

Viking Voice

Vineyard Junior High School



March-May 2019

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Dear Vineyard Families:

We are excited to share that Vineyard has just been recognized as a **California Distinguished School for 2019**. This prestigious award is attributed to our incredible students, dedicated staff, and partnership with the community. We are proud to be among one of eleven schools recognized in our county.

As we navigate through our third and final trimester, we have plenty of exciting events taking place here at Vineyard. Foremost, we want our students to continue to remain focused on their studies and to continue to put forth their **personal best** in all academic areas. In order to maximize learning, it is important for students to strive for perfect attendance and to be punctual to school on a daily basis. We have had an increase in tardies and would appreciate your support with ensuring that your child is at school on time each day.

During the month of **April**, your child will be taking the **CAASPP** (California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress) **state test**. All of our students have been participating in taking the Interim Assessments as part of their Language Arts and Math classes to learn strategies to prepare them for the state testing. Students in eighth grade will still take the CAST (California Science Test) Field Test in the beginning of May. If you are interested in additional practice for your student prior to the state test, you will find practice assessments on line at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/practicetest.asp>.

It is important that students be at school during the testing window. We respectfully request that you plan appointments and days out of school at another time. During the testing season, we need to reduce disruptions to the classroom. Please help us by making after school transportation arrangements with your child in the morning before they leave home. Deliveries such as lunches, PE clothes and after school sports gear will be stored on a table in the office to minimize classroom disruptions.

This month, our eighth grade students will be going to an orientation at Los Osos High School on March 14. Registration packets will be issued at that time. Be sure to mark your calendars for March 20 for the Los Osos Parent Information Night (more information will be sent home).

Please join us for our annual **Open House** on **March 19 from 6:00– 7:30 pm**. Parents will have the opportunity to visit their child's classrooms and teachers to see all of the wonderful learning taking place. We hope to see you there! Our choral students will be joining the Los Osos Choir for a Spring Concert on May 8 (LOHS at 7:00 pm) and our Spring Band Concert will be held on May 14 (LOHS at 7:00 pm).

Please check our website regularly as we will be updating even more exciting events. We look forward to our Awards Assemblies in May. The 7th grade Awards Assembly is on May 6 at 8:30 am and the 8th grade Awards Assembly is on May 7 at 8:30 am. Students being recognized will receive an invitation to the Awards Assemblies. Our **8th grade Promotion Ceremony** will be held on **Thursday, May 23 at 9:00 am**.

It is a pleasure and honor to serve as the principal of Vineyard Junior High School. I am enjoying getting to know all of your children, and I look forward to the end of the year festivities. Thank you for all of your continued support!

Sincerely,
Sandy Rose

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

- 4 2nd Trimester Report Cards Carried Home
- 5 **CJSF Collection Begins through March 15**
Band/Choir Disney Collection Begins through March 15
Soccer: Girls-Home/Boys @ Upland - 3:00
6th Grade Parent Information Night-6:30
- 6 ALSD Board Meeting, 6:00
- 8 Report Card Acknowledgement Forms Due
LOHS AVID Visit - 8:30
PTSA Meeting – 9:00
ASB Food Fair, Lunch
FOR Club 2:30 - 3:10
- 12 Spring Picture Day
7th Grade 4.0+ Celebration 7:15
PTSA Restaurant Night – Corner Bakery, All Day
Soccer: Girls Home/Boys @ Pioneer - 3:00
- 13 8th Grade 4.0+ Celebration 7:15
Choir Festival, LOHS
- 14 8th Grade to LOHS 8:30
Soccer: Girls/Boys Both Home vs Grace Yokley - 3:00
SSA End of the Year trip - Big Al's ends at 5:15
- 15 GATE Disney Trip 7am-11:30
Thrive To Chaffey 10-12:15
- 19 Soccer: Boys Home, Girls @ ALJH - 3:00
Open House 6:00-7:30

- 20 8th Grade Parent Night @ LOHS
- 21 ~~PTSA Fundraiser Bubblepalooza~~ **Rescheduled on May 9**
- 22 **Modified Day-Dismissal 12:40**
- 25-29 **Spring Break**

APRIL

- 2 Choir Quakes Tickets on Sale through April 19
Boomers \$ Collection Begins through April 12
- 3 CAASPP State Testing Begins through May 3
ALSD Board Meeting, 6:00
- 5 Jazz Band @ LOHS Jazz Night 7:00
- 9 GATE Spelling Bee, ALJH—6:00-8:00 @ ALJH
- 12 PTSA Mtg. 9:00
FOR Club ends at 2:30 - 3:10
- 15 Knott's/Promo Party \$ Begins through April 26
- 17 ALSD Board Meeting, 6:00
- 19 Progress Reports Carried Home
- 22-26 A Day Without Hate—Wear WHITE
- 23 CAC Art & Writing Contest, VJH 6:00
- 24 Administrative Professionals Day
- 25 Progress Reports Acknowledgement form due
- 26 PTSA Food Fair
- 29-1 CIMI Camp-7th Grade

