

Sierra Vista Vision

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**Nov. 1 - Daylight Savings
Time Ends**

**Nov. 11 - Veteran's Day
NO SCHOOL**

**Nov. 18 - 4th Grade Family
Reading Night, 6:00 pm**

**Nov. 25-27 - Thanksgiving
Break, NO SCHOOL**

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Attendance Press Option 5

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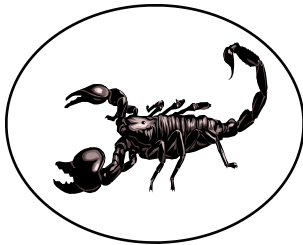
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Our Vision

Sierra Vista Elementary School is a learning community where a child's academic success, social well-being and physical safety are the basis for life-long learning.

From the Principal

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe that it is already going to be November! The air is crisp and the leaves are falling. You have to love the FALL!!!

With the colder weather also comes the colds, runny noses, scratchy throats, etc... A lot of students are still wearing shorts for PE, wearing short sleeves with no sweater or jacket. Please remember to send your child with adequate outer wear. If your child exhibits any of these symptoms accompanied by a fever, please keep them at home until they are fever-free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication. We want to keep all our students healthy.

If you should have to keep your child home, here are some important things to remember:

1. Please call the school by 9:00 a.m. to report your child's absence or coming in late from an appointment. The school attendance line number is 898-0272 ext 5.
2. We are not requiring a doctor's note while your child is out for an illness, however, we do ask that you call the school each day of an extended absence.
3. If you are bringing your child in late or leaving school early for a medical/dental appointment, you will need to provide documentation within 3 days of the visit to have the tardy considered excused.
4. Check that your contact information for the school is updated and current. In an emergency, we rely on the information provided on the emergency contact cards to reach you. Let the clerk know of any changes.

Also, we are seeing a great amount of tardies. Please be advised that tardies are documented and reported. It is important that students start the school day with their class and not miss any instructional time. The minutes in tardies adds up to hours and then days. Keep that in mind when you think about how much instruction is lost when a child is late.

Have a great weekend!

Monica Garciasalas



Attendance

To report an absence or tardy, call 898-0272 and press option 5. Please leave the date, student's full legal name, teacher's name, and the reason for the absence. If no reason is given, the absence/tardy will be considered unexcused. You are responsible to contact the school for all absences and tardies by 9:00 a.m. You will need to call each day for an extended absence.

Operation Gratitude

We would like to make you aware of a special program that the Sandia Smiles Dental Center is sponsoring this Halloween season. They have partnered with Operation Gratitude to promote a "Halloween Candy Buy Back" event for our community. They will pay \$1.00 per pound for excess uneaten and unopened Halloween candy. The candy will be shipped to our troops overseas, allowing them a moment or two of enjoyment in support of their efforts. Our school could win up to \$500 just for donating! Prizes will be awarded to the school and 5 classrooms that donate the most! If you are interested in supporting our troops, just bring your candy to Sandia Smiles Dental Center at 5740 Night Whisper NW, Suite 100 on November 2 & 3 from 3:00 - 6:00 pm. If you have any questions about this program, please call Sandia Smiles Dental Center @ 792-1585.



Attendance Reminder

If your child will be late or absent from school, please remember to call the attendance line **BEFORE 9:00 am EACH day.**

First Annual Sierra Vista Bike or Hike to Tingley Beach

Meet Coach Argano and Coach Wilhelm for the first annual Bike or Hike to Tingley Beach in honor of our wonderful active duty military and veterans. This event will take place on Saturday, November 7th at 1:00 pm. Wear your patriotic gear, bring flags, etc. There will be a free BBQ at the end of the trail. All Sierra Vista student hikers and bikers **MUST** be accompanied by an adult. For more information, please call one of the coaches at 898-0272.



Parent Drop-off Area

When dropping your child off in the morning in the Parent Drop-off Area, please remember to pull all the way forward to where the teachers are standing. **DO NOT DROP YOUR CHILD OFF BEFORE THIS SPOT.** Thank you for helping us keep all students safe at Sierra Vista!

A Few Reminders....

- When visiting Sierra Vista, please remember to stop by the office first. You must have a Visitor Sticker on when you are on the campus when children are present.
- If your child is missing a jacket, please check the Lost & Found. We are accumulating a lot of jackets. With the cold weather upon us, they will be needing them.

Coaches Corner

Lots of information from the Coaches....The fifth grade students from Mrs. Tuesday's class have started to coordinate the Sierra Vista Runner's Club. However, we need parent volunteers to run the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade Runner's Club. If you are interested in helping with it during the children's lunch recess, please email Coach Argano at:

argano@aps.edu

Cup Stacks - If you would like to order Cup Stacks, have your child pick up an order form from the PE Office. We need \$100 or more of orders to get free shipping. Cup Stacks offer benefits educationally for your child. If you would like information on the benefits, go to www.speedstacks.com

Boxtops for Education - The PE Department is collecting Boxtops for Education. We are having a contest. The three classes that bring in the most Boxtops will receive an ice cream party in April! Please have your children submit Boxtops to their classroom teacher.



Have a Safe and Happy
Halloween!

