



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



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](#)

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DECEMBER 2024



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
<p>2</p> <p>Meet and Eat 7:15am</p> <p>Spanish 2:45p-3:30p</p> <p>Minecraft 7:45a-8:15a</p> <p>Minecraft 2:45p-3:30p</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Meet and Eat 7:15am</p> <p>PTA GA MEETING 3P</p> <p>EGAMES 2:50P-3:50P</p> <p>MONTE MILES 7:15A-8:15A</p> <p>FLAG FOOTBALL TK-2ND 2:45P-5PM</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Meet and Eat 7:15am</p> <p>Spanish 1:50p-2:35p</p> <p>Monte Miles 7:15a-8:15a</p> <p>Early Out</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Meet and Eat 7:15am</p> <p>Military, College and Career Wear</p> <p>Flag Football 3rd-5th 2:45p-5pm</p> <p>EGAMES 2:50P-3:50P</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Meet and Eat 7:15am</p> <p>Monte Miles 7:15a-8:15a</p> <p>Adventures in Bookland 2:45p-3:30p</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Meet and Eat 7:15am</p> <p>Spanish 2:45p-3:30</p> <p>Minecraft 7:45a-8:15a</p> <p>Minecraft 2:45p-3:30p</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>Meet and Eat 7:15am</p> <p>EGAMES 2:50P-3:50P</p> <p>MONTE MILES 7:15A-8:15A</p> <p>FLAG FOOTBALL TK-2ND 2:45P-5PM</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Meet and Eat 7:15am</p> <p>Spanish 1:50p-2:35p</p> <p>Monte Miles 7:15a-8:15a</p> <p>Early Out</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Meet and Eat 7:15am</p> <p>Military, College and Career Wear</p> <p>Monte Miles 7:15a-8:15a</p> <p>School Spelling Bee</p> <p>Flag Football 3rd-5th 2:45p-5pm</p> <p>EGAMES 250P-3:50P (LAST DAY)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Meet and Eat 7:15am</p> <p>Monte Miles 7:15a-8:15a</p> <p>Adventures in Bookland 2:45p-3:30p</p> <p>Hot Cocoa with Santa 5pm</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Meet and Eat 7:15am</p> <p>Spanish 2:45p-3:30p</p> <p>United Champions 2:45p-3:45p</p> <p>Minecraft 7:45a-8:15a</p> <p>Minecraft 2:45p-3:30p</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Meet and Eat 7:15am</p> <p>MONTE MILES 7:15A-8:15A</p> <p>FLAG FOOTBALL TK-2ND 2:45P-5PM (LAST DAY)</p> <p>AAPAC</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Meet and Eat 7:15am</p> <p>Spanish 2:45P-3:30P (LAST DAY)</p> <p>Regular Day</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Meet and Eat 7:15am</p> <p>TK PARADE</p> <p>Military, College and Career Wear</p> <p>Flag Football 3rd-5th 2:45p-5pm (LAST DAY)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Meet and Eat 7:15am</p> <p>Monte Miles 7:15a-8:15a</p> <p>Adventures in Bookland 2:45p-3:30p</p> <p>Kinder Winter Performance</p> <p>Early Out</p>
<p>← Holiday Shop →</p>				
<p>23</p> 	<p>24</p> 	<p>25</p>  	<p>26</p> 	<p>27</p>
<p>30</p> 	<p>31</p>	<p>*all dates and times are subject to change*</p> <p>HAVE A WONDERFUL AND SAFE WINTER BREAK!</p> <p>WE WILL SEE YOU BACK AT SCHOOL TUESDAY, JANUARY 14TH!</p>		

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

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.

G I C T K O N S	=	<input type="text"/>
C A R P I F L E E	=	<input type="text"/>
Y I M N E C H	=	<input type="text"/>
S T E E M O L I T	=	<input type="text"/>
N A R S T O M E N	=	<input type="text"/>
S N E T L I	=	<input type="text"/>
H I G L E S	=	<input type="text"/>
N E S T S P E R	=	<input type="text"/>
L I N T K E W	=	<input type="text"/>

bonus letters

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. 18th - Dec. 9th

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



Toys can be dropped off at the following locations (New, unwrapped):
MilVet (Tuesdays), Wildomar Library, Which Wich Murrieta
Visit 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
32nd DISTRICT



MONTE VISTA ELEMENTARY'S

Book Fair

12/9-12/13

ASK TEACHERS
FOR THEIR BOOK
WISH LISTS!

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO
OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY!

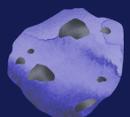
CLICK HERE TO VISIT



[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

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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 or
Mrs. Lucas at 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