MAY

- 1 Return from CIMI Camp-7th Grade
ALSD Board Meeting, 6:00
- 3 Last day of State Testing
- 6-10 Teacher Appreciation Week**
- 6 7th Grade Awards Ceremony - 8:30
- 7 8th Grade Awards Ceremony - 8:30
- 8 Quakes Field Trip - 9:00
Spring Concert @ LOHS 7:00
- 9 Scholarship Bowl - 8:15
PTSA Fundraiser Bubblepalooza 6th Period
- 10 PTSA Mtg. 9:00
THRIVE to Chaffey 10 - 12:15
FOR Club– 2:30 - 3:10
RCC Jazz Band Festival
- 13 Scholarship Bowl (Finals) @ ALJH
8th Grade Textbook Collection
- 14 HS Integrated Math Testing, 8:30
Spring Band Concert @ LOHS 7:00
- 15 7th Grade Textbook Collection
ALSD Board Meeting, 6:00
- 16 8th Gr Band/Choir to Disneyland
7th to Boomers 9:10-2:10
Yearbook Signing Party ends at 3:00
- 17 8th Grade Promotion Party 5:30 - 8:00
- 20 No Back Packs to school rest of the week
- 21 8th Grade Knott's Berry Farm
- 22 7th Grade Last Day of School
8th Grade Pan Picture and Promo Practice
Modified Day, All Students, 12:40
- 23 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony 9:00
- 29 Report Cards Mailed Home

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:

- ◆ In-N-Out
- * Islands
- ◆ Laser Island-Upland
- * Nothing Bundt Cakes
- ◆ John's Incredible Pizza
- ◆ Buffalo Wild Wings
- ◆ Jack In The Box
- ◆ Bucca di Beppo
- ◆ Islands



REGISTRATION POLICY

We will be using Illuminate, our online student information system, to complete school forms required at the beginning of the school year again. Before student class schedules will be given out in July, parents will need to fill out the information required in the Illuminate Parent Portal during the month of April. In addition, all students will need to provide proof of the Tdap immunization in order to receive the student class schedules.

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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, or mvass@alsd.org.

Beginning 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, hands-on, 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 Assembly.



Promotion Party

This year's 8th grade Promotion Party will be held on Friday, May 17, 5:30—8:00pm. This evening is put together every year by dedicated parent volunteers who spend many hours of their time to make it successful. If you would like to be a part of your student's promotion by volunteering to help plan the party or work at the event, please call Tamara Kalfopolous at 484-5120. We can use all the help you can give. Also, any donations would be graciously accepted!

Promotion Ceremony

The 8th grade promotion ceremony will be held on **Thursday, May 23th** on the upper field at 9:00 am. All 8th grade students who have earned a cumulative GPA of 1.6 or higher are invited to participate. The ceremony will end at approximately 10:30 am, and students will then be released to leave with their parents. The 8th grade Pan Picture will be taken on Wed. May 22, the day before promotion at 9:00 am. Order forms will be sent home and available in the office.

Promotion is an important event in your child's life and should be seen as a beginning not an ending. Therefore, the sophistication of formal evening dresses, tuxedos, and limousines are NOT appropriate or acceptable for a middle level promotion activity. Cotton dresses for girls (no strapless, spaghetti straps or midriffs, please), and a shirt and tie for boys are acceptable modes of dress for this special occasion.



ATTENTION 7th Grade Parents

As we approach the conclusion of your student's 7th grade year, please be reminded that in order for your student to qualify for promotion and related activities in 8th grade, they must earn a cumulative GPA of 1.6 or higher. Students who have failed classes will be given the opportunity to earn positive GPA credit by completing additional work.

Seventh grade students are also on a system of demerits in addition to regular eligibility of 2.0 or higher and 3 or less negative citizenship marks to qualify for the 7th grade end-of-the-year activities: The Boomers trip on May 16 and a special assembly. Information on these events and demerits were recently sent home to parents late February. If you have any questions, please call Judy Bach or Maureen Vass.

Please mark your calendar for Wednesday, July 25th for 8th grade schedule pick-up.

Trimester 2 Scholar Athletes:

congratulations! 

