



# Monte Vista Elementary

# MONTE MEMO

Learners Today, are Leaders Tomorrow

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## MARCH 2025

### IMPORTANT DATES

**MARCH 4TH**

SPRING PICTURE DAY

**MARCH 5TH**

EARLY OUT

**MARCH 9th**

Spring forward

**MARCH 12TH**

EARLY OUT

**MARCH 19TH**

EARLY OUT

**MARCH 26th**

EARLY OUT

**MARCH 31ST-APRIL 4TH**

**SPRING BREAK**



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



Our Attendance rate for January was **93.96%** our goal is **96%**. Please remember to clear your students absences at 951-894-5085 x 2994 or [ahamm@murrieta.k12.ca.us](mailto:ahamm@murrieta.k12.ca.us).

## CONGRATULATIONS!

## MOUNTAIN LIONS!



Monte Vista Elementary has been named a **Unified Champion School!**

Unified Champion Schools promote social inclusion and equity by bringing together students of all abilities. We are recognized for fostering a school community that allows all students to learn, work, compete, and play with the same rights and opportunities as others.

On March 21st, MVES will be sending 130 athletes to attend the district-wide Special Olympics event. We are looking for donations for mini water bottles, individually wrapped snacks, or lunch food donations to fuel our athletes for the all-day event. If you would like to donate, please drop it off at the front office. by March 19th. Thank you for supporting our student athletes!

### IMPORTANT LINKS

[School Website](#)

[Menus](#)

[Counselor's Corner](#)

# A message from our superintendent.....

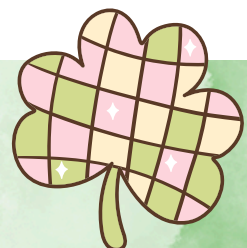
## Our commitment to ALL students and their families

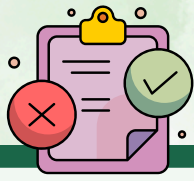
We want to take this opportunity to reaffirm our commitment: All students in Murrieta Valley USD are safe, supported, and learning every day. Our unwavering dedication to serving every student in our schools is a cornerstone of what makes Murrieta Valley USD an exemplary CA district.

Long-standing Board Policies [\(1250\)](#) & [\(5145.13\)](#), and Administrative Regulations [\(1250\)](#) & [\(5145.13\)](#) safeguard our learning environment from outside visitors. Additionally, student privacy is protected under the [Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\)](#), a federal law that prohibits the release of student information, including educational records, without consent of a parent/guardian. These protections are also reinforced by the California Education Code (EC 49060 et seq.) and shared with all families in the [Annual Notification](#) document digitally noticed at the beginning of every school year. Protecting the confidentiality and personal information of all members of our community is a fundamental priority.

Our commitment is clear: All students and their families are welcome here and will be treated with respect and dignity.

Respectfully,  
Dr. Ward Andrus





# IT'S TESTING TIME

## **CAASPP State Testing**

CAASPP State testing for grades 3, 4, and 5 at Monte Vista Elementary will begin after April 7, 2025, and continue through May 2, 2025. Fifth-grade students will also complete their science assessments after May 2. In preparation, classes will participate in practice assessments to familiarize students with the testing format. Please encourage your child to do their best and remind them that these assessments help measure their learning progress. A good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast can go a long way in supporting their success.

## **Summative ELPAC Testing**

Summative ELPAC testing for students designated as English Learners is ongoing and will continue throughout the remainder of the year. This assessment measures the growth of our English Learners in the areas of Reading, Writing, Speaking, and Listening. The results help us better support our students in their English language development. Thank you for encouraging your child to do their best.



