



# TIGER PRIDE POST

Monthly news from  
Vista del Sur Accelerated Academy

**November 2023**

## Principal's Note

Vista parent(s) & guardian(s),

Our annual Fall Carnival was a wonderful event! We had food trucks, vendors, games, and obstacle courses for all ages to enjoy. Thank you to everyone who came out to have fun and support our school. A special thank you to our PTO and Dad's Club for all of your efforts in putting on this event.

The Arizona Department of Education recently released the school letter grades and Vista received an A. I will share the breakdown of the formula for letter grades at our upcoming Site Council meeting on November 15, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in our school library. I hope you enjoy the beautiful beginning of our fall season and the cooler weather.

In partnership,

Jessica Epacs

Principal



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## Upcoming Events

- November 2nd  
MESA Engineering
- November 3rd  
Student of the Month
- November 6th  
Art Club 5th - 8th Grade  
Fine Arts Club 2nd & 3rd Grade  
MESA Engineering
- November 7th  
Art Club 2nd - 4th Grade  
Fine Arts Club 4th & 5th Grade  
Fall Picture Retake
- November 8th  
Half Day Release @ 12:00 pm
- November 9th  
MESA Engineering, 3:30 pm  
Uptown Jungle Fundraiser
- November 10th  
Veterans Day No School
- November 13th  
Art Club 5th - 8th Grade , 3:30 pm  
Fine Arts Club 2nd & 3rd Grade  
MESA Engineering, 3:30 pm
- November 14th  
Art Club 2nd - 4th Grade, 3:30 pm  
Fine Arts Club 4th - 5th Grade, 3:30 pm
- November 15th  
Site Council Meeting, 5:30pm  
PTO Meeting, 6:00 pm
- November 16th  
MESA Engineering, 3:30 pm
- November 17th  
STUCO \$1 dress down
- November 20th  
Art Club 5th - 8th Grade, 3:30 pm  
Fine Arts Club 2nd & 3rd Grade, 3:30 pm  
MESA Engineering, 3:30 pm
- November 22 - November 24th  
Thanksgiving Break No School





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## Holiday Assistance

With the holidays just around the corner it is a good time to start planning ahead. The school is often approached by groups that would like to donate food and/or gifts to families in need. If you would like to be placed on this confidential list please email our school secretary, Erica Hernandez, at [ehernandez2@laveeneld.org](mailto:ehernandez2@laveeneld.org)



### Bus Passes

All bus riders must present their bus pass/student identification badge when they board and exit the bus.



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## What's Happening in Specials?

### **Band**

Please help me congratulate the following students on making it into Southern AZ Honor Band (February 18, 2024 at Flowing Wells HS in Tucson):

#### 6th Grade

Mya Phillips- flute

Maritza Cordova- clarinet

Khieve Malapitan- saxophone

#### 7th Grade

Trisha Duong- flute

Nathaniel Sanou- saxophone

Evie Downs- horn

Zane Bell- tuba

#### 8th grade

Kylie Gibbons- flute

Krispin Habbas- clarinet

Ben Salaz- trumpet

Ezri Smith- percussion



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5th-8th grade is learning about the history of music theater as well as working in groups to create their own musical materials including set diagrams, costume design, and scene writing. K-2nd is learning about rhythm and will be performing rhythms on instruments, through body movement, and singing. 3rd and 4th grade are learning about the musical alphabet, the treble clef staff, and intervals in relation to major and minor scales.

### **PE**

Wow, that first quarter flew by so fast! We hope everyone had a fantastic break and look forward to beginning quarter number two! A big welcome to our new 5th-8th graders to PE for the second quarter and we look forward to continuing to work with all of our K-4 classes 1-2 days per week. We are very excited to begin using our Rock Wall that was installed at the end of last school year. Thank you to our front office staff for going through all of the permission slips during the first quarter to be sure students have the proper permissions to participate in Wall Activities. If your student(s) does not have a permission slip turned in they will be given an alternate activity to participate in on days where the class is on the Rock Wall. We have a traverse, or horizontal, climbing wall in which students climb across the wall, from one end to the other, rather than up to the top. Rock climbing is both an aerobic and anaerobic activity. It increases cardiovascular fitness, while simultaneously increasing muscle strength and endurance. When climbing, students are reaching for various hand and foot holds, requiring balance, coordination, flexibility and motor planning.



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In art this month classes will be beginning new and exciting projects! 7th and 8th graders will be working towards creating and sewing their own book based on their family/culture! We will explore Watercolor and marking making in the upcoming weeks. 5th and 6th Graders are participating in the Laveen Lions Club Peace Poster contest being held throughout the district! This year's theme is *Dare To Dream*. In 4th grade we will be continuing the discussion on types of balance in art, moving onto using asymmetrical balance in their own artwork. 3rd grade will begin transitioning from creating patterns into creating movement with patterns in art. Kindergarten - 2nd grade are moving into the world of shapes, geometric and organic, and discovering what can be made with shapes!

In art club, 2nd-8th grade students are creating artwork to submit to the first ever Arizona School Board Association art contest! The theme of the artwork submitted is *Unleash your Imagination*. Students will be asked to title their artworks and give a brief explanation explaining their work with their submission. Students have been working on projects while at club and at home!



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In November, Kindergarten will work on learning how to express likes and dislikes. 1st grade will work on learning the days of the week and the months of the year. 2nd grade will work on acquiring new vocabulary related to food. After learning the subject pronouns in Spanish, 3rd grade will work on conjugating and using verb ser in order to describe people. 4th grade is currently working on verb conjugations and will continue practicing during November. 5th grade will be working on Unit 2, Corre. 6th grade will finish Unit 7 and will start working on Unit 8, La comida Latina. Finally, 7/8 grade will start Unit 23, El Camino de Santiago.





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# Student Council Fall Fundraiser

*OCTOBER 27-NOVEMBER 14, 2023*

*HOLIDAY CHEER CATALOG*



*ALL ITEMS WILL BE DELIVERED  
TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY,  
DECEMBER 18, 2023*





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## Free and Reduced Price Meal Applications

For the 2023-2024 school year. Families are encouraged to submit a school meal application for free or reduced-price meal benefits.

### How to Apply

Your child may qualify for free or reduced-price meal benefits. We strongly encourage parents & guardians to apply online through [EZMealApp.com](https://EZMealApp.com) to ensure a quick, safe, and contact-less application process. Applications must be submitted annually and may take up to 10 business days to process.

### Online Menu

Our school menus have gone digital! Introducing Nutrislice, an interactive way to view your child's school menu.





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## A Note from the District Nurse...



**Please make sure that your child's emergency and health form is up-to-date. This provides the school with important information in case an emergency should arise. I encourage parents to speak with the Health Associate if your child has any medical needs or concerns.**

### TAXPAYERS CAN LOWER THEIR TAXES AND SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS!

You can send all your state taxes to the State of Arizona or make a contribution to a public school and receive a State Income Tax Credit for up to \$200 for tax payers who file a tax return as single or head of household and a maximum of \$400 for married couples filing jointly on your State Income Tax Return.

A.R.S. §43-1089.01 gives you this opportunity to help your local school. A tax credit, which is the dollar-for-dollar reduction of your tax liability, is better than a tax deduction, which only reduces your taxable income before taxes are computed. The tax credit is available to all Arizona taxpayers, regardless of whether they have children in school.

For more information, go to our website at <http://www.laveeneld.org/about-laveen/tax-credit> or call the school office.