



Weekly Wildcat News

November 2, 2015

Happy Monday Wildcat Families,

I hope everyone had an exciting and safe Halloween weekend. Just a reminder that our Girl Scout Troops will be collecting unwanted Halloween candy to donate to Operation Gratitude, Monday - Wednesday of this week during our morning valet.

Important Dates this Week:

Monday, November 2 - 8am Wellness Council, 3pm School Site Council

Tuesday, November 3 - Fifth Grade Science Camp Begins

Wednesday, November 4 - LIFT OFF Double Day

Thursday & Friday, November 5 & 6 - Hands On Art Training in the AV Cafeteria

Friday, November 6 - PTA Reflections Contest Due

Have a great week,

Mrs. Wildes



Operation Gratitude

Halloween is one of the most exciting times of the year for our children, but for us as parents, the idea of having pounds of unwanted candy in our house is painful. This year, thanks to Girl Scout Troop 2245, we have a solution. Bring your extra Halloween candy and surplus to our morning valet, November 2nd - 4th from 7:45-8:15am, and the girls will deliver your candy to Operation Gratitude to support our troops.



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.



School Conversation Starter

Starter #10: If I called your teacher tonight what would she tell me about you?



Math Superstars

This week starts WEEK FOUR of our Math Superstar Program.

The BLUE RUN!

The Blue Run – November 18th!

This year's 5th Annual Chase Stecyk Fun Run will

be **The Blue Run**, in celebration of Alta Vista's National Blue Ribbon award. Help us make this our last major fundraiser of the year! Our goal is \$35 per student and all students who meet this goal will be eligible for great prizes!

ALL students will get an awesome Blue Run T-shirt for participating and the kids are SO excited to run our new field!

On-line registration is open NOW and pledge envelopes will come home this week. Get a Wildcat WOW for your child by using the new on-line registration tool. Go

to: www.thegetmovincrew.com to register your student and start fundraising now. On-line registration will then allow you to add a photo of your child to their own secure pledge page and share the link to your friends and family everywhere! **See attached flyer for further details.**



LAST CHANCE! Reflections Contest
– Submissions due this Friday, Nov.
6th

Reflections is a National PTA art program. This year's theme is "*Let your Imagination Fly*" and there are multiple categories including visual arts, dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition and photography. See attached flyer, rules and entry form, which are also available in the front office and on the PTA website. There is also a theme contest for next year, which is due Nov. 1st. Please contact our Reflections Chair, Cat Sulikowski at jwlthv3@gmail.com with any questions.

PTA Membership & Wildcat Gear
Orders

It's not too late to sign-up for PTA Membership! Membership is only \$10 per person and will provide you with a variety of great discounts. See attached flyer. Our goal is 100% membership. No obligation required. Anyone can join – friends, family, neighbors! Purchase memberships at PTA Web Store only

at www.AltaVistaPTA.org

Wildcat Gear orders received from Sept. 16th – Oct. 30th will be delivered the 3rd week of November.

Family Carnival Planning Meeting – Nov. 10th

Join us on Tuesday, Nov. 10th in the Cafeteria at 8:15 if you are interested in participating in the Family Carnival Planning Committee. Our Family Carnival is scheduled for Jan. 23rd and will not be possible without a planning committee. We want your input on what you would like to see at this year's carnival!

Next PTA Meeting & Family Movie Night – November 13th

Mark your calendars for our next PTA meeting on Friday, November 13th at 6:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria, Family Movie Night directly following the meeting. We will be watching the Disney Pixar film Inside Out, and celebrating the Alta Vista PTA's 50th Anniversary which is Nov. 9th!

Save the Date - Alta Vista's Blue Ribbon Family Picnic Celebration – Dec. 5th!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 5th from 11:00 – 1:00 for a

family picnic and National Blue Ribbon Flag Raising Ceremony at Alta Vista. Stay posted for details!



Mrs. Wildes App/Website of the Week

Hideout teaches kids how to read through a series of fun activities that emphasize letter-sound association and word repetition.



“Foodless” Food Drive for Friends”

This year we will be collecting only Gift Cards for our annual Food Drive. You can choose any denomination for your Gift Card for the Food Drive.

You can purchase these at the following stores: Albertsons, Ralphs, Vons, Trader Joe’s, Whole Foods, Target and Walmart.

The Gift Cards for food will help our families at Alta Vista.

The Gift Card Food Drive will start 11/12/2015-11/19/2015.

Please return your Gift Cards to your Teachers.

Thank you for your participation.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Dr. Joyce Stout and

“Friends”



Wine Cork Recycling Campaign

Do you know that wine corks are as much recyclable as the bottles they come with? Cork is a renewable, recyclable material that does not belong in our landfills. They can be recycled into craft supplies, packing material, floor tiles, sandals, etc. However, due to being so small, the wine corks should not go into the curbside recycling bins. During a 3 weeks period from 10/19 to 11/6, our school FLL team (several 4th & 5th graders) will conduct a wine cork drive on the campus. They will take the collection to drop off at local Whole Food and BevMo stores. These stores partner with various cork recycling programs so they will be able to route the corks to the right recycling facilities.

Please support our school's FLL team in their campaign to keep the wine corks from the landfills and give them a new life. Start saving the corks and drop them off to the school collection bins during 10/19 - 11/6.

For more info, go to:

<http://www.corkforest.org/>

<http://www.earth911.com/recycling-guide/how-to-recycle-corks/>



Weekly Flyers

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, November 2nd - SSC - ELAC meeting 3pm in AV Library
- November 3rd-6th - Fifth Grade Science Camp
- Wednesday, November 11th - Veteran's Day - **NO SCHOOL**
- Friday, November 13th - 8:30am Flag Ceremony
 - 6pm PTA Meeting, Movie Night/Cyber Ed Night
- November 18th - BLUE Jog-A-Thon
- Thursday, November 19th - **MINIMUM DAY**, Staff Development
 - Career Dress Up Day
- November 23 - 27th - Thanksgiving Break - No School
- November 30 - December 9th - **MINIMUM DAYS** - Parent/Teacher Conferences

- December 5th - Blue Ribbon Celebration Family Picnic and Flag Raising
- December 9th - Pretend it's Snowing Day - Wear White
- December 11th - 8:30am Flag Ceremony
- December 21st - January 1st - Winter Break - NO SCHOOL

Ways to Support Alta Vista:

- Join the PTA!
- 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.
- Do you have a **TARGET Red Card/Debit Card**? Don't forget to designate your card to Alta Vista Elementary to help our school earn 1% of your purchases directly back to our school. To add your Red Card, go to: <http://www.target.com/redcard/manage>
- 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