Spring  
forward

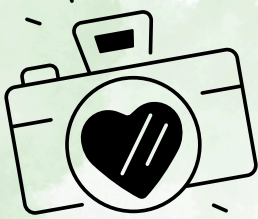
Don't forget to set your  
clocks **FORWARD** on  
March 9th



## **School and Home Safety**

At Monte Vista, we routinely conduct fire, safety, and lockdown drills throughout the year to ensure our students and staff are prepared for emergencies. Teachers guide students through the process and provide information in an age-appropriate manner. We encourage families to talk with their children about these drills and their experiences. In alignment with school preparedness, we also recommend discussing and practicing safety plans at home. A great resource for these conversations is the [[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)] American Red Cross, which offers valuable information on emergency readiness. Additionally, you can access a Home Fire Preparedness Checklist [here](#). Working together, we can help keep our students safe at school and home





- Spring pictures will be taken on March 4th.
- Pictures are optional and there will be no make up day.
- Please let your students teacher know if you would like your student to have thier picture taken.
- Online ordering will be available at [premierschoolportraits.com](https://premierschoolportraits.com) a week after picture day.



## When is sick too sick for school?

A regular attendance routine is important for your child's well-being and learning. These tips can help you decide when to keep your child home when they don't feel well.

These tips are guidelines as to when a student should be kept at home. This list is not inclusive of all conditions or reasons a student may need to be kept home.



### SEND ME TO SCHOOL IF...

- I have NOT had a fever overnight and have NOT taken fever reducing medicine during that time.



### KEEP ME AT HOME IF...

- I have a temperature higher than 100.4
- I am repeatedly coughing, wheezing, or experiencing other upper respiratory symptoms.
- I have a rash of unknown cause all over or it is accompanied by a fever.
- I have thrown up two or more times in the past 24 hours.
- My stool is watery and I may not make it to the bathroom in time.

If you don't know whether to send your child to school, have specific concerns regarding your child's physical or mental health, or are worried your child will spread illness, contact your child's health care provider, a local urgent care or the school nurse. These tips are not meant to take the place of local health department/school district health guidance including about contagious illnesses such as Covid-19 and the flu.



For more information visit [attendanceworks.org/resources](https://attendanceworks.org/resources)



## CAREER WEEK

DO YOU HAVE A CAREER YOU ARE WILLING TO SHARE WITH OUR STUDENTS?

WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO COME SHARE YOUR CAREER WITH OUR STUDENTS ON:

**MARCH 24TH-28TH**

**8:30AM-9:30AM**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE CONTACT MRS. GREEN:

[TLGREEN@MURRIETA.K12.CA.US](mailto:TLGREEN@MURRIETA.K12.CA.US)

951-894-5085 EXT. 2966

OR CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE INTEREST FORM





# Monte Vista Library – Design a Bookmark Contest

## March 3 - March 14th



\*Please do not cut out

### Details/Rules

- Theme of your design can be anything you choose.
- One entry per person
- Please use template to the left, do not cut out, leave attached to flyer
- Please compose your own artwork without assistance from anyone else.
- Drawing must be original and free handed, no tracing.
- Pencils, colored pencils, crayons, paint and/or markers may be used. Be creative!
- All entries must be turned into the library no later than 3pm on March 14th.
- Please turn in this whole sheet.
- Winners will be announced March 21st.
- There will be ONE winner per grade level.
- All winners will have their bookmark design reproduced and distributed to their grade level.

Student Name:

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Grade Level/Teacher:

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# MARCH






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

Let's Cook!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 <b>Lemon Muffin</b> 	4 <b>Breakfast Empanada</b> 	5 <b>Honey Lemon Loaf</b> 	6 <b>Mini Confetti Pancakes</b> 	7 <b>Pan Dulce</b> 
10 <b>Chocolate Muffin</b>	11 <b>Cinnamon Snack'n Waffle</b>	12 <b>French Toast Sticks</b>	13 <b>Pancake Sausage Sandwich</b>	14 <b>Bagel w/cream cheese</b>
17 <b>Mantecada</b>	18 <b>Cinnamon Roll</b>	19 <b>Breakfast Sausage Pizza</b>	20 <b>Biscuit &amp; Sausage Patty</b>	21 <b>Mini Maple Pancakes</b>
24 <b>Chocolate Muffin</b>	25 <b>NATIONAL WAFFLE DAY</b> <b>Vanilla Belgian Waffle</b>	26 <b>French Toast Sticks</b>	27 <b>Pancake Sausage Sandwich</b>	28 <b>Bagel w/cream cheese</b>
31 <b>SPRING BREAK</b>				<b>Offered Daily</b> *Cereal *Breakfast Bar

