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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Linda Vista and the 2018-2019 School Year! As we begin this year, we are ready for new and exciting changes and continuing the programs Linda Vista loves.

I am your new Principal Gigi Kelley. Though I am new to Linda Vista, I am not new to OUSD. The past six years I was the Principal of Imperial Elementary School. One exciting thing I have found so far is that several of my former TK students are now here at Linda Vista!

You will see some new and some familiar faces amongst the Linda Vista staff. Look for our not so new teacher, Mrs. Winslow in sixth grade, and our new TK/K teacher Ms. Bulux.

This year we will continue using iPad and/or Chromebook to enhance learning. Classrooms participating in the program will use these technologies to share information, organize thoughts and learning, and aspire to great heights, readying themselves for the future. We plan to increase the amount of devices available to each classroom this year, with the support of the PTA and YOU.

Our PTA is helping us to continue our Physical Education and Music programs this year. Each week our students participate in structured activities that meet physical education standards. Our Primary Music program is held twice monthly, beginning in September, and provides students with basic music activities presented through song. All students at Linda Vista will again this year be participating in Science-on-the-Go and Art Masters.

When coming to Linda Vista, whether to drop off or pick-up your child, or meet with a teacher, remember our parking lot can be challenging. We have about 500 students with less than 50 parking places. Remembering to BE SAFE, BE KIND, and BE RESPONSIBLE is important for any Leopard, whether a student or parent.

As your New Principal, I will strive to keep you informed of all the happenings at Linda Vista. Always check our website for information, participate in TPA, and follow Linda Vista on Twitter: LindaVistaOUSD

I know that I am looking forward to this year, I hope you are as well.

MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

Mrs. Michelle and I would like to welcome back both old and new families. We would like to give everyone a HUGE pat on the back for being so patient and working with us on our new registration process this year, and completing the data confirmation and turning in the emergency cards. We have 100% participation. This will be the new procedure each new school year for both new and returning families. Again, thank you!

If you have not turned in your student's medication to the office, please do so, especially since the weather is changing and this can trigger asthma attacks. Remember, along with the medication in its original packaging, Mrs. Michelle needs a physician signed medical form. These forms can be requested in the office.

Lastly, please jot down the absence line number. It is (714) 628-5480. Whenever your student will not be attending school for any reason, please call this number and leave a message.



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4TH GRADE NEWS

The students and teachers are off to a great start in 4th grade! We have been busy getting to know each other and learning about one another. The students are excited about their new responsibilities as an upper grader, and having their own agenda to write in, as well as having daily homework assignments. With these new responsibilities, students are carefully and purposefully being taught in the classroom the proper procedures and expectations in order to get them off to a great start. Organization of their materials and communication with their parents and their teachers are key, and the students are learning just that. Developing good habits as an upper grader and student is very important, and our students have shown us that they are up for the challenge! So, here we go...upward and onward to a great year!



1ST GRADE NEWS

We have had a fun time getting to know all the First Grade students. We are learning and teaching the kids all about our school and classroom rules. In Language Arts, we are practicing our printing and learning how to build our Stamina during reading. As well as reviewing alphabet letter names and sounds. In math we are learning different ways to make 6, 7, and 8. In Social Studies, we are learning all about school and community rules. We are looking forward to a fun and exciting year.



3RD GRADE NEWS

Third graders have had a busy and productive introduction to the school year. In language arts we are reading and discussing literature with the theme of Growing and Learning. We are practicing the procedures to engage in a variety of activities independently to allow for individualized small group instruction with the teachers. We are learning to write expository paragraphs with topic sentences, main ideas, specific supporting detail sentences, transition words, and conclusions. We are reviewing and utilizing all of our thinking maps to help us organize our thoughts and plan our writing. In math we are expanding our mastery of numeration and place value before improving our skills with addition and subtraction. In social studies we are working on a unit covering government and citizenship to prepare for our upcoming Constitution Day celebration. Linda Vista third grade students certainly are successful scholars!



PRIMARY SDC NEWS

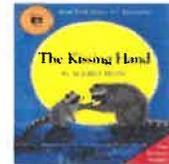
Welcome back everyone! I hope you had a great summer vacation! The staff were very excited to see our returning friends and meet the new friends in our class. We have been working on learning our classroom and school rules. Our classroom has begun to start our English Language Arts and Math studies, along with learning some social behaviors. We are excited to get our new school year started and are looking forward to a lot of fun things to learn. Please watch for our exciting school year to unfold.

Mrs. Gomez



KINDERGARTEN NEWS

We got off to a great start in Kindergarten with our traditional hunt for Chester the Raccoon. Kindergarten boys and girls enjoyed a story about a raccoon named Chester who discovers a way to feel safe while at school and away from his family. After reading the story and discovering a clue at the end of the book, all kindergarten friends went on a hunt from the library to the computer lab to the front office and back to our class in search of the elusive Chester.



This is such a fun way to introduce staff and help our new students become familiar with the layout of our school. Chester is a highlight of our year and the children will reminisce and Chester all year long.

5TH GRADE NEWS

Fifth grade is off to a great start! It was wonderful meeting all of our parents that came to Back to School Night. We're excited that we have started PE and are looking forward to VAPA beginning the week of Sept. 3rd. The students have loved reading our first novel, Earthquake Terror while discussing setting, plot, character traits, and figurative language. We have also jumped right into math, learning about place value with decimals and played decimal bingo and decimal Yahtzee which are fun games to practice the concept. In social studies, we have started learning about North America and our First Americans and their connections to the environment which will lead into water and weather in science.



