



MAY 2025

Monte Vista Elementary

MONTE MEMO

Learners Today, are Leaders Tomorrow

Pamela Picchiotino, Principal
Michael Benecchi, Assistant Principal



Dear Mountain Lion Families,

We are officially in the last five weeks of school. How this year has flown by! In the next few weeks, we have a ton of fun celebratory activities occurring. Please check your child's backpack or teacher Canvas page regularly to get updates on special events for the end of the year. We would not want anyone to miss any end of year activities this month.

I continue to feel blessed by the community support our students and staff are receiving. Together we will support our students to persevere through the next five weeks. Along with all the fun activities we still have important work to do. Attendance for the rest of the year is very important. Please continue to support a scheduled morning and evening routine so students get plenty of sleep and are ready to learn. Let us finish this school year strong! Be sure that your children get to school on time every day, so they do not miss a thing! Thank you for all your support!

Mrs. Picchiotino & Mr. Benecchi



Thank you to the Hesel family for their gently used book donations to the library.

MEMORIAL DAY

No school
Monday, May 26th

IMPORTANT LINKS

[School Website](#)

[Menus](#)

[Counselor's Corner](#)

Monte Vista Elementary School

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

MAY 5 - MAY 9

MONDAY

Bring a sweet treat for your favorite staff member

TUESDAY

Bring a flower: It can be a drawing, a hand made flower or a real flower/plant

WEDNESDAY

Write a note. Tell them one thing you like most about them

THURSDAY

Wear their favorite color

FRIDAY

Make something creative for your teacher or favorite staff

The ideas above are all optional. If you would like to show your appreciation to teachers and staff in different ways, Please feel free!

MONTE VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE!

GRADES 1-5

Thursday, May 15th

6:00pm-7:00pm

Come and see all the great things your student has accomplished this year!

5th grade end of year Activities

May 15	Open House 6-7 pm
May 26	No School - Memorial Day
May 30	5th Grade Shout Out at Friday Flag
June 2	Track & Field Day 9am-11am
June 3	Bowling Field Trip 9:45a-12:30 at Temecula Lanes
June 4	Nature Hike 9am-10:30am No Early Out
June 5	Farewell 5th, Aloha 6th! Celebratory BBQ and Field Day
June 6	Last Day of School Early Out!

REMINDERS

- **Early Out Days:** May 7th, 14th and 21st and 28th are all EARLY OUT DAYS.
- **Book Fair:** Our book fair will be open May 13th-19th, including during Open House. Students can shop at Book Fair during scheduled Library days per classroom, during their snack recess and after school with an adult.
- **Open House:** May 15th 6:00p-7:00p in your students classroom
- **Library News:** Last day to turn in books will be May 20th!
- **Lost and Found:** Items that are not claimed from our Lost and Found will be donated after May 19th. Please check to see if your students items are there, we have many jackets/sweaters, lunchboxes, umbrellas and other items our students have left out throughout the semester.
- **NO SCHOOL: MONDAY, MAY 26TH, MEMORIAL DAY.**
- **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL- June 6th**
- **Report Cards:** Grades will be available after 3pm on 6/6



MAY

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

Breakfast Includes

- Assorted Fresh Fruit
- Yogurt
- Fruit Juice

1% White Milk or Non-Fat Chocolate Milk

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Offered Daily Cereal Breakfast Bar			1 Bagel w/cream cheese	2 Scrambled Eggs & Potatoes O'brien
5 Pan Dulce 	6 Cinnamon Roll	7 Breakfast Sausage Pizza	8 Mini Maple Pancakes	9 Biscuit & Sausage Patty
12 Chocolate Muffin	13 Cinnamon Snack'n Waffle	14 French Toast Sticks	15 Bagel w/cream cheese	16 Scrambled Eggs & Potatoes O'brien
19 Mantecada	20 Cinnamon Roll	21 Breakfast Sausage Pizza	22 Mini Maple Pancakes	23 Biscuit & Sausage Patty
26 No School 	27 Cinnamon Snack'n Waffle	28 French Toast Sticks	29 Bagel w/cream cheese	30 Scrambled Eggs & Potatoes O'brien

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Menu subject to change without notice.

