

Cat Tracks for September

School is now officially in full swing. This school year marks the beginning of my seventh year as Principal...I can hardly believe how fast time passes. The start of the school year has been awesome. We have a lot of new faces this year with our enrollment being at an 8 year high! New programs, new programs and more new programs are sort of the theme we have going on right now. We are very excited to be in a new athletic program this school year. The first two seasons are Volleyball and Tackle Football. This is a huge change for us but a welcome one. Academically we far exceeded expectations last year and are looking to do even better this school year. Our strong academic program is visible well beyond our school. MANY of our students are deep into the advanced placement programs offered by the two local high schools. In fact, recently a former student shared a story with me in which he went into his high school counselor's office to register for a very difficult class. The counselor said, "Wow, there must be something in the water up there, there are so many of you guys in these harder classes". Work hard, push the curriculum and good things happen!

The Oracle School District number 2 will again be opening the "Connections Learning Center". The learning center will be open three days per week from 6:00-8:00 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at the Mountain Vista library. The learning center will be staffed by highly qualified, paid tutors that can help children in fourth through twelfth grades in all subjects. Students can come to the learning center for the entire two hours or they can stay for just long enough to get the help they need. The learning center even offers help to high school students! This service is free and is our way of ensuring that our school districts students have the very best academic opportunities. Our curriculum is very challenging and therefore we feel it is essential that support for all students is provided. **A huge change this year is that ANY adult can check a child in or out of the learning center!**

Ask your children about math lab and their reading goals. Mountain Vista has many unique programs that you won't find at any other school. If you ask your child if they have homework and they say no...the truth is that they always have math lab and an AR book to read.

One last reminder is that this campus has a very active and friendly PTO that I strongly encourage you to be a part of. PTO meetings are the Second Tuesday of each month from 6:00-8:00 PM at Mountain Vista. Child care is provided at the meetings and there is also a pot luck meal beginning at 6:00. This is the easiest way to be involved with our school. Parents are always welcome on our campus. We value your support and I personally will help you in any way I can.

Dennis Blausen

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Principal Mountain Vista School "Cougar Pride"

September Students of The Month



Back Row Left to Right

Desiree Gallardo, Jessica Sanchez, Morgan Willms, Andrew Bowyer, Xezenia Quintero, Deja Nicholson

Second Row

Maxim Leone, Yoselin Valenzuela, Matthew Peru, Marissa McRae, Monique Navarro, Alexis Salaiz

Front Row

Nathaniel Benavidez, Bo Padilla, Chance Stonecipher, Sadie Bigham, Britney Johnson, Gilberto Pinedo, Allison Soule, Liberty Muniz

September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Football San Carlos @ Mt. Vista	2 VB-Holy Angels @ Mt. Vista <i>Early Release</i>	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day NO SCHOOL	8 PTO Meeting Pot-luck 6:00-8:00	9 FB-Ray @ Mt. Vista VB-Mt. Vista @Ray <i>Early Release</i>	10 School Board Meeting 6:30	11	12
13	14 VB- Hayden @ Mt. Vista	15 FB- Mt. Vista @ Superior	16 <i>Early Release</i>	17	18	19
20	21 VB-Eloy @ Mt. Vista	22 FB-Mt. Vista @ Hayden	23 VB-Mt. Vista @ San Manuel Open House Mt.Vista 6-8 <i>Early Release</i>	24	25	26
27	28 VB-Mt. Vista @ San Carlos	29 FB-Miami @ Mt. Vista	30 VB-Ray@ Mt. Vista NJHS Induction 6:30 Cafeteria <i>Early Release</i>			

**CONNECTIONS LEARNING CENTER OPEN EVERY MONDAY, WENESDAY, AND THURSDAY FROM 6:00-8:00 PM IN THE MT. VISTA LIBRARY.
ONLY WHEN SCHOOL IS IN SESSION**

SCHOOL NEWS

EARLY DISMISSALS

As you know students are dismissed early on Wednesdays. Students in grades 1-6 are dismissed at **12:45** p.m. and students in grades 7-8 are dismissed at **1:45** p.m.. Lunch is served prior to dismissal.

NEW AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

In order for absences relating to illness, doctor appointment, bereavement, family emergencies, or district approved family vacation to be counted as excused absences, the school must be notified of the absence prior to the absence or when the absence occurs by the parent or legal guardian who has custody of the student. This can be done by a phone call to the front office at 896-3000. Upon returning to school from an excused absence, the student shall submit a note stating the date and reason for the absence signed by the parent/guardian.



