

Leopard Prints

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

There is a new look for Linda Vista's Inspiration Hall, yes we have a name for our main hallway. As you walk down Inspiration Hall, you will see bulletin boards created by grade levels, our CARES program, and our Leopard Leaders. Each bulletin board displays ideas, work, and "inspirations" created by Linda Vista students. Our recent addition is our "Inspiring Our PAWS" wall. This wall features a focus on Cultural Heritage and those who inspire us. This monthly list also shares which government office that helped bring it to the forefront.

The Kahn Academy says this about Cultural Heritage. "'Heritage' is a property, something that is inherited, passed down from previous generations. In the case of 'cultural heritage,' the heritage does not consist of money or property, but of culture, values and traditions. Cultural heritage implies a shared bond, our belonging to a community. It represents our history and our identity; our bond to the past, to our present, and the future."

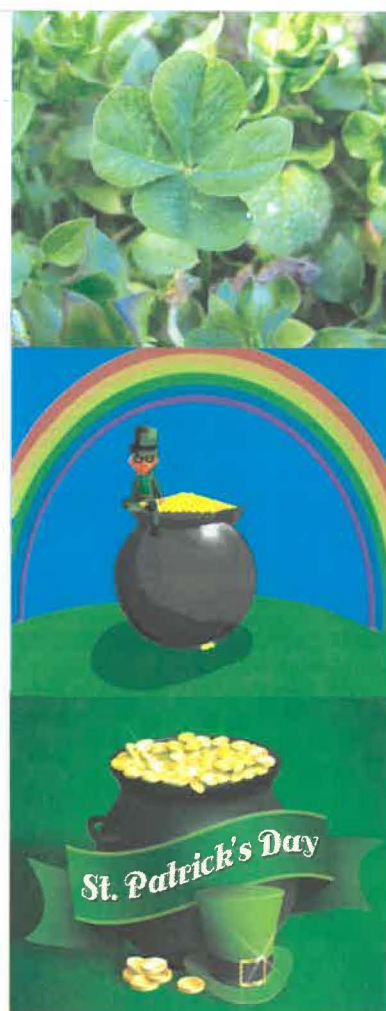
As members of this Leopard Community I encourage everyone to learn more about each other, open your mind to other ways of thinking, and realize that no one way is better than another. This will help us develop our Potential, Aspirations, Wisdom, and Spirit. We are Leopards, We have PAWS!

A MESSAGE FROM JENNI BONES

Do you know who Jenni Bones is? She is standing next to Mrs. Michelle's desk greeting children and helping with paperwork. She is always dressed for the appropriate holiday.

May the luck of the Irish be with you this March. Enrollment for the 21-22 school year has begun. If you have an incoming kindergartener or TK (birthday requirement 9/1/2016-3/31/2016) and have not started the enrolment process, the time is now! For those who have neighbors or friends that are still looking for a school to call home, please pass the word. You may go to the Orangeusd.org webpage and click on enrollment. There will be a drop down box. Please click on Transitional kindergarten/ kindergarten. If you need assistance, please contact the office.

Don't let your friends and neighbors miss out on becoming a Linda Vista Leopard. They can then meet Jenni Bones also!



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Lost & Found Cart items will be donated to charity 3/9/21
- Please review the parking lot rules...our kids depend on you!
- CARES Spring Camp registration has begun

3RD GRADE NEWS

Welcome to the end of the 2nd Trimester on March 9th! Our students are doing a terrific job. We enjoyed creating poems, limericks, and virtual cards for Valentine's Day.

Fractions are our focus! We discover how to compare fractions on the number line. We use models, find equivalent fractions, and evaluate whole numbers and fractions. Students enjoy using white boards and manipulatives to practice these concepts.

Our new amplified science curriculum has taken us in a wonderful direction. We began with investigating inheritance and traits. Students are excited to become wildlife biologists studying plants, animals, insects, and humans.

Much of the 3rd grade reading curriculum teaches students how to analyze the books they read. Rather than just understand the plot and information given in a text, students are encouraged to think about the messages and how they

relate to their own lives. They also compare texts to each other and make connections both within one text and across multiple texts.

Third graders are taught to organize their writing, ensure that it flows well, and group together related components. As students think more deeply, they are taught to express ideas, make connections, and provide details and emotions when appropriate.



