

February 2018

Vista Views

Alta Vista Newsletter

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Principal's Desk

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Calendar

January 31-February 3:	Drama Club Play: My Son Pinocchio
February 7:	Global Play Day
February 9:	Family Dance
February 12-16:	Safe Routes 2 School: Carpooling Week
February 13:	AVHSC Meeting
February 14-16:	2 nd Grade Penguin Days
February 19-23:	Presidents' Week – No School
February 27:	1 st Grade Music Concert
March 1:	2 nd Grade Music Concert
March 2:	Read Across America Day
March 2:	Spring Picture Day
March 3:	AVHSC Spring Auction

Registration for New Students (grades TK-8) is Open

New student registration (for any grade level TK – 8th) for the 2018-19 school year is open. To be eligible for Kindergarten in the fall, a child's 5th birthday must be on or before September 1, 2018. If a child's 5th birthday is between September 2 and December 2, 2018, s/he is eligible to attend Transitional Kindergarten during the 2018-19 school year.



Parent Survey

The Alta Vista Parent Survey is open now through February 14. Please take 5-10 minutes to fill out the survey. It will help understand what we are doing well and what areas need more focus. The link to the survey is below. More information can be found in the email message sent to families on January 31st.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/UnionPAR_AltaVistaElem

Open Enrollment Intra-District Transfers

The Union School District Board of Trustees endorses a neighborhood school concept. The Board, however, recognizes that parents may wish to choose a school of attendance other than the assigned school. Therefore, the Board of Trustees believes that parental choice among the district's public schools should be included as an integral feature of a well-rounded educational environment.

Home school attendance areas are established to optimize the use of existing facilities and to avoid crowded conditions. However, requests for Intra-District Transfers may be made for reasons of personal preference based on the needs of the family or child.

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If you are interested in having your child attend a school within Union School District but outside of your home attendance area, you must complete an Intra-District Transfer Request. Pick up an application from the receptionist at the Union School District Office, 5175 Union Avenue, complete and return it to the District Office by 4:30 p.m. on March 1, 2018. Intra-District Transfers will only be honored if space is available at the receiving school. Requests received after that time and date will be placed on a waiting list status.

If there are more requests than openings at any particular school, a lottery selection process, as required by the Education Code, will take place.

Any Intra-District transfers approved for the first time for the 2008-09 school year and all subsequent years will be reviewed yearly to determine continued placement based on academic progress, behavior, attendance and finally space at the site. Once an intra-district transfer is approved, you do not have to re-apply, and the transfer is in effect through 5th grade for elementary schools and 8th grade for middle schools, unless otherwise noted on the transfer. [Union School District BP 5116.1](#)

Inter-District Transfers

If you live outside of Union School District and are currently on an Inter-District Transfer to Union School District, our District Policy does not require you to reapply for the 2018-19 school year, however, your home district Policy may be different, so please check with your home district.

Based on our District Policy and the Inter-District Contract, your child's academic progress, behavior and attendance will be reviewed. If all are acceptable you will be welcome to remain in the District as long as space is available. Space determinations are often not certain, however, until late in August and possibly as late as October 1.

If you are by choice returning to your home school, please let your site know as soon as possible. If any of the criteria above is not met, we will let you know in writing so that you can enroll your child in his/her home school. [Union School District BP 5117](#)

Cornerstone Corner

This month's ABC book: "Through My Eyes" by Ruby Bridges is the true story of a six-year-old black girl who on November 14, 1960 walked through a mob of screaming segregationists escorted by Federal Marshals into her new school in New Orleans, Louisiana. Surrounded by racial turmoil, Ruby spent first grade learning to read with the help of one supportive teacher. The goal of this lesson is to promote discussion about the importance of tolerance and acceptance of differences.

Next month we will continue to focus on empathy with the book "How Do I Stand In Your Shoes?" by Susan DeBell, Ph.D. This is a story about a girl named Miranda who has no patience for the other students in her class. She just doesn't understand why they can't be as smart and talented as she is, until she learns to start walking in their shoes. With this lesson we hope to empower students to notice, name, and understand feelings or difficulties of others.

Alta Vista Drama Club Presents: My Son Pinocchio, Jr.

