



# Monte Vista Elementary

# MONTE MEMO

Learners Today, are Leaders Tomorrow

Pamela Picchiotino, Principal  
Michael Benecchi, Assistant Principal



## DECEMBER 2024

### IMPORTANT DATES

**DECEMBER 4TH**

EARLY OUT

**DECEMBER 9-13TH**

BOOK FAIR

**DECEMBER 11TH**

EARLY OUT

**DECEMBER 12TH**

SCHOOL SPELLING BEE

**DECEMBER 13TH**

HOT COCOA WITH SANTA

**DECEMBER 16-20TH**

HOLIDAY SHOP

**DECEMBER 17TH**

AAPAC

**DECEMBER 18TH**

REGULAR SCHEDULE

**DECEMBER 19TH**

TK-PARADE

**DECEMBER 20TH-**

KINDER WINTER PERFORMANCE

EARLY OUT SCHEDULE

**DECEMBER 23-JANUARY 13TH**

WINTER BREAK

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Greetings Mountain Lion Families,  
As we enter into December, we are gearing up for busy weeks to come. December is a time for reflection and celebration. We look back on the accomplishments and growth of our students, and we look forward to the festive activities and events celebrating the season. From holiday performances to classroom celebrations, there are many opportunities for us to come together. Many of our classes will be doing special performances and projects that support the holiday season. Please look for information coming home with your child about upcoming classroom holiday events. I can't wait to see you all at our PTA Hot Cocoa with Santa on Friday, December 13th! Hope you all have a wonderful December!

Kind Regards,

Mrs. Picchiotino & Mr. Benecchi



### IMPORTANT LINKS

[School Website](#)

[Menus](#)

[Counselor's Corner](#)

# DECEMBER 2024



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
<b>2</b> Meet and Eat 7:15am Spanish 2:45p-3:30p Minecraft 7:45a-8:15a Minecraft 2:45p-3:30p	<b>3</b> Meet and Eat 7:15am PTA GA MEETING 3P EGAMES 2:50P-3:50P MONTE MILES 7:15A-8:15A FLAG FOOTBALL TK-2ND 2:45P-5PM	<b>4</b> Meet and Eat 7:15am Spanish 1:50p-2:35p Monte Miles 7:15a-8:15a <b>Early Out</b>	<b>5</b> Meet and Eat 7:15am Military, College and Career Wear Flag Football 3rd-5th 2:45p-5pm EGAMES 2:50P-3:50P	<b>6</b> Meet and Eat 7:15am Monte Miles 7:15a-8:15a Adventures in Bookland 2:45p-3:30p
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<b>16</b> Meet and Eat 7:15am Spanish 2:45p-3:30p United Champions 2:45p-3:45p Minecraft 7:45a-8:15a Minecraft 2:45p-3:30p	<b>17</b> Meet and Eat 7:15am MONTE MILES 7:15A-8:15A FLAG FOOTBALL TK-2ND 2:45P-5PM (LAST DAY) AAPAC	<b>18</b> Meet and Eat 7:15am Spanish 2:45P-3:30P (LAST DAY) <b>Regular Day</b>	<b>19</b> Meet and Eat 7:15am <b>TK PARADE</b> Military, College and Career Wear Flag Football 3rd-5th 2:45p-5pm (LAST DAY)	<b>20</b> Meet and Eat 7:15am Monte Miles 7:15a-8:15a Adventures in Bookland 2:45p-3:30p <b>Kinder Winter Performance</b> <b>Early Out</b>
<div>← <b>Holiday Shop</b> →</div>				
<b>23</b> 	<b>24</b> 	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b> 
<b>30</b> 	<b>31</b>	<b>*all dates and times are subject to change*</b> HAVE A WONDERFUL AND SAFE WINTER BREAK! WE WILL SEE YOU BACK AT SCHOOL TUESDAY, JANUARY 14TH!		