6TH GRADE NEWS

I would like to start by welcoming Mrs. Winslow to 6th grade. She is a wonderful asset to our grade and our school. As we begin another year, I would like to say "Welcome. 6th grade is an exciting, yet challenging year. We walk through Ancient Times, dissect owl pellets, learn about how humans grow, and have science outdoors. AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is an important part of 6th grade. Each child has a binder set that helps them be successful. Also, we encourage students to wear a college sweatshirt or t-shirt on Wednesdays to show support of their future education. We are looking forward to a great year!



2ND GRADE NEWS

Having a successful year in second grade involves not only academic learning, but also social emotional development. Our first week is always filled with activities to create a classroom culture that allows the growth of friendships, peer collaboration and purposeful learning. One activity that combines all three skills is our "Friendship Web." Just imagine 30 students sitting in a circle creating a gigantic web by rolling a ball of yarn from child to child. Chaos combined with laughter imparts a powerful lesson; teaching them that they are connected and their actions affect everyone else in the class. What a fun way to learn an important lesson. We are going to have a wonderful year in second grade.



TK/KINDER NEWS

Welcome! I'm sure we're all excited for the new school year! The classroom staff and I have been enjoying getting to know each of our students. We have been working on learning appropriate school and classroom behavior. We have also started to work on letter recognition, categorizing, colors, counting and writing our names. I look forward to this new school year and our new program.



Ms. Bulux

LOST AND FOUND

Please remember to always check the Lost and Found cart that is located next to the double doors by the office.

Any items that are unclaimed will be donated to charity on Friday, November 16th. The lost and found cart will be purged at the end of each trimester.

SAFETY

Just a reminder, when in the parking lot please make sure to be extra aware of your surroundings. We realize that people are in a hurry; however, we need to make sure that everyone is safe.



When dropping off or picking up your student, please make sure to be in the drop off lane next to the curb. Do not ask your student to enter or exit your vehicle from the drive thru lane. We have had far too many close calls.

Also, please make sure that if you are parking in the Handicapped stalls you have a placard, as we have many people that need to use these stalls.

FREE PUBLIC EDUCATION

Section 5 of Article IX of the State of California Constitution guarantees students a "free public education."

The State Supreme Court concluded in the 1984 case of *Hartzell v. Connell*, "that all educational activities carried on by public school districts, extra-curricular as well as curricula, must be without cost to the students who participate in such activities." This same ruling found that "mandatory fees for participating in such extra-curricular activities as drama, music, and athletic competition were illegal under the State Constitution." Furthermore, they also rejected the argument that "fees could be charged so long as the district waived fees for students who were finan-

cially unable to pay." Recent proposed legislation includes reimbursement with interest for any illegally-collected fees as well as a district sanction. *Donations are accepted at a classroom, school site, and district level.



SAFETY FIRST

Student Safety is of utmost concern to us at Linda Vista.

To promote safety please remember these tips...

- * Bring your child to school within the hours there is playground supervision. Our playground officially opens at 7:50.
- * Designate a pick up spot for your child. This will keep them safe and help with our traffic challenges
- * During hot weather, have your child bring an extra water bottle to school. We all need to stay hydrated.
- * Closed-toe shoes are a must. Good athletic type shoes are even better on PE days.
- * Make the office has a good phone number to reach you during the day. You never know why you may need to be reached.



September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 LABOR DAY	4 VAPA 5th & 6th gr	5 Picture Day	6 Reflections Class Visits OUSD Brd Mtg 7:00 PM	7 VAPA 5th & 6th gr	8
9	10	11 Patriot's Day Flag Ceremony 8:15AM VAPA	12 Room Parent Info Mtg 7 PM	13	14 VAPA 5th & 6th gr Constitution Day 10:30AM	15
16 Book Fair Sept 18—Sept 22	17 PTA Mtg 8:30 AM Reflections 5th gr Water Assembly 1PM	18 VAPA 5th & 6th	19 Book Fair Family Night 6-8 PM	20	21 VAPA 5th & 6th	22
23	24 6th gr Water Assembly 1 PM	25 2nd gr Science on the Go VAPA 5th & 6th	26 Art Masters Lecture	27	28 VAPA 5th & 6th gr	29
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Every Wednesday is early dismissal

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TK & K— 12:10PM
1-3 gr—12:10PM
4-6 gr—12:30PM



October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 VAPA PE	3 PE	4 4th gr Walk Thru California PE	5 VAPA PE	6
7	8 Primary Music	9 VAPA P.E.	10 P.E.	11 P.E. Reflections Due	12 VAPA PE	13
*****Parent/Teacher Conferences Minimum Day Dismissal*****						
14	15 Make-Up Pictures	16 PTA Mtg 6 PM VAPA P.E.	17 P.E.	18 P.E.	19 VAPA PE	20
21	22	23 VAPA P.E.	24 3rd gr Shipley Nature Ctr P.E.	25 P.E.	26 VAPA Pumpkin Night 6PM	27
*****RED RIBBON WEEK*****						
28	29 Primary Music	30 VAPA P.E.	31  K—Pumpkin Patch 8:30-11			

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Enrichment Classes (Grades 1st—6th)
Mondays— Brick 4 Kids & Video Game Design
Tuesdays— Great Clay Adventure
Wednesdays— Basketball & Flag Football
Thursdays— Marine Biology