Alta Vista Drama Club Presents: *My Son Pinocchio, Jr.* this week! Don't miss out available here:

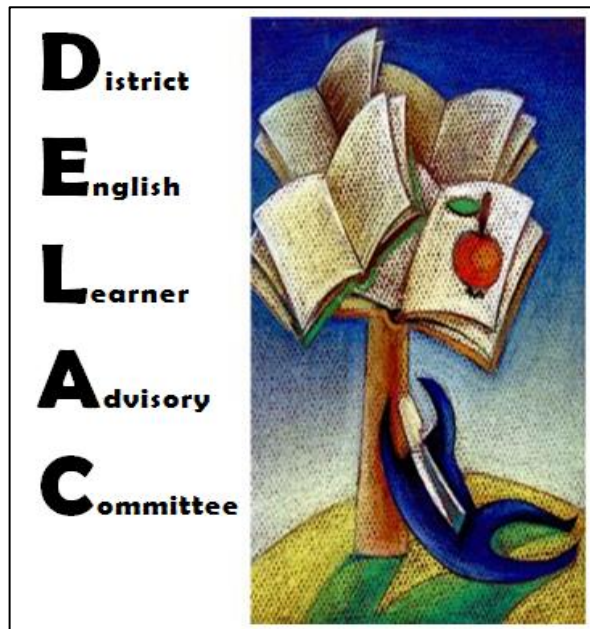
CALABRIA CAST

https://altavistadrama.vbotickets.com/event/My_Son_Pinocchio_Presented_by_the_Calabria_Cast/24424

TUSCANY CAST

https://altavistadrama.vbotickets.com/event/My_Son_Pinocchio_Presented_by_the_Tuscany_Cast/24425





Union School District DELAC MEETING

Wednesday February 7, 2018

5:00-6:30

Dartmouth Middle School Library

As a parent of an English Learner, you are invited to attend this informative DELAC meeting.

Please join us to learn more about:

- The District's Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP): The LCAP is a district plan which shows how funds will be spent in regards to specific goals set by both the district and the state.
- The District goals and progress toward meeting these goals.
- How we determine district funding and priorities for English Learners.
- Ways to get involved and provide valuable feedback that will help us with planning for next year.

Your feedback is important! Parents attending the meeting will have an opportunity to complete a survey to provide feedback around identified priorities, which will then be shared with the committee responsible for updating the 2018-2019 LCAP plan.

When: Wednesday, February 7

Time: 5:00-6:30 PM

Where: Dartmouth Middle School Library. The library is facing the street on Dartmouth Dr.

Parking: Parking Lot or street on Dartmouth Dr.

**Babysitting & Dinner will be provided*

**Future Meetings: March 21 & April 25*

Dining for Dollars: Mendocino Farms Sandwich Market on February 7th

On February 7th we will be having a Dining for Dollars event at the new Mendocino Farms Sandwich Market in Campbell. Mendocino Farms will give Alta Vista 50% of the proceeds from purchases made that day!



Valentine's Family Dance Friday, February 9th, 6:30-8:30pm, Cafeteria

Don't miss out on Alta Vista's Annual Valentine's Family Dance on Friday, February 9th. This dance party includes a DJ, photo booth, and dessert. Tickets are only \$5 each, space is limited, so get your tickets via MySchoolAnywhere before it is too late! We will not be selling tickets at the door. Please sign up here if you would like to donate nut-free treats the night of the event:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c48aeae2fa7fa7-alta1>



Spring Auction - Saturday, March 3rd, 6-11pm

There's still time to get your tickets for the auction! It will be held on Saturday, March 3rd at the JCC in Los Gatos. Dress in your 80's best (or worst) and join your friends for an "Old School" night out. The funds raised from this event will go directly to support the school's enrichment activities such as our wonderful music program, library, Recess 101 and PE programs, Art Vistas, clay, technology, Project Cornerstone and more! Get your tickets now in the [MySchoolAnywhere](#) school store.



Upcoming Events:

- January 31 - February 3, 2018 - Drama Club Presents: *My Son Pinocchio, Jr.*
- Wednesday, February 7th - Dining for Dollars at Mendocino Farms, Campbell
- Friday, February 9, 6:30pm - Valentine's Family Dance
- Tuesday, February 13, 6:00pm - AVHSC Meeting, Staff room
- Saturday, March 3, 6:00pm - Spring Auction at Los Gatos JCC
- Friday, May 11, 2018 - Fantasy Faire