



Principal's Desk

Calendar

March 29:	4 th Grade Music Concert
April 3:	AVHSC Meeting
April 5:	5 th Grade Music Concert
April 6:	Kindergarten Spring Fling
April 9-13:	Spring Break – no school
April 20:	Multi-Cultural Faire
April 25:	Volunteer Tea
April 30-May 11:	CAASPP Testing (3 rd -5 th grade)
May 9:	Bike to School Day
May 11:	Fantasy Faire

All 3rd, 4th and 5th Graders Need to be at School for State Testing

Formal State Testing (CAASPP) is back this year. All 3rd-5th graders will be testing based on the schedule below. **It is very important that all students are present during testing times.** If a student is absent, s/he will have to make up the test (missing important classroom instruction). In addition, make-ups are logistically difficult to administer. **If you already know of appointments scheduled during these times, please reschedule them so that everyone is present for testing.**

Testing Schedule:

April 30 – May 11: Testing will take place from 8:15am – 10:30am daily

If you would like additional information about the CAASPP, please visit the district website at <https://www.unionsd.org/apps/pages/CAASPP>

To learn more about the types of questions on the computer-based test, you and your child can view the practice test at: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/practicetest.asp>

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.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to Margaret Bachman for chairing/co-chairing the Scholastic Book Fair for over five years and working at the book fair for 7 years! You will be greatly missed next year when all of your kids have moved on to UMS. Thanks also go to co-chairs Lea LeGault and Laura Duran and to all of the book fair volunteers!

Mendocino Farms Paint the Cow Contest

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Alta Vista Paint the Cow concept/design" contest! **A big congratulations to**

Kate J. (1st place), Mateo S. (2nd place), and Jenni H. (3rd place)!

Family Fun Day at Mendocino Farms will be on Saturday, March 31st 2018!

Join us for food, fun, family festivities, and most importantly, be there for the big cow reveal! This event kicks off the Paint the Cow Contest voting period! Mendocino Farms is asking that attendees RSVP for the event.



Family Fun Day at Mendocino Farms Campbell

Don't forget to stop into Mendocino Farms between March 31st and April 20th to vote for our cow! Share the link on Facebook and ask your friends and family to stop in and vote. We need everyone's help to bring the Moo-lah home for our Art Vistas Program!

Alta Vista's Annual Variety Show

Friday, June 1, 2018 at 6:30 pm



Audition date: Monday, **April 30th** after school in the Media Center

Practice date: Tuesday, **May 22nd** after school in the Cafeteria

Performance date: Friday, **June 1st** at 6:30 pm in the Cafeteria

Every student participating should register here: [Variety Show Audition Form](#)

This year, you will also sign-up for an audition time slot for your group by going here: <http://signup.com/go/oagoHFH>. Questions? Please contact Jane Findley at jkbrownlow@gmail.com or Heidi Habiby at hkfisher@yahoo.com

Cornerstone Corner

In April and May Cornerstone readers will visit classrooms for the final Cornerstone lessons of the school year. In the Cornerstone book *Sebastian's Roller Skates* by Joan de Déu Prats, Sebastian gains confidence while practicing a new physical activity: roller-skating! His newly developed confidence empowers him to speak up and participate more fully in other areas of his life as well. This book shows how physical activity, perseverance, and hard work can bring about great leaps of confidence and skill.

The book *Thank You, Mr. Falker*, by Patricia Polacco is an autobiographical book about a struggling student. At age 5 she goes to school to learn to read. By fifth grade, she still can't read and continues to be bullied by other students. She is a wonderful artist and is encouraged and supported by her family. Finally, when she gets to fifth grade her teacher, Mr. Falker, works with her to discover her unique keys to learning. This is a story about a family's love, a girl's pain and what happens when an adult believes in a child's potential to learn. Many thanks to this year's Cornerstone readers and to the teachers for taking time out of their busy days for these important lessons.

8th MULTICULTURAL FAMILY NIGHT

Our 8th annual Multicultural Family Night will be held on **Friday, April 20** to celebrate the cultural diversity within our school community.

Theme: Famous People from the 20th Century

Date: Friday, April 20, 2018

Time: 5:00-8:00pm

Location: Alta Vista Cafeteria & Outdoor Lunch Tables



Key dates:

- **Friday, March 23:** Last day to sign up for booth/ parade only and performance at <https://goo.gl/forms/BKiDxf0CsVUTebP72>
- **Thursday, March 29:** Last day to drop off 3 gift items/ participating country

The Multicultural Family Night planning has moved from Shutterfly to the google site:

sites.google.com/view/avmcn To receive updates, please click on the link below. While signing up, make sure to select "notify me of every new message" in the 'Email Delivery Preference' drop-down menu. <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/altavistamcn/join>

We are asking for donations of 3 gift items/ participating country. Please place in the 'AVMCN gift basket' in the office by **Thursday, March 29**. Work with your kids to add information on your tri-fold about this year's Theme - "Famous people from the 20th century.". We will have an Olympic style parade and performance again this year! Performance is open to the first five Committee countries who sign up (one more left).



Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, March 27, 2018 - STEAM Night
Friday, April 20, 2018 - Multicultural Night
Friday, May 11, 2018 - Fantasy Faire
Thursday, May 31, 2018 - Art Vistas Show
Friday, June 1, 2018 - Variety Show



ALTA VISTA HOME AND SCHOOL CLUB

Spring Auction



Thank you to all of the parents who attended the Back to the 80's Auction and who participated in the online auction. It was fun to see all of the parents get dressed up in their eighties costumes! Congratulations to our costume contest winners: 1st Place: Tim Noke, 2nd Place: Celeste Smiley, and 3rd Place: Jonathan and Kristin Shaffer!

A big THANK YOU to the Spring Auction chairs, Sarah Wager-Ratinoff and Jayme Monroe and the entire auction team including Jillian Brandt for helping to get donations, Rachel Quiles for working the night of the event, and Principal Thomas and Mrs. Sheikh for judging the costume contest! Also, we appreciate all of the teachers and the Principal for donating Teacher Adventures.

Note: If you have not yet paid for your auction items you may either pay via PayPal at avhsctreasurer@paypal.com or by writing a check and leaving it in the auction folder in the office.

AVHSC Open Board Positions for the 2018-2019 School Year

President *	Treasurer(s)
Vice President *	VP of Fundraising
Director of Membership	VP of Enrichment
Recording Secretary *	Auditor *
Historian *	Corresponding Secretary

*Existing Board Member willing to fill position

For more information about AVHSC and a description of each role, please visit avhsc.org.

We are also looking for awesome volunteers to chair some events/programs, including Movie Night, Family Dance, Silent Auction, Fantasy Fair, and Hospitality. **Interested?**

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