



**APRIL 2025**

# Monte Vista Elementary

# MONTE MEMO

Learners Today, are Leaders Tomorrow

Pamela Picchiotino, Principal  
Michael Benecchi, Assistant Principal



## Monte Vista Families

In April, we'll be gearing up for the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress. (CAASPP). Our third through fifth grade students will be taking the assessment this year, beginning on April 14th. This assessment is much shorter than it was in the past. Please make sure to read teacher newsletters regarding important dates.

Beginning May 12th, our kindergarten through fifth grade students will complete iReady testing in English Language Arts and Math. We need our students to take the test seriously. The assessments will be completed in their current learning environment or in a small group setting.

The iReady/CAASPP assessments will be taken online with teachers and Intervention staff as proctors. Just like class assignments and report cards, these assessments give teachers a way to evaluate individual student achievement. They will provide important feedback about your child's strengths and areas where they may need additional support.

Please make sure your child is not overly anxious about the assessment or the results. It is important that your child is at school and on time for the testing sessions. Please also make sure they are well rested and have had a good breakfast.

We look forward to finishing out this school year strong. Thank you to our students, parents, and staff, for all your support in making Monte Vista Elementary the best! Have an amazing Spring break!

Mrs. Picchiotino & Mr. Benecchi

## IMPORTANT LINKS

[School Website](#)

[Menus](#)

[Counselor's Corner](#)

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



We appreciate families, students and all staff efforts to ensure our students are Attendance HEROs.

Students arriving after 8:30 am must get a tardy slip from the front office.

Absences need to be excused daily at (951) 894-5085 and press 1 for attendance or email [ahamm@murrieta.k12.ca.us](mailto:ahamm@murrieta.k12.ca.us)

Dear Families and Community,

After a rigorous year-long pilot, we're excited to share the recommended K-5 Math and K-1 English Language Arts curriculums! These selections were implemented in classrooms throughout our district as part of the pilot process to ensure the best learning experience for our students. Materials are available for review in our front office and the District Support Center during school hours until April 17th, when the School Board will vote on adoption. We value your feedback—stop by and share your thoughts!



**TK & KINDERGARTEN**  
*Signing Day*  
Saturday, April 26th 2025  
11:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Town Square Park & Amphitheater

**Crafts  
Inflatables  
Food Trucks**

TK & Kindergarten students will have the opportunity to meet teachers, their principal, and possibly even their school mascot! The highlight of the day? Each student will officially pledge their commitment to MVUSD with their very own handprint, marking the beginning of their educational journey.

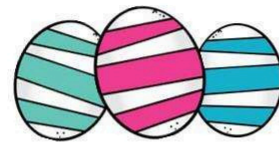
-  **MVUSD Student Performances**
-  **Community Resources & Partners**
-  **On-Site Registration Support for Full and Part Day Programs**



NO SCHOOL  
**MARCH 31-APRIL 4TH**



# APRIL 2025



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	1	2	3	4
7 Meet and Eat 7:15am	8 Meet and Eat 7:15am  TENNIS TK-2ND 2:45-5 (LAST DAY)	9 Meet and Eat 7:15am  <b>EARLY OUT</b>	10 Meet and Eat 7:15am  TENNIS 3RD-5TH 2:45-5 (LAST DAY)	11 Meet and Eat 7:15am Goal Parade 8:45am
14 Meet and Eat 7:15am  Superhero Monday  	15 Meet and Eat 7:15am  Purple Up! Day	16 Meet and Eat 7:15am  <b>EARLY OUT</b>  Camo Day	17 Meet and Eat 7:15am  Military Family Game Night! 4p-5:30p  Patriotic Day	18 Meet and Eat 7:15am  Monte Blue Day!  
PURPLE UP SPIRIT WEEK!				
21 Meet and Eat 7:15am	22 Meet and Eat 7:15am  GOLF Tk-2nd 2:45p-5p (FIRST DAY)	23 Meet and Eat 7:15am  <b>EARLY OUT</b>	24 Meet and Eat 7:15am  GOLF 3rd-5th 2:45p-5p (FIRST DAY)	25 Meet and Eat 7:15am
28 Meet and Eat 7:15am	29 Meet and Eat 7:15am  GOLF Tk-2nd 2:45p-5p	30 Meet and Eat 7:15am  <b>EARLY OUT</b>	ALL DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE  <b>WELCOME BACK MOUNTAIN LIONS!</b>  Every Thursday is College, Career and Military wear day!	