LOST & FOUND CART

Our cart is located in front of the office door. Please come and check for missing items your student/s may have. It is filling up quickly.

Any items that are not claimed by 1:00 PM on Tuesday, March 9th will be donated to charity.



4TH GRADE NEWS

It has been upward and onward for our 4th grade students. They have been busy learning about figurative language, author's point of view, poetry, and biographies in language arts. Students have delved into history by learning about Martin Luther King, Jr., Abraham Lincoln, and George Washington.

In math, knowing their multiplication facts is key. They have been busy learning different strategies on how to multiply 2 digit by 2 digit numbers, and figuring out which strategy works best for them. We are now moving into long division where multiplication continues to be a key component.

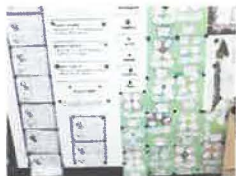
In social studies, 4th graders have been busy learning about California history. The students were able to virtually visit Mission San Juan Capistrano to start off our learning of the California Mission System. Our presenter showed us all around the mission grounds and was able to take questions from the students. The kids also enjoyed their Walk through California assembly that was provided by your PTA donations.

There seems to never be a dull moment in 4th grade!



2ND GRADE NEWS

We are having so much fun with Science! We have learned all about plant parts and how they help plants grow through the process of photosynthesis. We have also been doing lots of science experiments to help us learn about plant and animal relationships. We used Cheetos Puffs to explore how insects help plants grow during pollination. We also learned about seed dispersal by building an exploding seed pod using a balloon. It is so fun to see all the amazing things nature can do. Our 2nd graders love science!



TK NEWS

After months of learning, TK students are one hundred days smarter! They have come a long way learning about school procedures, rules, and social skills. I have continued to witness their growth in and out of the classroom.

The online students are showing up, on time, every day and trying their best with their peers in class. I am grateful to the online parents for their support and getting their children ready for school every morning. As for the students coming to school daily, my appreciation to those parents as well. It's wonderful to see the students with their smiles and ready to learn each and every day.



In regards to the upcoming theme, students will be learning about the different kinds of animals. Students will learn animal names, where animals live, how animals move, body coverings of animals, and how to take care of pets. It will be a fun unit for the students with their love of animals. In celebration of spring, students will be learning about eggs and which animals lay eggs. This theme will help children gain knowledge of their environment and know that animals grow and change just like them!

As we are heading into the last trimester of school, let's continue with our learning, all the while, having fun. I am excited to see the students blossoming this spring and finishing the year strong!



See's Famous Old Time CANDIES

Don't miss out on getting your candy for your Easter baskets. Linda Vista is having a **See's Candies** sale. All proceeds will be going towards the purchase of a new electrical marquee.

All candies are ordered online, paid for online, and delivered directly to your home. Shopping made easy!

The fundraiser will **end on Friday, March 19th.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

3/9 - End of 2nd Trimester

3/18 - 5th gr Walk through the Revolution

3/19 - 6th gr Drop Off/Pick Up

3/29-4/2 - Easter Break

5/5 - Incoming K Assessments

5/12 - Incoming K Assessments

5/19 - Incoming K Assessments

5/28 - End of 3rd Trimester

5/28 - MINIMUM DAY

6/10 - Last Day of School

CARES PROGRAM

Here are the enrollment dates for your reference:

- **Spring camp registration going on now!!** (calendar attached)

- **Fall registration will begin Monday, April 5th at 7:00am**

Summer camp registration Monday, April 19th at 7:00am

<https://www.orangeusd.org/child-development-services/cares/sites>

1ST GRADE NEWS

The First Graders have been hard at work. We celebrated the 100th Day of School by doing fun activities with the number 100. Some of us even dressed-up for the occasion. It was fun to see our first graders dressed as 100 year olds.

Our Wonders Unit that we have been working on is: What Animals Do You Know About, which includes: How Do Animal's Bodies Help Them, How Do Animals Help Each Other, How Do Animals Survive in Nature, What Insects do you Know About? How are They Alike and Different?, and How Do People Work with Animals?

