

Viking Voice

Vineyard Junior High School



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Dear Vineyard Families:

There is no better time than the New Year to celebrate the successes of our students and to set new goals. Our students' efforts certainly shined during our Renaissance Rallies for each grade level in December. We celebrated students who earned a 2.0 GPA or higher by providing a special assembly. Several Scholar Athletes were honored during this special student rally as well. We look forward to honoring more students at the end of second trimester. To help your child achieve the GPA to qualify for Renaissance, we highly encourage you to monitor student progress through our Illuminate portal on a regular basis. Your child's progress report will be sent home on Tuesday, January 8, 2019. This is a perfect opportunity to review grades with your child and to set new academic goals for the remainder of the year.

Now that we are into the new year, we need to take advantage of our most important time of the year, our learning season! Good attendance will contribute to your child's success in school. The next few months are the most crucial in ensuring our students have mastered the grade level standards and are prepared for the next grade level. Beginning in February, our students will take Interim Assessments in both Language Arts and Mathematics so that teachers can guide their instruction and help to prepare our students for our upcoming state assessment, CAASPP (California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress) that will take place in April.

Our annual Spelling Bee will be on February 20, and we encourage both our 7th and 8th grade students to participate in this event. In the past, we have had a student advance to the national level. This is a wonderful and fun opportunity to help students improve their spelling, increase their vocabularies, learn concepts, and develop correct English usage that will help them throughout their lives. First and second place winners in this competition will also be awarded gift certificates donated by our PTSA.

A special thanks goes out to our dedicated PTSA Board for working endless hours to organize fundraisers to benefit our students and supplement vital programs at Vineyard. We are grateful for your support with our See's Candies Fundraiser. It was a success thanks to you. We hope to see you at our next PTSA Dine-out at Blaze Pizza (Victoria Gardens) on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 from 5:00 to 9:00 pm. Please look for a flyer and email with information. We truly appreciate your support with our fundraising efforts!

Our girls and boys basketball teams have been practicing and are looking forward to our upcoming games. We appreciate the dedication and devotion of our coaches, as they work with our athletes after school. I hope you will have an opportunity to stop by and see a game. You can find the game dates and times on our website calendar.

At Vineyard, we are always reviewing our safety practices and seeking ways to promote positive behavior. We work closely with our district office and local law enforcement agencies to refine our safety practices. In addition, all students attend safety assemblies and partake in monthly safety drills to practice how to respond in the event of an emergency. To keep our students safe before and after school, we would appreciate your support in picking your child up on the curb closest to school and discuss the importance of using the crosswalk with your child. Unless your child is attending an after school program, they should be picked up by 2:20 pm as there is no supervision for students after that.

To promote respect towards others, we are participating in the "Great Kindness Challenge" during the week of January 29 through February 1. Our leadership students will sponsor dress-up days and other activities to promote kindness throughout the week. We strive hard to establish a positive, safe school environment for our students at Vineyard. Some of the other programs that help with this endeavor include: Safe School Ambassador, Friends of Rachel Club, and Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS).

We look forward to the return of our students on January 7, 2019. We hope you enjoy your winter break with your family. As always, thank you for your continued support of Vineyard Junior High.

Sincerely,

James Moore, Superintendent, Alta Loma School District

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY



- 7 Students Return
Pennies for Patients Collection Begins thru Jan. 22
- 8 Progress Reports Carried Home
- 10 Basketball Game vs Pioneer, JH –Girls Home/
Boys Away 3:00 pm
- 11 Spirit Day
PTSA Meeting, 9:00 am
FOR Club & Cooking Club 2:10—3:10 pm
- 15 CJSF & Knott's \$ Collection Begins thru 24th
PTSA Dine Out: Blaze Pizza, Victoria Gardens,
from 5:00 — 9:00 pm
- 16 Board Meeting DSC, 6:00 pm
- 17 Basketball Game vs Grace Yokley-Girls Away/
Boys Home 3:00 pm
- 21 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOLIDAY—NO SCHOOL
- 22 & 29 Concert Band Rehearsal ends 3:30
- 23 & 30 Symphonic Band Rehearsal ends 3:30
- 24 Basketball Game vs Upland Jr. High-Girls Home/
Boys Away 3:00 pm
- 25 GATE to University of Redlands
Cooking Club 2:10 — 3:10 pm
- 28 Staff Development Day — No School
- 29 **Great Kindness Challenge thru Feb. 1**
STEM Fair Projects Due
Boys Basketball Scrimmage 2:45
Reflections Ceremony 6:00 pm
- 30 Parent Promotion Planning Mtg. 6:00 pm—Rm 11
- 31 Dance Party 2:15 — 3:45 pm



