



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

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

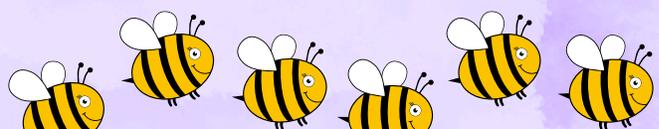
**Crafts
Inflatables
Food Trucks**

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.

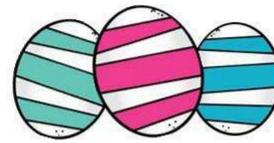
- MVUSD Student Performances**
- Community Resources & Partners**
- On-Site Registration Support for Full and Part Day Programs**



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 EARLY OUT	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 EARLY OUT 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 EARLY OUT	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 EARLY OUT	ALL DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WELCOME BACK MOUNTAIN LIONS! 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.

library
month

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 BLue!





MURRIETA VALLEY
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



MilVet™

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  www.milvet.org

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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

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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 No School	2 No School	3 No School	4 No School
7 Mantecada	8 Cinnamon Roll	9 Breakfast Sausage Pizza	10 Biscuit & Sausage Patty	11 Mini Maple Pancakes
14 Chocolate Muffin	15 Cinnamon Snack'n Waffle	16 French Toast Sticks	17 Bagel w/cream cheese	18 Scrambled Eggs & Potatoes O'brien
21 Mantecada	22 Cinnamon Roll	23 Breakfast Sausage Pizza	24 Mini Maple Pancakes	25 Biscuit & Sausage Patty
28 Chocolate Muffin	29 Cinnamon Snack'n Waffle	30 French Toast Sticks		Offered Daily *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 No School	2 No School	3 No School	4 No School
7 Cheese Pizza Crunchers	8 Beefy Nachos	9 Chicken Drumstick w/ Texas Toast	10 Teriyaki Chicken Bowl	11 Cheesy Garlic Toast *Cookie Day 
14 Cheesy Bread Bites w/ Marinara	15 Cheeseburger Sliders & Potato Smiles	16 Chicken Nuggets	17 Rotini w/meat sauce & Texas Toast	18 Mozzarella Cheese Sticks *Rosati Icee
21 Mac & Cheese	22 Cheesy Chicken Burrito	23 French Toast Sticks w/ Chicken Sausage Patty	24 Orange Chicken w/ Brown Rice	25 Galaxy Cheese Pizza *Cookie Day 
28 Mozzarella Cheese Sticks	29 Corn Dog	30 Chicken Nuggets	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

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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



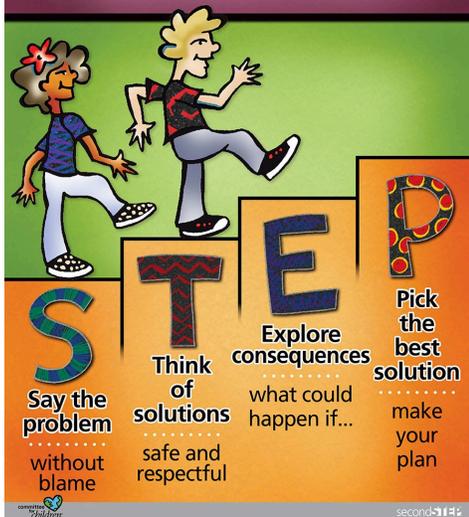
April is the Month of the Military Child, a time to recognize and honor the resilience, strength, and sacrifices of children in military families. Established in 1986 by former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, this month highlights the important role military children play in the armed forces community.

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 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.

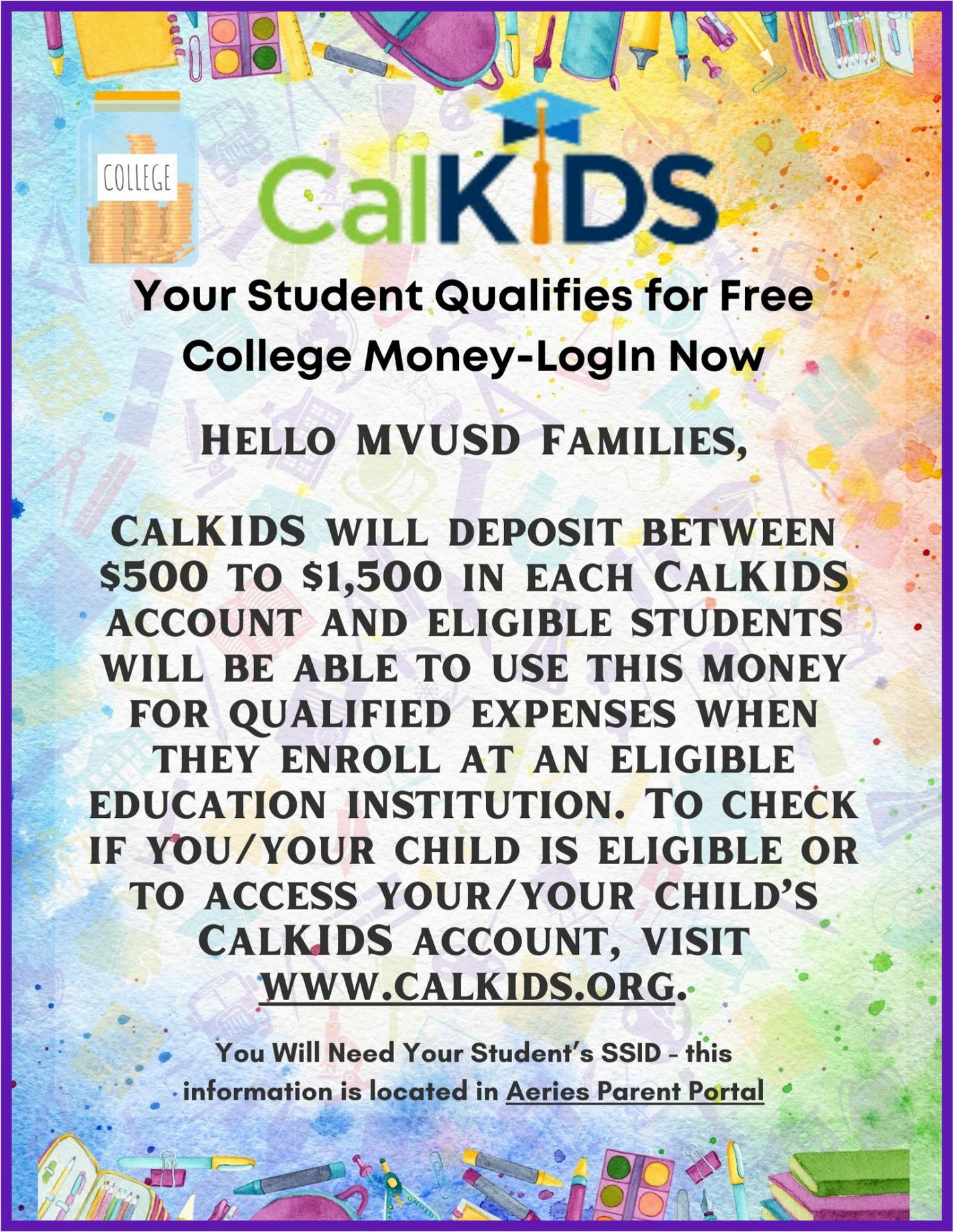


Ways to Teach Financial Literacy at Home

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.

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!



COLLEGE

CalkIDS

**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.**

**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!

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Answer fun Memory Questions to help remember the year.

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