



# TIGER PRIDE POST

Monthly news from  
Vista del Sur Accelerated Academy

October 2023

## Principal's Note

Vista Parents & Guardians,

The 2023-2024 school year is upon us! Thank you to all the families who continue to partner with us to support our students.

We are enjoying our fall sports intramural season and the return of some of our favorite clubs. To support all of our extracurricular clubs and activities, please consider contributing with a tax credit donation. These donations are always a great help to Vista after school activities and field trips. In field trip news, we recently had our Washington, D.C. trip approved by our Governing Board. We look forward to a trip of a lifetime with endless educational opportunities. As you can see, the year is off to a great start!



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## Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, October 3rd, 5th -8th Grade Ukulele Concert
- Wednesday October 4th, Basketball & Softball Game @ Vista, 4:30pm
- October 5th & 6th  
Half Day Release @ 12:00pm  
Parent Conferences
- Friday, October 6th, Student of the Month
- October 9th - October 13th  
Fall Break
- Wednesday, October 18th,  
Basketball & Softball Game @ Laveen, 4:30pm  
Site Council Meeting, 5:30pm  
PTO Meeting, 6:00pm
- Friday, October 20th,  
Student Council \$1 Dress Down  
Fall Carnival, 5:00pm
- October 23rd - October 27th  
Fall Gifted Testing
- Wednesday, October 25th, Half Day Release @ 12:00pm
- Friday, October 27th, Honor Roll & Principal's Assembly



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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)

## Vista Spirit Shirts!



Vista's 2023-2024 Spirit Shirts are now available! Order online at <https://vistaonlinestore.square.site/> and pick-up in Vista's front office.

Spirit Shirts can be worn every Friday with uniform bottoms. For questions, please contact our Vista PTO at [tigers@vistadelsurpto.org](mailto:tigers@vistadelsurpto.org). Thank you for your support!



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## Specials Update

- **Band-** We have two students who were selected to participate in the ASU honor band- Ciara Crook (percussion), and Rohan Hernandez (trombone). The honor band will take place on Saturday, September 30, 2023.
- **PE :** With grades K-1 we deal with tasks such as basic locomotor movements, body space awareness, and hand-eye coordination along with different age appropriate games. For grades 2-4 they will deal with many of those same basic skills, but on a more complex level. Sports based skills will start to be introduced to them as well. In grades 5-8 children are generally skilled enough to move into sports related units such as soccer, basketball, hockey, and more. We will also be focusing more on the exercise and fitness concepts during these grades so that they are aware of the benefits of physical activity.
- **Art:** In art this month, students in k-2 have been working on a variety of projects that include different types of line and shapes in unique ways. In 3rd and 4th grade we are working on projects themed around our principles of design, like patterns and types of balance in art. In 5th and 6th grade we recently completed perspective landscape drawings and have now moved into color theory and creating different types of design with our color knowledge! In 7th and 8th grade we have recently completed our first project covering observational drawing along with a class critique. Now we are transitioning into figure drawings and understanding human proportions!
- **Music:** In music this month 5th-8th grade choir will be performing in their fall concert on October 3rd at 1:35 in the gym. Family are invited to come and see the performance. Kinder, 1st, and 2nd grade will be



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- Spanish: Students in 5-8 grades will change their Special classes. 5th graders will work on Unit 1. They will learn how they can introduce themselves or someone else in Spanish. 6th graders will start Unit 7, "Los Castells de Tarragona". They will learn specific aspects of Spanish culture and how to express needs and/or ask for help. Grades 7-8 will work on identifying the general topic and some basic information in a familiar childhood story. Also, they will be introduced to future tense. Students in K-4 grades, on the other hand, will continue working on expanding their vocabulary and their knowledge of parts of speech. Kinder will start their Unit 2 and they will learn vocabulary related to food and colors. 1st graders will review the colors and will work on learning the days of the week and how to write the date. 2nd graders will learn vocabulary associated with the school. 3rd graders will learn what determines grammatical gender (masculine and feminine) in Spanish. Finally, 4th graders will learn subject pronouns.





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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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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.



## Bus Passes

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