FEBRUARY

- 4 Symphonic Band Rehearsal-ends at 3:30
Bubblepalooza PTSA Fundraiser Starts
- 5 SSA Field Trip \$ Collection Begins thru 14th
Concert Band Rehearsal-ends at 3:30
School Site Council 2:30—3:30pm
Family Life Parent Meeting (7th) 6:30pm
- 6 Board Meeting DSC, 6:00 pm
- 6 — 8 PALI Camp
- 7 Basketball vs ALJH-Girls Away/Boys Home 3:00
GATE STEM Showcase — Vineyard 6:30 pm
- 8 PTSA Meeting 9:00 am
FOR Club 2:10—3:10 pm
LOHS Pre-Festival Band Concert 6:30 pm
- 11-12 7th Boys Soccer Tryouts
- 12 Girls Basketball Party ends at 3:00
ASB Restaurant Night (TBD)
- 14 Thrive to Chaffey 10:00-12:15
- 15 Lincoln's Birthday—No School
- 18 Presidents' Day—No School
- 19 Promotion Planning Mtg. 6:00pm—Rm 11
- 20 Bubblepalooza Donations Due
Spelling Bee 8:30
Board Meeting DSC, 6:00 pm
- 21 GATE San Francisco Trip 21—23
- 22 End of 2nd Trimester
End of Year Form Due
CJSF Knott's Trip 5:00 pm—11:45 pm
- 25 Demerits Begin
Concert Band Rehearsal ends 3:30

Celebrating Academic Success!

The **Renaissance Program** is in its thirteenth year at Vineyard Junior High. Students will receive incentives and rewards for attaining academic success and good citizenship at different levels.

Gold is 4.0 and higher, Silver is 3.5-3.99, Bronze is 3.0-3.49, Purple is 2.5-2.99 and Red is 2.0-2.49. Students may not have any N's or U's in citizenship or any D's or F's. At the end of each trimester, we hold a Rally to honor students at each of these levels. They receive a School Reward Card and gift bag. We are excited about this program and hope that it will encourage students to continue to focus on learning.

We want to applaud all students who have earned Renaissance so far this year!

A Special Thank You

We would like to extend a special thank you to the following establishments for supporting our programs. We greatly appreciate your participation in helping to make these programs a huge success:

- ◆ Albertson's — Kenyon Way
- ◆ Stater Bros. — 19th Street
- ◆ Stater Bros. — Day Creek
- ◆ Ralphs— Haven & Baseline
- ◆ Justin's Donuts & Ice Cream- — Baseline & Carnelian



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Promotion Requirements

The Alta Loma School District requires students to have a **Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 1.6 or higher** by the end of their 8th grade year to participate in 8th grade Promotion and related activities. Promotion Activities include a Knott's Berry Farm trip, the Promotion Party, and the Promotion Ceremony.

Students who are in danger of not meeting the GPA requirement are given the opportunity to earn positive GPA credit through Learning Upgrade. Those students also meet regularly with the Dean of Students, and letters and copies of transcripts are sent home to parents.

If you have any questions regarding this policy or are concerned that your son or daughter may be in danger of not meeting the GPA requirement, please contact Mrs. Vass, Dean of Students, at (909) 484-5120.

Beginning the 3rd trimester, 7th and 8th grade students will be put on a demerit system. Demerits are earned through discipline infractions such as: referrals, tardies, gum, and bus tickets. Eighth grade students who earn more than 40 demerits will be unable to attend the following activities: Knott's Berry Farm and the Promotion Party. The Promotion Ceremony is not affected by demerits if the student has met the GPA requirement.

Seventh grade students with 40 or more demerits and/or those who are on the ineligible list will be unable to attend Scandia and the End of the Year Celebration.



Demerit Information

We want to be proactive, informative and to work in partnership with you to help prevent students from earning demerits. Therefore, a letter will be coming home with your child on February 12 (8th grade) & February 13 (7th grade) to outline the demerit system. Please sign and return it to the office or your student's Homeroom teacher.



G.A.T.E



Alta Loma School District offers a Gifted and Talented Education Program for students in grades four through eight. Students in grades three through seven are eligible for consideration. Either a parent or teacher completing the appropriate application forms can make a referral. The required forms are available at the school site. Data is collected from test scores, school performance, pupil records, and questionnaires. In addition, a test is administered in January to all students referred. Information about the program is available in the school office. Mrs. Bach will administer the GATE test on January 16, based upon the referrals.

Vineyard Gives Back

Operation Community Cares—is an organization we support by collecting items and assembling care packages to help our deployed troops. This project was done in the month of November. We are very proud of our generous students who donated! Their participation was outstanding!