# DECEMBER

**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
2 Blueberry Muffin	3 Cinnamon Roll	4 Breakfast Sausage Pizza	5 Mini Maple Pancakes	6 Biscuit & Sausage Patty
9 Chocolate Muffin	10 Cinnamon Snack'n Waffle	11 French Toast Sticks	12 Bagel w/cream cheese	13 Pancake Sausage Sandwich
16 Blueberry Muffin	17 Cinnamon Roll	18 Breakfast Sausage Pizza	19 Mini Maple Pancakes	20 Biscuit & Sausage Patty
23 Winter Break No School	24	25 Merry Christmas	26	27
30 	31			Offered Daily *Cereal *Breakfast Bar

# DECEMBER

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

**Salad Bar Entree**

**Includes choice of Protein & Grain**

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Cheesy Bread Bites w/marinara	3 Beef & Cheese Taco Stick	4 French Toast Sticks w/chicken sausage patty	5 Orange Chicken w/ Brown Rice	6 Galaxy Cheese Pizza *Cookie Day 
9 Mozzarella Cheese Sticks	10 Corn Dog	11 Chicken Nuggets	12 Meatballs w/marinara & Texas Toast	13 Hamburger
16 Cheese Pizza Crunchers	17 Cheesy Garlic Toast	18 Holiday Chicken Nuggets  *Rosati Icee	19 Chicken Tamales	20 Beefy Nachos  *Cookie Day
23 Winter Break No School	24	25 Merry Christmas	26	27
30	31	Menu subject to change without notice.	Offered Daily *PB&J Uncrustable *Turkey & Cheese Sub Sandwich *Turkey Sub Sandwich	Lunch Includes Unlimited Daily Salad Bar, String Cheese Goldfish Crackers, 100% Fruit Juice & 1% White Milk or Non-Fat Chocolate Milk

This Institution is an equal opportunity provider.



# MONTE'S MINDBENDER



DECEMBER 2024

## Christmas Scrambles Puzzle Sheet

Unscramble the letters on top of each set of boxes to form a new Christmas-related word. Then, unscramble the bonus letters (those in circles) to discover the bonus solution.

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The Bonus Solution is:

courtesy of <http://www.merrygames.com>

## NATIONAL DAYS:

DEC. 4TH

National Sock Day

DEC. 7TH

Pearl Harbor  
Remembrance Day

DEC. 9TH

Christmas Card Day

DEC. 12TH

Gingerbread House Day

DEC 18TH

National Twin Day

DEC. 25TH

Christmas Day  
Hanukkah

DEC. 26TH

Kwanzaa

THE FIRST TEN STUDENTS TO TELL MS.  
ANDI AT THE FRONT OFFICE THE  
ANSWER TO THE RIDDLE WIN A PRIZE!



THE ANSWER TO NOVEMBER'S  
MONTE'S MINDBENDER  
WAS:

"COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS"



## DID YOU KNOW?

THE LARGEST SNOWMAN EVER  
BUILT WAS 122FT TALL!  
THAT'S 2 TIMES AS TALL AS THE  
CASTLE AT DISNEYLAND!





Drop off in the front office



MilVet™

Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>

Monte Vista is collecting toys for  
**HOLIDAYS FOR HEROES**



**TOY DRIVE**

*For Military & Veteran Families*



Shop for or Adopt a Military/Veteran family this holiday season  
[www.milvet.org/santa](http://www.milvet.org/santa)



Toys can be dropped off at the following locations (New, unwrapped):

MilVet (Tuesdays), Wildomar Library, Which Wich Murrieta

Visit [www.milvet.org/santa](http://www.milvet.org/santa) for a complete list of drop off locations



Gifts will be distributed at a special event for military families on 12/15/24

Toys - Photos - Food - Hot Cocoa - Resources - Crafts - Raffles - Family Fun - Tony Merlo Sax



**KATE SANCHEZ**  
71ST ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

**SENATOR KELLY SEYARTO**  
32<sup>nd</sup> DISTRICT



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MONTE VISTA ELEMENTARY'S

# Book Fair

12/9-12/13

ASK TEACHERS  
FOR THEIR BOOK  
WISH LISTS!

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO  
OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY!

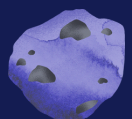
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MONTE VISTA'S ONLINE BOOK FAIR

THE BOOK FAIR WILL BE  
OPEN DURING HOT COCOA  
WITH SANTA!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP  
STUDENTS SHOP! [CLICK HERE TO  
VOLUNTEER.](#)





HOSTED BY THE MVES PTA

# HOT COCOA

WITH

# SANTA



**13**  
DEC

**5-7**  
PM



**TICKETS INCLUDE HOT  
COCOA, COOKIES AND  
PHOTO W/SANTA**

**THE BOOK FAIR WILL BE OPEN**

**MVES MPR**

**FREE EVENT**

**SIGN UP 12/3-12/8 AT [MVES.FUTUREFUND.COM](https://mvess.futurefund.com)**







*Holiday*

SHOP

DEC 16-20

**Students can shop for  
their family and  
friends with the help  
of volunteers,**

**CLICK HERE TO  
VOLUNTEER**



MONTE VISTA  
AFRICAN AMERICAN PARENT  
ADVISORY COUNCIL

# MEET AND GREET

COME CREATE AN ORNAMENT TO CELEBRATE  
THE SEASON!