## Celebrate School Library Month

April is School Library Month! School libraries are the heart of the school. They foster and promote the love of reading and learning with library programs, thoughtful collection development, and engagement with all students from PreK thru 5th grade.

April is National School Library Month, a time to celebrate the heart of our schools: the library! School libraries offer students a place to explore new ideas, ignite their imaginations, and develop a lifelong love of learning.

Whether through books or creative programs, school libraries continue to be essential spaces where students grow, connect, and thrive. We are inviting our community to celebrate our school library by donating new books to our collection. Please see the attached list for recommendations of books that are well loved, in high demand, and in desperate need of replacement. Drop off your donations at the library anytime Monday-Friday 8-3p. Thank you for helping us celebrate the magic of books!

Hardcover books, please! They last longer. If you have a specific book you'd like to donate, please contact Mrs. Grumkoski.

## our library wishlist

**Pete the Cat** series by Kim and James Dean

**Food Group series** by Jory John

**Elephant & Piggie series** by Mo Willems

**Pigeon series** by Mo Willems

**Dragon Masters** by Tracey West

**Diary of a Wimpy Kid series** by Jeff Kinney

**Dork Diaries series** by Renee Russell

**Babysitters Club and Babysitters Little Sister series**  
by various authors (GRAPHIC novels ONLY)

**Dog Man series** by Dav Pilkey

**Magic Tree House** series by Mary Pope Osborne  
(CHAPTER and GRAPHIC novels)

**I Survived** by Lauren Tarshis  
(CHAPTER and GRAPHIC novels)



# MILITARY FAMILY



## GAME NIGHT

RSVP  
BY  
APRIL 11TH

THURSDAY, APRIL 17TH

MONTE VISTA ELEMENTARY

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

FUN, & GAMES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

all students must be accompanied by an adult

[CLICK HERE](#) OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO RSVP



# PURPLE UP!

April is month of the Military child!

*Spirit Week*

**Monday**  
**4/14**

## Super Hero Monday

Military Kids are  
superheroes too!  
Dress like your favorite  
Superhero!



**Tuesday**  
**4/15**



## PURPLE UP!

Support all Military  
Kids for the Month  
of the Military Child  
Wear Purple



**Wednesday**  
**4/16**

## Camo Day

Camo celebrates strength,  
honor and sacrifice of our  
military families  
Wear camouflage



**Thursday**  
**4/17**



## Patriotic Day

Military Families protect  
our nation  
Wear Red, White and Blue



**Friday**  
**4/18**

## MONTE BLUE DAY!

Mountain lions support  
our military kids too!  
Wear Monte BBlue!





# SUPPORT DEPLOYED SERVICE MEMBERS

MVUSD is proud to partner with Milvet. Milvet is a 501c3 Nonprofit that supports deployed men and women monthly. Care packages are filled with snacks, nutrition, toiletries and letters of support.



## Donations Requested:

- ✓ Beef Jerky
- ✓ Protein
- ✓ Bars
- ✓ Cookies
- ✓ Trail Mix
- ✓ Body Wash
- ✓ Chapstick
- ✓ Toothpaste
- ✓ Letters of Support

## Drop Off Information:

All MVUSD school sites including the District Support Center

Donation Drive from April 8th-21st, 2025

**QUESTIONS?** ☎ 951-902-9681 ✉ [info@milvet.org](mailto:info@milvet.org) 🌐 [www.milvet.org](http://www.milvet.org)

# MONTE'S MINDBENDER

APRIL 2025



## Spring Weather Word Scramble

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unscramble each word.  
Then use the marked letters to  
solve the second puzzle.

THE FIRST 5 STUDENTS TO TELL MS.  
ANDI WHAT THE SECOND PUZZLE  
ANSWER IS, WIN A PRIZE!

LAST MONTH'S ANSWERS WERE:

GAME  
OVER

GAME CL-OVER  
PUSHING HIS LUCK



## NATIONAL DAYS:

MARCH 31-APRIL 4

SPRING BREAK

APRIL 4TH

National School Librarian  
Day

APRIL 10TH

National Sibling Day

APRIL 15TH

Purple Up! Day

APRIL 21ST

National Kindergarten Day

APRIL 22ND

School Bus Driver  
Appreciation Day

APRIL 22ND

National Earth Day

## DID YOU KNOW?

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG'S FULL  
NAME IS OLGOLVIE MAURICE  
HEDGEHOG

BARBIE'S REAL NAME IS  
BARBARA MILLICENT ROBERTS



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MONTE VISTA PTA  
PRESENTS

# BUILD-A-MASCOT

MAKE YOUR VERY OWN MONTE!



