrome causes differences in the way a person looks and learns. No two people with Down syndrome are quite the same, but they are often extra flexible in their joints, have eyes that slant, have small ears and a small nose and grow more slowly than other kids. People with Down syndrome also tend to learn more slowly than others.

Lots of socks!

People thought that the karyotype looked like socks. So began the tradition of wearing odd socks or funny socks on World Down Syndrome Day.

Join us **wearing odd or funny socks** which people will ask you about so that you can tell them all about WSD. To find out more, [CLICK HERE](#)



Elementary GATE Parent Coffees

Please join us to talk about outside GATE resources and the Honors & AP courses offered at Redondo Union on Wednesday, March 15, at Perras or Tuesday, March 28, at Adams.

Wednesday, March 15

8:00 – 8:30 am

Library

Perras Middle School

200 N. Lucia Avenue

Redondo Beach

Tuesday, March 28

1:30 – 2:00 pm

Library

Adams Middle School

2600 Ripley Avenue

Redondo Beach



5th Grade Human Growth and Development

Dear 5th Grade Families:

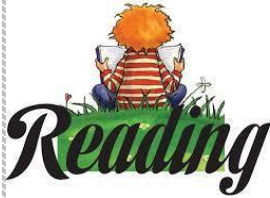
Please see letter attached from our office of Educational Services. Our district has moved towards updated curriculum for Human Growth & Development with our 5th grade students. The great part about our new videos is that you can view them at home without the need to preview through our front office!

At Alta Vista, our 5th grade classes typically receive this lesson at the end of May right after the long weekend before Memorial Day. Students will be split by gender and will receive the lessons from a same-gendered teacher. If you have specific questions, please contact myself or your child's teacher.

Please note that if you do not wish for your child to receive these lessons at school, you must notify us in writing by *March*

24th. Please refer to the letter attached for more detailed information and how to access the videos online.

Thank you!



How to have a productive reading conversation with your child - prompts for supporting your reader

Productive Talk Question #20: Was the title of the text a good one? Why or why not?



Alta Vista PTA



Tickets Still Available 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. 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 and all proceeds support Alta Vista. Buy Tickets ON-LINE

at <https://altavistapta.myschoolcentral.com>. TICKETS ARE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE. Tickets are available for pick-up and purchase (if still available) before and after school on Wed. 3/15 and Thurs. 3/16 in front of school near PTA office.

Pi Day Restaurant Fundraiser – March 13th – 15th

Celebrate your love of math and all things round on Pi Day (3.14 on 3/14) 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. This fundraiser runs from 3/13 – 3/15 so you have 3 days to enjoy pie, pie, pie! Please bring attached flyer.

Honorary Service Award Nominations Due March 22nd

Every year Alta Vista PTA recognizes an individual or organization that volunteers their service to our children and to our community. The Honorary Service Award (HSA) and Very Special Person (VSP) award program recognizes community service and honors the dedication of individuals and organizations in our community.

All nominations will be reviewed by a committee and submitted to Redondo Beach Council PTA. The HSA recipient will be honored on May 22 at the Redondo Beach PTA Council Award night. Nominations are due by Tuesday, March 22. Please email nominations to Melissa Moynan at melissamoynan@gmail.com or place completed ballots in the PTA lockbox located in the school's main office.

PTA Meeting and 2017-2018 PTA Board Elections – March 31st

Join us on Friday, March 31st at 8:00 am in the cafeteria for our next PTA meeting, where we will be holding elections for next year's PTA Board. Breakfast will be served and a special guest speaker will be announced soon!

This a very important meeting as we need your vote for next year's leadership. The nomination slate has been posted in the front office and is attached. Nominations can also be taken from the floor.

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.



Box Tops Scavenger Hunt Contest

The latest Box Tops contest is here! How many of these items on the Box Tops Scavenger Hunt list can you or your child find? Find them, clip them, and turn them in with your child's name and teacher's name. Every 10 valid Box Tops turned in by 5/19/2017 will earn your child a chance to win one of thirty-three \$5 gift cards to Wanna Chill?, generously donated by Wanna Chill?. The Box Tops Scavenger Hunt list will go home with your child and is also attached below. Happy hunting!

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

The Power of Belief

TEDxManhattanBeach Eduardo Briceno

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pN34FNbOKXc>



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



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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:

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

Tuesday, March 14th - Pi Day Restaurant Fundraiser

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

6:30pm Cyber Safety Night at Parras MS

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

April 3-5 - The Great Room PTA Fundraiser - Restaurant Nights

Tuesday, April 4th - 8am Wellness Council

Wednesday, April 5th - LIFT OFF Double Day

1:45pm Battle of the Books Competition

Friday, April 7th - 8:30am Prospective Parent Tour

April 10th - April 14th - RBUSD Spring Break, No School

Thursday, April 20th - 8:30am Flag Ceremony

Funky Hair Day

Monday, April 24th - Jump Rope for Heart

Wednesday, April 26th - District Battle of the Books

Thursday & Friday, April 27-28 - Hands on Art Training in AV Cafeteria

Thursday, April 27th - Parras Open House

Friday, April 28th - National Poem in your Pocket Day

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