DECEMBER

17

HOPE YOUR HOLIDAYS  
IS FILLED WITH JOY  
AND PROSPERITY.



37420 VIA MIRA MOSA  
MURRIETA, CA. 92563

Food will be provided  
please click this [Link](#) to RSVP.  
For information please contact:  
Mrs. Green at [tgreen@murrieta.k12.ca.us](mailto:tgreen@murrieta.k12.ca.us) or  
Mrs. Lucas at [tlucas@murrieta.k12.ca.us](mailto:tlucas@murrieta.k12.ca.us)

# COUNSELOR CONNECTION

DECEMBER 2024

Monte Vista Elementary School  
Mrs. Green, School Counselor  
tlgreen@murrieta.k12.ca.us

## Support & Links

Community Resources  
[Click Here](#)

Care Solace: Mental  
Health Concierge  
[Click here](#)



Happy holidays! Wishing  
all of our students and  
families a fun and relaxing  
break.

We look forward to seeing  
you in the new year!

*Sweater  
weather*

As we approach the end of the year, we want to celebrate the  
diverse holidays that our school community observes. Here are  
some of the special holidays during this season:

### **Christmas - December 25**

Christmas is celebrated by Christians around the world to honor  
the birth of Jesus Christ. Traditions include decorating Christmas  
trees, exchanging gifts, and sharing meals with loved ones.

### **Hanukkah - December 25**

Hanukkah, also known as the Festival of Lights, is an eight-day  
Jewish holiday. It commemorates the rededication of the Second  
Temple in Jerusalem. Families light a menorah, play games like  
dreidel, and enjoy foods like latkes (potato pancakes).

### **Kwanzaa - December 26 - January 1**

Kwanzaa is a celebration of African-American culture and  
heritage. It lasts for seven days, each dedicated to one of the  
seven principles. Families light a kinara (candle holder) and enjoy  
music, dance, and storytelling.

### **Las Posadas December 16 - 24**

Las Posadas is a nine-day celebration observed in Mexico and  
some Latin American countries. It reenacts Mary and Joseph's  
search for shelter before the birth of Jesus. Each night, families  
participate in processions, sing carols, and enjoy festive foods



# SEL Focus: Peer Relations

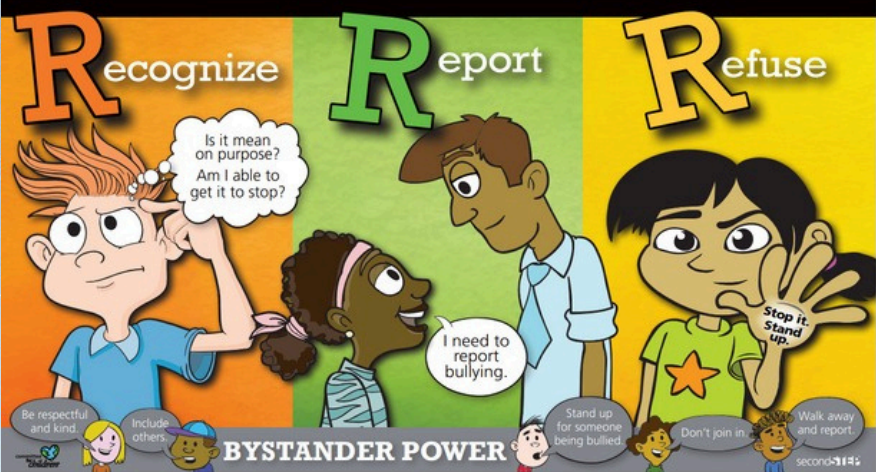
School Counseling Lessons will focus on peer relations. Lesson will discuss sharing, trading, and taking turns to promote fairness and mutual enjoyment. Students will learn how to apply problem-solving skills to scenarios that involve playground or peer conflict. Upper grades will learn how to recognize and report bullying and the power of being positive bystanders for peers.

## Solve Problems with STEP

**S**ay the problem  
**T**hink of solutions  
**E**xplore the outcomes  
**P**ick a solution



## HELP STOP BULLYING



## winter break BINGO

HOW MANY ITEMS CAN YOU COMPLETE THIS WINTER BREAK?



## winter break

I SPY WINTER

