

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 7, 2020. 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 19, 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 Pacific Fundraiser. It was a success thanks to you. We hope to see you at our next PTSA Dine-out at Stone Fire Grill on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 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 is starting, and we 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 28—31. 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 6, 2020. We hope you enjoy your winter break with your family. As always, thank you for your continued support of Vineyard Junior High.

Sincerely,
Sandy Rose
Principal

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

- 6 Students Return—Happy New Year!
Pennies for Patients Collection Begins thru 1/17
- 7 Progress Reports Carried Home
Theater Club, 2:15 pm
7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball Tryouts, 2:15 pm
- 8 Theater Club, Cooking Club, Newspaper Club, 2:15 pm
- 9 7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball Tryouts, 2:15 pm
- 10 Progress Report Acknowledgement Forms Due
Spirit Day
PTSA Meeting, 9:00 am
FOR Club, 2:15 pm
Girls Basketball roster posted on website, 3:00 pm
- 13 Theater Club, 2:15 pm
- 14 CJSF Knott's Collection Begins thru 1/24
Theater Club, 2:15 pm
7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball Practice, 2:15 pm
PTSA Dine Out Night at Stonefire Grill, 5:00-9:00 pm
- 15 Theater Club, Cooking Club, Newspaper Club, 2:15 pm
Board Meeting @ District Support Center, 6:00 pm
- 16 GATE Field Trip to APU, 8:15 am—1:15 pm
7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball Practice, 2:15 pm
- 17 Pennies for Patients Ends
- 20 **NO SCHOOL—MLK Holiday**
- 21 7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball Practice, 2:15 pm
- 22 GATE Testing in the Library, 1:00 pm
Theater Club, Newspaper Club, 2:15 pm
- 23 7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball Practice, 2:15 pm
Theater Club Performance in the MPR, 6:30 pm
- 24 CJSF Knott's Collection Ends
Theater Club's 2nd Performance in the MPR, 6:30 pm
- 27 **NO SCHOOL—Staff Development Day**
- 28-31 Great Kindness Challenge Week
- 28 Theater Club, Newspaper Club, 2:15 pm
Girls Basketball Scrimmage (Home), 2:45 pm
Reflections Awards Ceremony in the MPR, 7:00 pm
- 29 Theater Club, Newspaper Club, 2:15 pm
Boys Basketball Scrimmage (Home), 3:00 pm
- 30 GATE STEM Projects Due (Before School in the MPR)
Dance Party (Eligible Students Only), 2:15-3:45 pm

February

- 3 Theater Club, 2:15
- 4 7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball Practice, 2:15 pm
San Francisco Parent Meeting, 6:00 pm
Family Life Information Meeting, 6:30 pm (7th Grade Only)
Parent Promotion Meeting, 6:30 pm (8th Grade Only)
- 5-7 Camp Pali
- 5 Family Life Letters Due to Science
Theater Club, Newspaper Club, 2:15 pm
Board Meeting @ District Support Center, 6:00 pm
- 6 Boys Basketball Game Home vs. Pioneer, 3:00 pm
Girls Basketball Game Away vs. Pioneer, 3:00 pm
STEM Fair at Banyan, 6:30 pm
- 7 FOR Club, 2:15 pm
- 10 **NO SCHOOL—Lincoln's Birthday Holiday**
- 11 7th Grade End of the Year Forms Sent Home (Due 1/20)
Theater Club, 2:15 pm
Boys and Girls Basketball Practice, 2:15 pm
School Site Council Meeting, 2:30 pm
- 12 Theater Club, Newspaper Club, 2:15 pm
- 13 Boys Basketball Game Away vs. Grace Yokley, 3:00 pm
Girls Basketball Game Home vs. Grace Yokley, 3:00 pm
- 14 No One Eats Alone Day
PTSA Meeting, 9:00 am
- 17 **NO SCHOOL—Presidents' Day Holiday**
- 18 Theater Club, 2:15 pm
7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball Practice, 2:15 pm
- 19 Spelling Bee, 8:30 am
Theater Club, Newspaper Club, 2:15 pm
7th & 8th Grade Boys Basketball Practice, 2:15 pm
Board Meeting @ District Support Center, 6:00 pm
- 20-22 GATE SFO Field Trip
- 20 End of the Year Forms Due to Homeroom
Boys Basketball Game Home vs. Upland, 3:00 pm
Girls Basketball Game Away vs. Upland, 3:00 pm
- 21 End of 2nd Trimester
CJSF Knott's Field Trip, 8:00 am-7:00 pm
- 25 Girls and Boys Basketball Practice, 2:15 pm
- 26 Theater Club, Newspaper Club, 2:15 pm
ASB Dine Out Night at Five Guys Pizza, All Day
- 27 Boys Basketball Game Away vs. ALJH, 3:00 pm
Girls Basketball Game Home vs. ALJH, 3:00 pm
- 28 GATE Disneyland Field Trip, 7:00 am—1:00 am

Celebrating Academic Success!

The **Renaissance Program** is in its fourteenth 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:



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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 Mr. Dzama, Dean of Students, at (909) 484-5120.

Students must be eligible to attend all end of the year activities and field trips.



PTSA Dine Out Night

Please join us for our first dine out night of 2020!

Date: Tuesday, January 14th

Time: 5:00—9:00 pm

Location: Stonefire Grill - Foothill Blvd.



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. Vass will administer the GATE test on January 22, 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 October. We are very proud of our generous students who donated! Their participation was outstanding!

During Christmas, 300 children benefited from our **"Adopt-a-Child"** program, which our students bought special gifts for kids they adopted through Children's Family Services.

Pennies for Patients begins January 6. This organization benefits the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society by helping raise money for hurting families.

1st Trimester Scholar Athletes

7th Grade:

Maverick Chamberlin
Ariana Devitta
Destinee Knight
Adrian Rico
Aaron Sosa
Jamie Swilling



8th Grade:

Fouad Haddad
Dakota Leiva
Hailey Packer
Michaela Petta
Ashton Seybert
Noah Valmonte

We are proud to honor these scholar PE students!

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