MAY

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
<u>Lunch Includes</u> Unlimited Daily Salad Bar String Cheese Goldfish Crackers 100% Fruit Juice & 1% White Milk or Non-Fat Chocolate Milk	<u>Offered Daily</u> *PB&J Snack Pack *Turkey & Cheese Sub Sandwich *Turkey Sub Sandwich		1 Meatballs w/ marinara & Texas Toast	2 Hamburger
5 Chicken Tamale *Shortbread Cookie	6 Cheesy Garlic Toast	7 Chicken Drumsticks w/ Texas Toast	8 Teriyaki Chicken Bowl	9 Beefy Nachos *Cookie Day
12 Cheesy Bread Bites w/ Marinara	13 Cheeseburger Sliders w/ Potato Smiles	14 Chicken Nuggets	15 Rotini w/ meat sauce & Texas Toast	16 Chefs Choice 
19 Mac & Cheese	20 Cheesy Chicken Burrito	21 French Toast Sticks w/ chicken sausage patty	22 Orange Chicken w/ brown rice	23 Chefs Choice *Cookie Day 
26  NO SCHOOL	27 Corn Dog	28 Chicken Nuggets	29 Meatballs w/ marinara & Texas Toast	30 Chefs Choice 

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
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ALL DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
 EVERY TUESDAY THE RUSH COFFEE TRUCK IS HERE
 7:45AM-9AM
 EVERY THURSDAY IS COLLEGE, CAREER AND MILITARY
 SPIRIT WEAR
 5/5-5/9 IS TEACHER AND STAFF APPRECIATION
 WEEK!
 5/13-5/19 BOOK FAIR!

5 Meet and Eat 7:15am Curtis Karate 2:50-3:35pm	6 Meet and Eat 7:15am GOLF TK-2ND 2:45PM-5PM	7 Meet and Eat 7:15am EARLY OUT! Curtis Karate 1:55-2:40	8 Meet and Eat 7:15am GOLF 3RD-5TH 2:45P-5PM	9 Meet and Eat 7:15am
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TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK!

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26 NO SCHOOL 	27 Meet and Eat 7:15am	28 Meet and Eat 7:15am EARLY OUT!	29 Meet and Eat 7:15am	30 Meet and Eat 7:15am 5TH GRADE SHOUT OUT DURING FRIDAY FLAG
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BOOK FAIR

MAY 13-19

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO OUR
SCHOOL LIBRARY!**

THE BOOK FAIR WILL
BE OPEN DURING
OPEN HOUSE ON 5/15
AND AFTER SCHOOL
ON 5/14 AND 5/19
UNTIL 3PM.

**ASK TEACHERS
FOR THEIR BOOK
WISH LISTS**

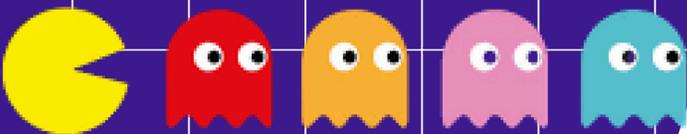
**VOLUNTEER
TODAY**

We need adult
volunteers to help
our students shop!

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

SHOP ONLINE AT:

[HTTPS://LITERATI.COM/STORE/?
SCHOOL=MONTE-VISTA-ELEMENTARY-
SCHOOL-MURRIETA-CA](https://literati.com/store/?school=monte-vista-elementary-school-murrieta-ca)