The skills we continue to focus on are Main Topic and Key Details, long a, long e, long i, and long o vowels, past-tense verbs, cause and effect and sequencing. We continue to work on building words and much more through our Wonders series.

We have been learning about presidents (Abraham Lincoln and George Washington) while practicing writing skills such as topic sentences, transition words, and conclusion sentences. We are continuing to review using capital letters at the beginning of a sentence, punctuation at the end of a sentence, along with spacing and letter formation.



The students have just finished our unit counting and number patterns to 120. We have been working on Topic 8: tens and one. Our next topic will be comparing numbers to 100.

The first graders have now been taking Reading Counts tests and are excited to get their "spots" on our RC wall.

5TH GRADE NEWS

Both 5th grade classes are beginning to wrap up Unit 3 in language arts in preparation for our next novel study as we discuss skills previously practiced. These skills include author's purpose, main idea, multiple perspectives, and character trait development. We will be adding to our reading stamina by increasing the Reading Counts point goal to 70 points for Trimester 3.

We spend a "fraction of our day" learning about fractions! 5th graders have been learning how to add and subtract mixed numbers and have also spent some time reviewing how to simplify them, too. We'll also continue to review order of operations and decimal place value as we head into March.

The Shot Heard 'Round the World will commence on March 18th. We have written our opinions about exploring, and are now ready to begin colonization. We will be establishing the 13 colonies in preparation for students' roles in this year's virtual Walk Through the Revolution. We are looking forward to meeting the characters our students will be representing.

6TH GRADE NEWS

Where did February go? Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow, we celebrated the 100th day of school, and students researched one of many presidents. As we look towards March, the second trimester will be ending on March 9th. Mrs. Grant's class will continue to pilot a future Social Studies curriculum, while Ms. Ward's class will be doing science. In math, we will be learning about percent, decimals, and fractions. We will end March with spring break beginning on March 29th.



KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Our kindergarteners are now over 100 days smarter! We can tell, too.

These incredibly adaptive students are rolling along with all our COVID mandates. They are learning to speak clearly through their masks, and to keep a safe distance from one another while still having fun. Our kinders sure know how to rise to the occasion!

In Social Studies, we are in the middle of learning about our country's symbols and what they represent. While we are teaching them important facts, we are finding that they teach us just as much. Our students have impressed us with their prior knowledge and their engagement with the curriculum. Our class discussions about symbols have been lively and informative.

In kindergarten, we strive to count to one hundred, recognize numbers out of order, and learn their relationships with each other by the end of the school year. We have been practicing counting by tens each day and are now counting by fives. To help with this, we will be exploring patterns on a hundreds chart. Practice at home every chance you get. Try hopping to one hundred while counting by fives!

As we head into the last trimester, we tell our students that they are closer to being first graders than kindergarteners. You will be amazed by their growth. We always are!



Linda Vista Elementary School PARKING LOT PROCEDURES

PLEASE ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME TO ALLOW YOUR CHILD TO
ARRIVE TO SCHOOL WITHOUT BEING RUSHED

Following these simple rules will help make our parking lot efficient,
courteous, and safe:



Rule #1: Do NOT get out of your car. Ever! When the car in front of you moves, you move.

Rule #2: Remember Traffic Laws. Please follow traffic laws when entering the parking lot. There is only one lane turning right into the lot, and one lane turning left.

Rule #3: DON'T cut the line. Everyone waiting to get into the parking lot needs to get in.

Rule #4: Leave the kisses and hugs at home. You love your little one and want to send him on his way to school with a kiss, but do it before you drive to school... then just blow a kiss.

Rule #5: The rules of the car drop-off lane apply to everybody, no matter what kind of car you drive, or how late you are, this lane is for dropping off!

Rule #6: Move swiftly. Once your kids locate you, get them into the car and get going. Don't sit there in line and have the "how was your day?" discussion with them or anyone else.

Rule #7: Put down the cellphone. People on their phones don't see children darting out between cars to the parents breaking rule #8.

Rule #8: Don't double park. Blocking staff cars may seem logical, however we sometimes have activities that take us off campus... and we can't get out!

In short, a little politeness goes a long way in the car lane (and beyond). Remember, being behind the wheel of a car doesn't make you invisible. We see you. We *all* see you, including our children. So let's try to set a good example.