TICKETS  
**\$25**

**MAY 15, 2025  
5P-6P**

**IN THE MPR**

Each ticket includes a 16" unstuffed mountain lion, fluff to fill it, soft heart insert, a mascot t-shirt and birth certificate.

SPECIAL APPEARANCE BY:

**MONTE**



**REGISTRATION  
IS REQUIRED.  
SPACE IS  
LIMITED.**

**LAST DAY TO  
ORDER IS  
4/11/25.**

TO PURCHASE TICKETS VISIT:  
[MVES.FUTUREFUND.COM](https://mves.futurefund.com)  
OR SCAN THE QR CODE ABOVE

**APRIL 11TH**

# APRIL

## ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST MENU 1- FREE BREAKFAST PER STUDENT PER DAY.

### Breakfast Includes

Assorted Fresh Fruit  
Trix Yoplait Yogurt  
100% Fruit Juice

1% White Milk or Non-Fat Chocolate Milk

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 <b>No School</b>	2 <b>No School</b>	3 <b>No School</b>	4 <b>No School</b>
7 <b>Mantecada</b>	8 <b>Cinnamon Roll</b>	9 <b>Breakfast Sausage Pizza</b>	10 <b>Biscuit &amp; Sausage Patty</b>	11 <b>Mini Maple Pancakes</b>
14 <b>Chocolate Muffin</b>	15 <b>Cinnamon Snack'n Waffle</b>	16 <b>French Toast Sticks</b>	17 <b>Bagel w/cream cheese</b>	18 <b>Scrambled Eggs &amp; Potatoes O'brien</b>
21 <b>Mantecada</b>	22 <b>Cinnamon Roll</b>	23 <b>Breakfast Sausage Pizza</b>	24 <b>Mini Maple Pancakes</b>	25 <b>Biscuit &amp; Sausage Patty</b>
28 <b>Chocolate Muffin</b>	29 <b>Cinnamon Snack'n Waffle</b>	30 <b>French Toast Sticks</b>		<u>Offered Daily</u> *Cereal *Breakfast Bar

This Institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Menu subject to change without notice.

# APRIL

## ELEMENTARY LUNCH MENU 1- FREE LUNCH PER STUDENT PER DAY.

### Salad Bar Entrée

Includes choice of Protein & Grain

\*Hard Boiled Eggs w/crackers  
\*Hummus Cup w/pita chips  
\*String Cheese w/crackers

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 <b>No School</b>	2 <b>No School</b>	3 <b>No School</b>	4 <b>No School</b>
7 <b>Cheese Pizza Crunchers</b>	8 <b>Beefy Nachos</b>	9 <b>Chicken Drumstick w/ Texas Toast</b>	10 <b>Teriyaki Chicken Bowl</b>	11 <b>Cheesy Garlic Toast</b> *Cookie Day 
14 <b>Cheesy Bread Bites w/ Marinara</b>	15 <b>Cheeseburger Sliders &amp; Potato Smiles</b>	16 <b>Chicken Nuggets</b>	17 <b>Rotini w/meat sauce &amp; Texas Toast</b>	18 <b>Mozzarella Cheese Sticks</b> *Rosati Icee
21 <b>Mac &amp; Cheese</b>	22 <b>Cheesy Chicken Burrito</b>	23 <b>French Toast Sticks w/ Chicken Sausage Patty</b>	24 <b>Orange Chicken w/ Brown Rice</b>	25 <b>Galaxy Cheese Pizza</b> *Cookie Day 
28 <b>Mozzarella Cheese Sticks</b>	29 <b>Corn Dog</b>	30 <b>Chicken Nuggets</b>	<u>Offered Daily</u> *PB&J Uncrustable *Turkey & Cheese Sub Sandwich *Turkey Sub Sandwich	<u>Lunch Includes</u> Unlimited Daily Salad Bar, String Cheese Goldfish Crackers, 100% Fruit Juice & 1% White Milk or Non-Fat Chocolate Milk