Scrambled Eggs & Potatoes O'Brien

March 3rd - Murrieta El  
March 5th - Monte Vista  
March 7th - Curran  
March 10th - Alta  
March 12th - Antelope  
March 14th - Buchanan  
March 17th - Cole  
March 19th - Rail  
March 21st - Tovashal  
March 24th - Avaxat  
March 26th - Mails

Cooking from Scratch!

This Institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Menu subject to change without notice.

# MARCH

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
3 <b>Holiday Chicken Nuggets</b>	4 <b>Beefy Nachos</b>	5 <b>Chicken Drumstick w/ Texas Toast</b>	6 <b>Teriyaki Chicken Bowl</b>	7 <b>Cheesy Garlic Toast</b> *Cookie Day 
10 <b>Cheesy Bread Bites w/ Marinara</b>	11 <b>Cheeseburger Sliders &amp; Potato Smiles</b>	12 <b>Chicken Nuggets</b>	13 <b>Rotini w/meat sauce &amp; Texas Toast</b>	14 <b>Cheese Pizza Crunchers</b>
17 <b>Mac &amp; Cheese</b> *Rosati Icee 	18 <b>Cheesy Chicken Burrito</b>	19 <b>French Toast Sticks w/ Chicken Sausage Patty</b>	20 <b>Orange Chicken w/ Brown Rice</b>	21 <b>Galaxy Cheese Pizza</b> *Cookie Day 
24 <b>Mozzarella Cheese Sticks</b>	25 <b>Corn Dog</b>	26 <b>Chicken Nuggets</b>	27 <b>Mini Hot Dogs</b> 	28 <b>Cheesy Bread Bites w/ Marinara</b>
31 <b>SPRING BREAK</b>			<b>Offered Daily</b> *PB&J Uncrustable *Turkey & Cheese Sub Sandwich *Turkey Sub Sandwich	<b>Lunch Includes</b> Unlimited Daily Salad Bar, String Cheese Goldfish Crackers, 100% Fruit Juice & 1% White Milk or Non-Fat Chocolate Milk

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MONTE VISTA PTA PRESENTS

# FAMILY

## Glow Dance

MARCH 12, 2025 • 5:00-7:00PM

MONTE VISTA MPR



READY, SET, GLOW & DANCE!

REGISTER AT [MVES.FUTUREFUND.COM](https://mves.futurefund.com)



FREE EVENT

SPACE IS LIMITED DUE TO CAPACITY OF MPR

General Association

## MEETING

Thursday | Mar 27 | 3:00 PM

MONTE VISTA MPR



We invite you to join us for our third GA meeting of the school year. This is a very important meeting, as we will hold our ELECTION for the PTA board for next school year. We hope you'll consider joining us!



MONTE VISTA PTA PRESENTS

## MINION-RUN

# Thank you

**YOU RAISED  
\$37,000 !!!!!**

### CLASS CONTEST WINNERS

- #1 MRS. ROCKHOLD
- #2 MRS. KEMBLE
- #3 MRS. KEMBLE
- #4 MRS. KEMBLE
- #5 MRS. EVANS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK!! THE MONEY YOU'VE RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS FIELD TRIPS, ASSEMBLIES, CLASSROOM SUPPLIES, FAMILY EVENTS, MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION, STAFF APPRECIATION, SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS AND MORE!

OUR MONTE VISTA FAMILIES RULE!!!