CONNECTIONS LEARNING CENTER

The Connections Learning Center will be open on every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 – 8:00 pm in the Library **when school is in session.**

This is open to students in grades 4 through 12. High school tutors will be available to assist in Reading, Writing, Math and Science. Please note that Connections Learning Center is **not** open when school is not in session. For more information you may contact: Connections Learning Center director: **Rick Benavidez @ 520-591-5941.**



Monday thru Friday- The computer lab will be open from 7:30 to 8am for students to come in and work on assignments, check e-mail or just have some fun before school starts. This is for all grades 1st thru 8th grades.

BABY PICTURES

Mrs. Damron is collecting baby pictures of 8th graders for the slide show at the promotion ceremony. Please send 3-5 pictures of your 8th grader to Mrs. Damron as soon as possible. These pictures will be returned to you. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Damron.



COUGAR DAY

Don't forget that every **Friday** will be **COUGAR DAY!** We ask that all students and staff wear their Cougar T-shirts or blue T-shirts to school. Let's show our school spirit!!

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Mountain Vista students are doing a great job of collecting box tops, but we can never have too many box tops, so remind friends and family to collect for our school. Please check out the General Mills website @ www.boxtops4education.com for participating products. Thank you for your participation!

TAG TESTING

TAG is a state mandated program for students with exceptional reasoning skills. Students who test will be pulled from the regular classroom for part of the test day. Test results will be mailed to parents upon request, or if a student has tested into TAG. Test results are not announced and are confidential. The three areas in which a child may test are: 1) verbal (word power), 2) quantitative (number power), 3) non-verbal (spatial reasoning).

Students may test for TAG based on either teacher or parent recommendation. Please contact your child's homeroom teacher for a permission slip. Feel free to address any questions or concerns regarding TAG testing to Michele Gagnon @ 896-3023.

BUS PASSES AND YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY

A reminder to parents, students are required to bring a note to the office if they need a bus pass. For your child's safety, phone calls will not be accepted.

It is extremely difficult and disrupting to the classroom when parents call with last minute changes. Please send a note with your child if he/she has any change in their regular drop off.

CHILD PICK UP

Parents, if you need to pick up your child before the end of the day you always need to sign them out in the office. After you have signed them out one of the ladies in the office will call the classroom and request the child be sent to the office. This is for the safety of the child.

CHILD FIND

Child Find is a process to "find" children who may have a delay in development or a disability. Oracle School District can help children with disabilities from birth through 21 years of age. We provide special education services for eligible children. If you have concerns about your child's development or progress in school, contact the Oracle School District Special Education Department @ 896-3052

.LOST AND FOUND

A reminder to parents/students; there are *many* articles of clothing in the lost and found. Numerous jackets, sweaters, shirts, etc. have been turned in and are waiting to be claimed. Please feel free to come and look through it. Anything not claimed at the end of the school year will be donated to Goodwill.





NOTE FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

A reminder to parents: Medication is not provided for students. If your child needs to take over the counter medications at school you will need to complete a permission form and bring the medication into the Health office in its original container. Prescription medication will require a note from the ordering physician along with its original container. If you have any questions, please call Lydia at 896-3004.



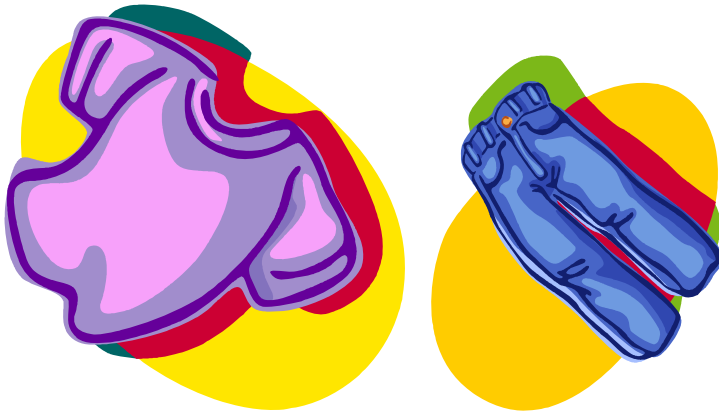
Illness/Emergency

In order to protect students from the possible spread of disease, please keep your child home if the following symptoms are present: diarrhea, vomiting, red or inflamed eyes, cold symptoms, skin rash, headache, fever, or pain. Please do not send your child to school when he/she is ill. Please express with your child the importance of hand washing and cover their mouths when they cough or sneeze.

Any student with a temperature of 100.5 degrees or higher may not attend school. Children may not return to school until they are fever free for **24 hours without fever reducing medicine.**

The health assistant may send your child home for symptoms of illness, even without the presence of a 100.5 or greater fever.

Please make arrangements to have either a parent or another adult available at all times to pick up a child who is ill or injured. If both parents are unavailable, the school will begin calling the adults listed by the parents on the Emergency Card. Important: Please inform the school immediately of any phone number or address changes.