During Christmas, 299 children benefited from our **"Adopt-a-Child"** program, which our students bought special gifts for kids they adopted through the Foothill Family Shelter.

Pennies for Patients begins January 7. This organization benefits the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society by helping raise money for hurting families.



1st Trimester Scholar Athletes

7th Grade: Anton Uy, Isabella Andresen, Troy Anderson, Amanda Tai, Jeremiah Jacobo, Claryssa Jacobo,



8th Grade: Austin Dosh, Evelyn Simon, Oleg Bitus, Claudia Moeller, Jarrett Yeutter, Robin Steely

We are proud to honor these scholar PE students!

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Independent Study Program

We want to make families aware of the Independent Study Program available at your school site when a five (5) or more day absence from school is unavoidable. Of course, students benefit most from directly participating in classroom instruction and absences should be avoided. However, in rare instances, an extended absence period from school may be required. If parents have a planned absence of 5 or more consecutive days, they may request an Independent Study Contract from the school Attendance Clerk. This should be done at least 3 full school days prior to the absence to allow teachers and office staff time to prepare the student contract. Students are expected to return all completed assignments on the due date designated on the Contract.

For further information about Independent Study, please contact your Attendance Clerk.



School Website Link

Our easy-access link to our school:
www.alsd.k12.ca.us/vineyard. All the activities and current happenings can be found here.



8th Grade Parents

Our first Promotion Party planning meeting will be held on January 30 and February 19 at 6:00 pm. Please plan on being there. We really need your help! The 8th grade Promotion party will be held on Friday, May 17th from 5:30-8:00 pm. The Promotion Ceremony will be held Thursday, May 23, 2019 on the upper field at 9:00 am.



Transfer Procedures

IMPORTANT DATES
February 1 – March 23, 2019

The application window for Intra and Inter-District Transfers will be open beginning February 1, 2019. Applications for Intra-District (within the District) transfers will not be accepted after March 23, 2019.

Applications for Inter-District transfer requests will remain open.

Yearbooks are on Sale NOW!

Get your all color yearbook for only \$50. Limited quantities are available for purchase at the Student Store or online at Jostens.com.



Honor Roll Students

Congratulations to those 7th and 8th grade students who achieved 1st Trimester Honor Roll. Their diligence and dedication to academic excellence always makes Vineyard shine!



Attendance Line: 484-5136

Please leave a message for a student absence including the following:

- ⇒ student name
- ⇒ relationship to the student
- ⇒ reason for absence

Thank You!



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STEM SHOWCASE

Alta Loma School District GATE Families!

We would like to invite you to our Annual District-wide GATE STEM Showcase! We're looking forward to a great evening showcasing projects completed by GATE students in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). Participating student projects were selected at each school site and what they learned from the experience. Families are invited to attend, celebrate, and learn from all of the students during the open forum. Students will be formally recognized at the end of the showcase and will be presented a medal for all of their hard work! Please see the flyer below for more information.



ALTA LOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT
IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE
OUR ANNUAL G.A.T.E. STEM SHOWCASE

Please join us

When: February 7, 2019 ~ 6:30 – 7:30

Where: Vineyard Junior High School

***Refreshments will be served**

Please contact your child's G.A.T.E. Coordinator for more information

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“Preppy K” Program (Transitional Kindergarten)



Alta Loma School District offers a Transitional Kindergarten or “Preppy K” program for students who fit age and need requirements. Preppy K is the first year of a two year kindergarten readiness program. We know that Preppy K aged children benefit from exposure to developmentally appropriate environments and learning strategies that enhance their emotional, social, and academic skills. Preppy K provides the opportunity for children to be better prepared to succeed in kindergarten and beyond.

The **Kindergarten Readiness Act** was designed to help ensure that for students who qualified, a year of kindergarten readiness would provide a strong early start to help children read proficiently by the third grade- a critical milestone that predicts whether or not a student will graduate from high school. This legislation changed the requirements for Kindergarten entry from 5 years old by December 2nd, to five years old on September 1st.

All students beginning Kindergarten must be 5 years by September 1. Four year olds with **birthdays between September 2 and December 2 are provided an additional year to prepare for Kindergarten by attending Preppy K.** Our District provides the opportunity to receive Preppy K services for students who are not quite ready for kindergarten, as well as those students who will turn five by January 31.

Preppy K classes are being offered in school sites throughout the district. Registration packets will be available in the office of your home school on February 1, 2019. We encourage you to pick up a registration form and submit it to your home school.

We invite you to our **Preppy K Parent Information Meeting on January 22, 2019 located at the District Support Center, 9390 Base Line Road at 6:30 p.m.**

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