MONTE'S MINDBENDER

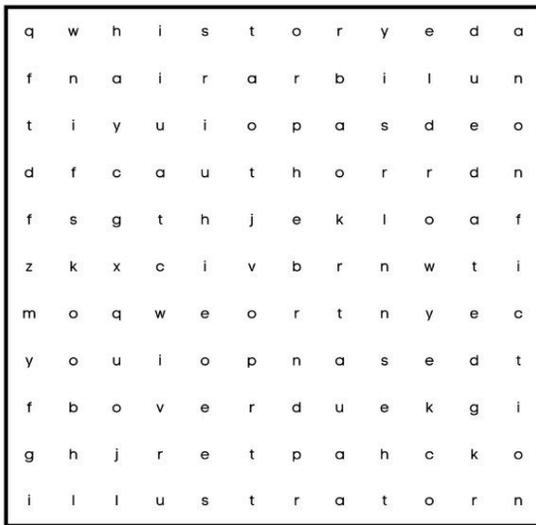


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LIBRARY WORD SEARCH

Circle words in the puzzle below



author	due date	history	librarian
books	fiction	illustrator	nonfiction
chapter	genre	keyword	overdue

NATIONAL DAYS:

MAY 1

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National Principal's Day

MAY 2ND

School Lunch Hero Day

MAY 7TH

School Nurse Day

MAY 11TH

Mother's Day

MAY 15TH

National Chocolate Chip Day

MAY 31ST

National Smile Day



IT'S TIME FOR BOOK FAIR!
MAY 13TH-19TH

LAST MONTH'S ANSWERS WAS:
APRIL SHOWERS BRING
MAY FLOWERS



DID YOU KNOW?

THE KENTUCKY DERBY IS REFERRED TO AS "THE RUN FOR THE ROSES" DUE TO THE GARLAND OF 554 RED ROSES DRAPED OVER THE WINNER!



Counseling Connection



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Support & Links

Community Resources



Care Solace
[Click Here](#)

May is...

Mental Health Awareness Month

During May, there is a national movement to bring awareness to mental health. Together, we can fight the stigma, provide support to advocate for better mental health. Click on links below for additional resources:

[Mental Health Awareness Library](#)

[Mental Health Resources](#)



Celebrate the rich culture and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in our history. From the stories of fierce leadership, to the food, athletes, and powerful scientists, this is a great opportunity to learn more about what an important role many AAPI play in our history. Click on the Month Daily Library and the virtual library to the left to learn more!

Virtual Libraries

[AAPI Virtual Library](#)

[AAPI Heritage Month Daily Library](#)





MEMORIAL DAY



Memorial Day is a solemn day of remembrance, honoring all the men and women who have died in service to the United States armed forces. The holiday traces its roots back to May 30, 1868, when it was first observed as Decoration Day, following the Civil War, as a time to pay tribute to fallen soldiers. In 1971, Memorial Day was officially declared a federal holiday, now observed annually on the last Monday in May. This year, Memorial Day will be observed on Monday, May 26, 2025.

The day is also recognized by many as Poppy Day, a tradition observed in several countries around the world. In the United States, The American Legion introduced National Poppy Day®, encouraging Americans to wear a red poppy on the Friday before Memorial Day. The red poppy serves as a powerful symbol—honoring those who gave their lives and showing support for veterans and active-duty service members.

Link To Make a Poppy:

[CLICK HERE](#)



SEE WHAT ALL
THE BUZZ
IS ABOUT



Digital
Citizenship

With Spring upon us and Summer approaching quickly, it's time for a technology tune-up!

- Are your parental controls up to date?
- Do you have healthy time limits set?
- Has your child learned how to be a Digital Citizen?
- Do you know which games and movies are age appropriate?

All of these and much more are available on Common Sense Media. (click on picture)

Then click on "Parents Need to Know"



Age-Based Media Reviews for Families
Common Sense Media is the leading source of entertainment and technology recommendations for families. Parents trust our expert reviews and algorithm advice.
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LINK



FINANCIAL LITERACY Initiative
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It is never too early to teach the value of being a good steward of money. Teaching children from a young age financial language and the importance of managing money wisely, increases their financial stability and success in the future. Check out the links below.

[U.S. Mint Coin Classroom](#)