CLOTHES NEEDED!

If there are any pants, shirts, t-shirts, or shorts that are taking up space in your closet-could you send them my way? I like to have a few extra pieces of clothing in case the students need to change. Unfortunately, the few I had last fall were loaned to students and never returned. **PLEASE** call me first with what you can donate, so that I don't get a truck full. Space is very limited.

I can only accept the above clothing as I find that these will fit everybody. Please keep the health office in mind when you are clearing out outgrown clothes. Donations of new socks and underwear are accepted. Please make sure all clothes are clean before bringing them to the office.

Thank you,

Lydia Smith
Health Office
(520) 896-3004

Cougar Club Season Passes Available Now

(Mt. Vista's Booster's Club)

The Mt. Vista Cougar's sports seasons are about to begin! We are excited about being new members in the *Central Junior High League* with more of our neighboring schools including San Manuel, Hayden and Ray. Please check out the schedules listed in this edition of the Cat Tracks for game days and times.

Gate fees for volleyball and football are as follows: \$3 Adults, \$2 Children and for students who wear a cougar t-shirt on game day only \$1.

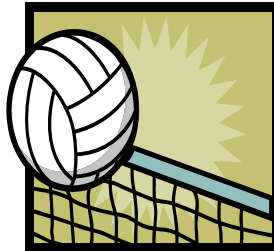
OR check out the season pass offer below.

Football and volleyball have 4 home games this season

The **individual season pass** is being offered for \$10

The **family season pass (3 persons)** is being offered for \$20

These passes are available now and at the first home games next week. Please contact Michele Gagnon, MVS Athletic Director, at 896-3023 for any questions or to obtain a pass early.



Central Junior High League
2009
Mt. VISTA COUGAR FOOTBALL



Tuesday August 25, 2009

Mt. Vista has a bye this week. If you'd like to go watch the Miami @ San Manuel game it starts at 6:00 at the SM high school field. \$3 adults and \$2 children.

Tuesday Sept. 1st

San Carlos @ **Mt. Vista** 4:00

Wednesday Sept. 9th

Ray @ **Mt. Vista** 4:00 (3:45 for 5th Qtr. Warm-up)

Tuesday Sept. 15th

Mt. Vista @ Superior 6:00

Leave school at 3:00 and return about 10:00

Tuesday Sept. 22nd

Mt. Vista @ Hayden 6:00

Leave school at 4:00 and return by 9:00

Tuesday Sept. 29th

Miami @ **Mt. Vista** 4:00

Tuesday Oct. 6th

Mt. Vista @ Globe 6:00

Leave school at 2:45 and return 10:00 (*Hwy 77 opens after 6 p.m. time may vary*)

Tuesday Oct. 13th

San Manuel @ **Mt. Vista** 4:00 (3:45 for 5th Qtr. Warm-up) ****Note: Fall Break game*

Tuesday Oct. 20th

Mt. Vista @ Eloy 6:00

Leave school at 3:30 and return by 9:30 (*drop offs possible at Park Links and Oracle Junction*)

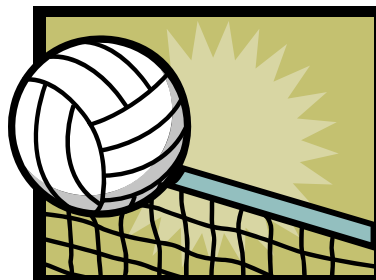
Michele Gagnon, Mt. Vista Athletic Director

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CENTRAL JUNIOR HIGH LEAGUE 2009

Mt. Vista Cougar VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE South Division All games at 4:00

Wednesday Sept 2, 2009
Mt. Vista @ Holy Angels
Leave school 1:15 and return about 7:30
(Hwy 77 opens after 6:00p.m).



Wednesday Sept 9, 2009
Mt. Vista @ Ray
Leave 2:00 and return about 7:30

Monday Sept 14, 2009
Hayden @ **Mt. Vista 4:00**

Wednesday Sept 16, 2009
Mt. Vista – Bye

Monday Sept 21, 2009
Eloy @ **Mt. Vista 4:00**

Wednesday Sept 23, 2009
Mt. Vista @ San Manuel
Leave 3:00 and return about 6:30

**Mt. Vista Open House (6-8p.m.)*

Monday Sept 28, 2009
San Carlos @ **Mt. Vista 4:00**

Wednesday Sept 30, 2009
Ray @ **Mt. Vista 4:00**

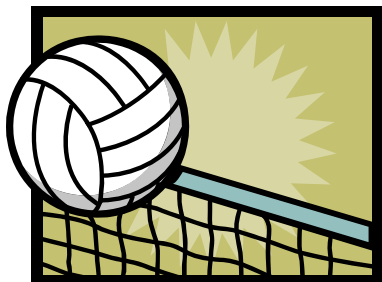
Monday Oct 5, 2009
Mt. Vista @ Hayden
Leave 2:15 and return about 7:00

