

Vista del Monte Elementary School

Welcome Back 2021-2022

Dear Parents/Guardians & Students

On behalf of the staff at Vista del Monte Elementary School, welcome to the 2021-2022 school year. We are excited about starting a new year of learning for our students. We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure your children can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that to be successful in school, your children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for your children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities.

This year we will continue to promote a safe and supportive environment for your child. Teachers and support staff will provide standards-based instruction, intervention programs, instruction using technology, English language development, and learning activities that are appropriate for each child's needs.

Start Date: Wednesday, August 4, 2021

COVID-19 CDC Guidelines:

As of today, the following are the guidelines from California Department of Public Health (CDPH):

- There are no minimum physical distancing requirements for classrooms.
- TK-12 students are required to mask indoors, with exemptions for those who have a verified medical condition.
- Masks are optional outdoors for all students in TK-12 school settings.

**Please note: These guidelines are subject to change based on information given to us by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH):*

Daily Schedules:

TK through 5th grade: 8:40 AM – 3:30 AM Mon. Tues. Thurs. & Fri.

**Please remember that each Wednesday is a minimum day. We dismiss all students TK-5th at 1:05 PM.*

Morning Drop Off/Campus Access:

- Front gates open are open at 8:10 AM please note that there is no supervision prior to 8:10 AM.
- All students must enter our school through the front gate.
- Breakfast will start at 8:10 a.m. when gates open.
- As a reminder we are a close campus, we are requesting that adults **do not** accompany their child out on to the cafeteria or playground.
- School starts promptly at 8:40 a.m. if you arrive after the bell rings please proceed to the office as your child will enter through the main office.

- Schools will limit nonessential visitors, volunteers, and activities involving external groups or organizations. All visits to campus during instruction must be by appointment, invitation, or prior arrangement. Sign-in at the front office.
- If you have an assigned Chromebook bring them on the first day of school.
- All Basic school materials are provided by the school, any extra materials needed your child's teacher will notify you.

Dismissal and Student Loading

- All students in TK or Kindergarten will exit via Frances street.
- Students in grades 1st through 5th grade exit from the front gate and gate by basketball courts facing the visitor parking lot.
- No parking on the bus loading zone
- Parents who are picking up by car will line up in the queue at the entrance of the parking lot (please see attached).
- No student with or without a parent is allowed to load or walk through the parking lot during dismissal. It is not safe. The easiest way to remind ourselves and others at dismissal is: "Cement is for students – Blacktop is for cars."

Wellness Policy

We are fully implementing the district's wellness policy this year. Students will be able to choose their school lunch fruits and vegetables from a salad bar. Individual birthday treats and like parties must be scheduled away from instructional time. Teachers may have a nutritious snack party for the birthdays of the month on the last Friday of the month. We have several "sweet treat" party exceptions around holidays. Do not bring food to school for classes, unless requested by the teacher. No sweet treats will be accepted by the office or teachers, except for the "sweet treat" occasions.

High Temperature Days

During hot days we monitor the temperature and will take one or more of the following actions:

- "Shade-up or walk" – students can visit with friends or walk around. They cannot engage in strenuous play.
- Shorten lunch period.
- Cancel afternoon or both AM and PM recesses
- Replace recess with a quick restroom and water break.

We encourage and "require" students to have water bottles and drink water frequently.

We look forward to starting the 2021-2022 school year. Our staff is ready to welcome our students back to Vista del Monte to in person learning. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at 760-416-8176. We are looking forward to another great year of success here at Vista del Monte.

Respectfully,

Blanca Luna
Principal