# ATTENTION!

## BOARD MEMBERS

### are needed!



GET INVOLVED AND

## JOIN THE PTA!



### We need you!



Scan the QR Code to learn more or click [here!](#)

MONTE VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



# MONTE'S MINDBENDER



MARCH 2025



What did the leprechaun say  
when the video game  
ended?



## CAN YOU SOLVE THESE RIDDLES?

How does a leprechaun  
work out?



Don't forget to adjust your clocks  
on March 8th for Daylight Savings  
Time!



## NATIONAL DAYS:

**MARCH 2ND**

National Read Across  
America Day

**MARCH 4TH**

National Pancake Day

**MARCH 6TH**

National Oreo Cookie Day

**MARCH 9TH**

Daylight's Savings Time

**MARCH 14TH**

National Pi Day

**MARCH 17TH**

St. Patrick's Day

**MARCH 20TH**

International Day of  
Happiness

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Statue of Liberty in New  
York is made of copper that  
has oxidized and turned  
green over the years!







# 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





# Counseling Connection

Monte Vista Elementary School  
 Mrs. Green, School Counselor  
[tlgreen@murrieta.k12.ca.us](mailto:tlgreen@murrieta.k12.ca.us)  
 951-894-5085 Ext. 2966

## Support & Links

Mental Health Concierge  
[Click Here](#)

Community Resources  
[Click Here](#)

Read Across America/Women's  
 History Virtual Library  
[Click Here](#)



## Celebrating Inclusion!

We are excited to announce that our school will be participating in the Unified Olympics, an inspiring event that promotes inclusion, teamwork, and kindness. Unified Olympics brings students of all abilities together to celebrate their strengths and foster friendships through sports and fun activities. This event is a wonderful opportunity to teach our students the importance of empathy, respect, and collaboration. It's a chance for everyone to shine and feel valued as part of our school community. Let's cheer on our amazing athletes and partners as they show us the true meaning of teamwork!

## SECOND STEP: EMPATHY AND KINDNESS

DURING THE MONTHS OF JANUARY-MARCH STUDENTS LEARN HOW TO RECOGNIZE KINDNESS AND ACT KINDLY TOWARD OTHERS, AND HOW TO DEVELOP EMPATHY BY LEARNING STRATEGIES TO TAKE OTHERS' PERSPECTIVES. FOR MORE INFORMATION AND HOW TO FURTHER ENCOURAGE LEARNING AT HOME PLEASE CLICK YOUR CHILD'S GRADE LEVEL BELOW!



KINDER: [CLICK HERE](#)

FIRST: [CLICK HERE](#)

SECOND: [CLICK HERE](#)

THIRD: [CLICK HERE](#)

FOURTH: [CLICK HERE](#)

FIFTH : [CLICK HERE](#)





# READ ACROSS AMERICA

DURING MARCH 2ND-6TH WE'LL BE CELEBRATING READ ACROSS AMERICA, A NATIONWIDE EVENT THAT PROMOTES THE JOY OF READING AND THE IMPORTANCE OF LITERACY FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES. READING CAN BE A WONDERFUL WAY FOR CHILDREN TO BUILD THEIR CONFIDENCE, EXPAND THEIR IMAGINATION, AND DEVELOP EMPATHY FOR OTHERS. YOU CAN SUPPORT THIS AT HOME BY SETTING ASIDE FAMILY READING TIME, VISITING THE LIBRARY TOGETHER, OR LETTING YOUR CHILD SHARE THEIR FAVORITE BOOK WITH YOU. LET'S MAKE READING AN ADVENTURE THAT LASTS A LIFETIME!



March is Women's History Month, a time to honor the amazing contributions of women throughout history and celebrate the strong, inspiring women in our lives. At school, we'll be exploring stories of courage, leadership, and resilience from women past and present. This is a great opportunity to have conversations at home about role models, both historical and personal. Ask your child about the women who inspire them and share your own stories of women who've made a difference in your life. Together, let's empower our students to appreciate the achievements of women and strive to make their own positive impact on the world!