Wednesday Oct 7, 2009
Mt. Vista –Bye

Wednesday Oct 14, 2009
Mt. Vista @ Eloy
****This game is during Fall Break****
Bus leaves from Mt. Vista at 2:00 and returns about 7:30 (drop-offs possible at Park Links and Oracle Junction)

Monday Oct 19, 2009
San Manuel @ **Mt. Vista 4:00**

Oct 24, 2009
League Championship @ Ray
(Top three teams from each side)



Meal Prices:

Mountain Vista Campus
Breakfast..... \$1.00
Lunch.....\$1.75

Oracle Ridge Campus
Breakfast.....85 cents
Lunch.....\$1.50

Adult Breakfast..\$1.25
Adult Lunch.....\$2.50

Ala Carte Milk .35 cents

Breakfast Includes:

The daily special plus assorted cereals, juice and milk.

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri.
Mountain Vista Campus only:

Oatmeal or Cream of Wheat

Offered Daily at Lunch:

1% or Fat Free White Milk
Fat Free Chocolate Milk
1% Strawberry Milk

Fruit and vegetable are offered at all lunches.

Mon., Wed., and Fri.:

There will be an alternate choice of salad with assorted toppings and low fat dressings.



Oracle Elementary District Breakfast Menu September

Health Tip: Stay healthier by washing your hands, this will help keep colds and flu away.

DO: Wash your hands anytime you blow your nose, sneeze, cough, or use the bathroom.

Don't: Touch your eyes, nose, mouth, or food without washing your hands. Please use the hand sanitizer in your cafeteria.

We provide Free or Reduced Price meals for eligible students. Please call Cheri at your school cafeteria at 520-896-3029 for details.

We realize that sometimes students forget lunch money. Students can charge up to \$5.00, after this a cheese sandwich, fruit and milk will be offered.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	7 Labor Day No School	8 Breakfast Bagel	9 Pop Tart	10 Strudel Stick.	11 Waffles with blueberry topping or syrup	12
6		1 Pancakes with syrup	2 Choc. Chip or Blueberry Muffin	3 Cinnamon Roll	4 Churros	5
13	14 Bagel w/ cream cheese	15 Egg & Cheese Bur- rito	16 Chewy Gra- nola Bar	17 Cinnamon Roll	18 Pigs in a Blanket	19
20	21 French Toast w/syrup	22 Yogurt	23 Breakfast Cookie	24 Strudel Stick	25 Cheese Crisp	26
27	28 Biscuit and Sausage	29 French Toast Sticks w/syrup	30 Nutri- Grain Bar			

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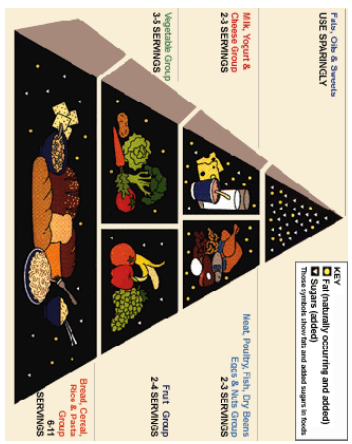
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		1 Sloppy Joe or Beef Fingers, Sens, Fries, Roll	2 Grilled Cheese Sand, Tomato Soup, crackers	3 Chicken Salad Sand, Or Corn Dog w/inter tots	4 French Bread Pizza	5
6	7 Labor Day No School	8 Bean & Cheese Burrito or Taquitos, Rice	9 Chicken Wings, Rice, Ranch Dip	10 Ham & Ched. Or Gr. Chick. Sand, Oven Fries.	11 Deli-Sandwich, Let. Tom, Pickle Spear, Chips	12
	14 Chicken Patty Sandwich, Oven Fries	15 Soft Taco or Cheese Crisp, Refried Beans	16 Chile Cheese Fritos	17 Chicken Nuggets, Roll or Hot Dog, oven fries	18 Deli-Sand., Let., Tomato, Pickle Spear, Chips	19
13	21 Nachos, Jalapenos, Ranch Beans	22 Congar Burger w/cheese or Beef Fingers, Roll	23 Mandarin Orange Chicken, Fried Rice	24 Chicken Fajitas or Red Burro, Spanish Rice	25 French Bread Pizza	26
	28 Macaroni & Cheese, Biscuit w/honey	29 Meatball Sub or Chicken Nuggets, roll	30 Spaghetti w/meat sauce, Breadstick			
27						