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# COUNSELING

## Connection

Monte Vista Elementary School

Mrs. Green, School Counselor

tlgreen@murrietak12.ca.us

951-894-5085 ext. 2966

### SUPPORTS & LINKS

**CARE SOLACE: MENTAL  
HEALTH CONCIERGE:**  
[CLICK HERE](#)

**CARESPACE MENTAL  
HEALTH**  
[CLICK HERE](#)

**RCOE COMMUNITY  
RESOURCE GUIDE**  
[CLICK HERE](#)

### RESOURCES FOR MILITARY CHILDREN & FAMILIES

**MVUSD MILITARY SUPPORT  
INFORMATION**  
[CLICK HERE](#)

**TUTOR.COM FOR MILITARY**  
[CLICK HERE](#)  
**SESAME STREET FOR  
MILITARY FAMILIES**  
[CLICK HERE](#)

**MILITARY KIDS CONNECT**  
[CLICK HERE](#)

### Month of the MILITARY CHILD



April is the Month of the Military Child, a time to recognize and honor the resilience, strength, and sacrifices of children in military families. Established in 1986 by former Defense Secretary

Caspar Weinberger, this month highlights the important role military children play in the armed forces community.

There are approximately 1.6 million military children worldwide, with the average military child moving between six to nine times during their K-12 education. These frequent transitions can be challenging, yet military children continuously demonstrate adaptability, perseverance, and strength.

At Monte Vista, we are proud to support and celebrate our military-connected students.

Thank you to all our MVUSD military families for your service and sacrifice. This month and every month, we honor you!

## Problem-Solving Steps



## SECOND STEP FOCUS: PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS

In Second Step, students are learning how to solve interpersonal problems. Students have practiced how to calm strong emotions as an integral part to problem solving. Students are learning how to describe a problem, identify the wants and needs of others, think of solutions, explore the outcomes of potential solutions, and finally picking the best solution. This unit's content helps students ask, listen, and empathize with all parties involved during problem-solving.

## FINANCIAL LITERACY: HELPING CHILDREN BUILD SMART MONEY HABITS

April is Financial Literacy Month, a perfect time to start teaching children about money! Financial literacy is an essential life skill that helps children develop responsible habits around saving, spending, and making smart financial choices. By introducing these concepts early, parents can help their children build a strong foundation for future financial well-being.



### Ways to Teach Financial Literacy at Home

Parents play a crucial role in helping children become financially literate. Here are a few simple ways to introduce these important concepts:

- Use a Piggy Bank or Jars: Help younger children learn about saving by setting up labeled jars for saving, spending, and giving.
- Involve Them in Small Purchases: Let children help compare prices and make decisions at the store.
- Give an Allowance with Guidelines: If you provide an allowance, encourage children to save a portion for future goals.
- Play Money-Related Games: Board games like Monopoly can make learning about money fun.
- Set Financial Goals: Encourage children to save for something special to teach patience and delayed gratification.
- Please review email from your child's School Counselor regarding FREE COLLEGE MONEY. [www.calkids.org](http://www.calkids.org).

By making financial literacy a part of everyday life, parents can empower their children with the skills they need to make smart financial choices in the future. Let's take this opportunity to build strong money habits that will last a lifetime!



**Your Student Qualifies for Free  
College Money-Login Now**

**HELLO MVUSD FAMILIES,**

**CALKIDS WILL DEPOSIT BETWEEN  
\$500 TO \$1,500 IN EACH CALKIDS  
ACCOUNT AND ELIGIBLE STUDENTS  
WILL BE ABLE TO USE THIS MONEY  
FOR QUALIFIED EXPENSES WHEN  
THEY ENROLL AT AN ELIGIBLE  
EDUCATION INSTITUTION. TO CHECK  
IF YOU/YOUR CHILD IS ELIGIBLE OR  
TO ACCESS YOUR/YOUR CHILD'S  
CALKIDS ACCOUNT, VISIT  
[WWW.CALKIDS.ORG](http://WWW.CALKIDS.ORG).**

**You Will Need Your Student's SSID - this  
information is located in Aeries Parent Portal**



# CAPTURE YOUR MEMORIES IN THIS YEAR'S

## MONTE VISTA ELEMENTARY YEARBOOK!

### Customize Your 2 Free Pages

Add photos from your computer, Facebook, Instagram, Google Drive & more.

Answer fun Memory Questions to help remember the year.

The 2 Custom Pages are FREE and are printed ONLY in your book. Want more pages? Each additional 2 pages is just \$1.99.

**treering**

### To Purchase & Customize Your Yearbook, Use The QR Code Below, or:

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.

- 1 Go to: [www.treering.com/validate](http://www.treering.com/validate)
- 2 Enter your school's passcode:  
**10169333567212**

Regular price: **\$22.34**

\*Does not include sales tax, if applicable

Create Custom Pages by: Apr 29

