



# Vista del Sur Accelerated Academy

NOVEMBER 2017

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

November 1  
Half Day, Release at 12:00 p.m.

November 10  
Veteran's Day, NO SCHOOL

November 15  
Half Day, Release at 12:00 p.m.

November 16  
Governing Board, 5:30 p.m.,  
Laveen Education Center

November 17  
Fall Carnival, 5:30-8:30 p.m.  
Penny Drive ends

November 21  
Site Council, 5:30 p.m., Library  
PTO Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Library

November 23-24  
Thanksgiving, NO SCHOOL

## Principal's Note

Congratulations to our Vista Boys Basketball team and our Co-Ed Softball team for an amazing season! A big thank you to all of the Vista families that participated in the Walk to School event on Friday, October 27, 2017. Remember, one of our Walking School Bus groups, walks the same route every day as the one taken for the event, before and after school! If you would like more information about the Walking School Bus, ask your child's teacher or contact Jacque Alvarado at [Vistadelsurwsb@gmail.com](mailto:Vistadelsurwsb@gmail.com).

The Annual Fall Carnival is Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Don't forget to purchase your wrist bands for \$10.00 each before the event. The night of the event the price will increase to \$15. The wrist band gives you access to games and fun activities. This year there will be food trucks, an amazing raffle, inflatable bounce houses, an obstacle course, a dunk tank and so much more! We hope to see you all there.

PTO and Site Council  
Meetings are an EXCELLENT  
way to earn volunteer  
hours!

November 21  
Site Council, 5:30 p.m., Library  
PTO Meeting, 6:00 p.m.,  
Library



# What's Happening in Specials?

## Art

Jr. High is finishing their Traditional Style Japanese Paintings. 6th grade is working on their Aztec Sunstone Drawings, 5-3rd is finishing up Painting, and K-2 are doing Fall Themed paintings and activities.

## Band

Band is busy preparing for our upcoming concerts. The 5-8th grade band concert is Tuesday, December 5 from 6-7:30 pm. Please remember to purchase band concert clothes (white top, black bottoms- no shorts). The 7-8th grade band will also be performing at the Winter Festival on December 8 at the Laveen Education Center. Time-TBA. Students are in the midst of preparing for honor band festivals. Results should arrive in November. Please make your tax credit donation to the band program at Vista so we can send our kids to honor band festivals! See Mrs. Wolfe for more details!

## Music

This year in music is very diverse for each grade level. Students in music kinder through first grade have been focusing on high and low pitches and keeping a steady beat. We sing songs and play instruments to help us remember key vocabulary and music skills. Second and third grade have been focusing on improvisation. We have been learning all about three different types of improve and implementing them with dance, rhythm instruments, and pitched percussion like the xylophones. Fourth and Fifth grade students have been diving into recorders and are now working on passing off their second song to earn their yellow belts in recorder karate. 6<sup>th</sup> grade has been learning about Form and Analysis in music. They recently composed their first ostinatos to go with their ternary form! 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade are closing out the quarter with a unit on Broadway! Students have learned all about modern day musical theater and are going to learn a choreographed song and dance along with scenes from some of their favorite musicals like Mary Poppins, Hamilton, and Little Shop of Horrors.

## P.E.

The students will be fitness testing in physical education this quarter. Hockey and Badminton will be the focus for upper grades.

Primary grades will be working on low level group games, motor skills, teamwork, and being kind to one another.



# Laveen

Elementary School District



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**VISTA DEL SUR**

**ACCELERATED ACADEMY**

# October Volunteer Update

Our goal is to have 100% of Vista Families complete their 7 hour commitment. We encourage you take advantage of our volunteer opportunities that are coming up: Fall Carnival, Walking School Bus, Site Council, and PTO meetings, and more to come.

Also, please contact your student's teacher to see if he or she may have any volunteer opportunities.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please contact Espy Canales by email at [ecanales@laveeneld.org](mailto:ecanales@laveeneld.org) or by calling (602)237-3046 ext 3310.

As always, thank you for supporting our Vista Tigers.

*Research has shown that people who volunteer live longer. - Allen Klein*

## Walking School Bus



The Walking School Bus is just what it sounds like - a safe method of transportation that encourages health and fitness among students, providing additional physical activity in a safe, fun environment.

The orange route meets at the roundabout at Euclid and 41st Glen in the morning at 7:25 AM and returns to the same roundabout at approximately 3:20 PM. The blue route meets at the cow statues inside of Cesar Chavez Park and follows the same times as the orange route. From there, students will walk, along with staff and volunteers to school with enough time to eat breakfast and play with their

friends before school begins. In the afternoons, staff and volunteers will again walk with students along the same route, back to the designated spot for pick up. Students are welcome to register for as many days as they would like. The Walking School Bus is designed to offer students additional daily physical activity, while helping to alleviate traffic around campus, promoting safety and health for everyone.

# Fall Carnival Volunteers Needed

Hello Vista families!

The Vista del Sur Fall Carnival is scheduled for Friday, November 17, 2017 from 5:30PM - 8:30PM. We are in need of volunteers to assist with the Fall Carnival. Please help by signing up. The time you volunteer at the Fall Carnival can be included in your volunteer hours for the 2017-18 school year.

We're using Signup.com to organize our volunteers.

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1) Click this link to see our Sign-Up on Signup.com: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2088389/false#/invitation>
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password.

Note: Signup.com does not share your email address with anyone.

Thank you,  
The Vista del Sur Dad's Club

## Gifted Education

Fall gifted testing is underway. Letters regarding test scores will be sent out in mid-December 2017. If you would like a student to be tested, they may test during the Spring testing window, if they have not already tested this school year. Referral forms are due by January 23, 2018.

The October sixth grade gifted field trip related to our theme of "Discovering My Place on the Map: Developing Geo Literacy," toured the Heard Museum. A docent explained the Native Americans of the Southwest and the students and chaperones toured the Boarding School and the Around the World Exhibits. Many students were fascinated by earrings made with squirrel tails and beetle-wings. What an informative experience!

Gifted seventh and eighth grade students will have an opportunity to view the ASU campus during November scholarship field trips to the ASU Business and Geography colleges where they will learn about how this year's geography theme translates into college degrees.

November Gifted Enrichment Family Night Event:

**Date: Monday, November 27th**

**Time: 6:30 p.m.**

**Location: Laveen Elementary School, [4141 W. McNeil Street](#)**

Childsplay will present the play, "Tomas and the Library Lady"

The semi-annual Parent Pad meeting will take place prior to the play. What a great evening out!