Vicino 7th– Dylan Bastida-Freyre, Dakota Leiva

Vicino 8th– Jack Zhao, Angelena Ly

Bacon 7th– Max Ramos, Sebrina Pustam

Bacon 8th—Nathaniel Macias, Samantha Santacruz

Kulm 7th—Jonathan Eakle, Mahealani Quartero

Kulm 8th—Peter Wang, Leila Manno

Vikings Make A Difference

Our Vikings raised a total of \$2,000 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society through the Pennies for Patients fundraiser!

Congratulations to Mr. Alcalá's class for bringing in the most donations.

Mrs. Federico's and Mrs.

Swistock's classes were close

behind. Thank you for all your efforts!



School Website Link

Our easy-access link to our school:

<https://www.alsd.k12.ca.us/domain/156>

All the activities and current happenings can be found here.

VJH Spelling Bee

We are so proud of all of our 55 7th & 8th Spelling Bee participants this year! Congratulations to our winners.

First Place Winner: Damaris Mendez

Second Place Winner: James Cadwell

Damaris Menendez will represent us at the San Bernardino Community College District Spelling Bee on March 16th.



Transfer Procedures

IMPORTANT DATES
February 1 – March 22, 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 22, 2019. Applications for Inter-District transfer requests will remain open.



As of April 1, 2019, checks will **NOT** be accepted for the remainder of the school year. Cash or money orders **ONLY**. Thank You!



Honor Roll Students

Congratulations to those 7th and 8th grade students who achieved 2nd Trimester Honor Roll. Their diligence and dedication to academic excellence always makes Vineyard shine!



Open House

Tuesday, March 19 from **6:00-7:30pm** is Vineyard's annual **Open House**. The Choral performance and PTSA Meeting will take place from 6:00-6:30 in the MPR. All classrooms will be open for visits from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. **Yearbooks** will be on sale for **\$50.00. (Cash Only)**.



Vineyard Junior High Recognized as a 2019 California Distinguished School



Vineyard Junior High School is one of only 200 secondary schools in California and only 11 in San Bernardino County to be recognized as a California Distinguished School in 2019.

Junior high schools nominated for California Distinguished School status were evaluated on two categories: exceptional student performance for two consecutive school years and their ability to close the achievement gap between two school years.

Vineyard was recognized for its Viking Tiered System of Supports, a school-wide approach to meet the academic, behavioral and social-emotional learning needs of students. Through a shared responsibility and partnership between home and school, staff and parents work collaboratively to create a learning environment that promotes intellectual and social development, prepares students for college and career, and inspires learners for a lifetime of success in a global society.

Every student's individual unique needs are identified, evaluated and then addressed with the goal of improving the whole child in terms of academics, behavior and social-emotional learning, while embracing a growth mindset for continuous improvement. In addition to standards-based instruction, students are provided with a tiered system of academic intervention and enrichment opportunities.

We are extremely proud of our students and staff at Vineyard Junior High School. California Distinguished School recognition is not only important and prestigious for our school, but it also is an overwhelming testament to the outstanding collaboration and engagement that takes place at Vineyard and throughout the entire community.

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Every Day Counts



Strive for fewer than 5 missed days

Good attendance is important because:

- ☐ Children and teenagers learn to read and write proficiently
- ☐ Each grade provides the building blocks to understand math in the next grade
- ☐ Children and teenagers learn how to be good students
- ☐ Students learn how to interact with others and have fun when they are in school
- ☐ Students acquire the skills needed to be successful in college and beyond

Speak to your child's teacher if:

- a) You think your child has been mistakenly marked absent or late.
- b) Your child doesn't want to go to school because he or she is struggling socially or academically.
- c) You have a family emergency that causes your child to miss school and you would like to know how to make up the work.

Speak to the front office if:

- a) You need to report or clear an absence.
- b) You want to find out if your child is at risk due to poor attendance.

***Studies show that students who have good attendance and are on time to school every day are more successful in school and achieve at higher levels.**



L.E.A.P. into Summer Enrichment Program!

We are excited to inform you about our summer enrichment program

L.E.A.P. into Summer!

We are offering summer courses taught by Alta Loma School District staff

Learning Enrichment Activities and Projects

Will keep your children

Engaged, active, and learning during the summer!

Please visit our website for information about upcoming sessions, dates, and times.

All session and course information can be found on our L.E.A.P. website

beginning March 4, 2019.

bit.ly/ALSDLEAP

Please note:

Priority registration will be available at the *Festival of Arts* on March 2, 2019 at

Vineyard Junior High School located at 6440 Mayberry Ave. Alta Loma, Ca. 91737

• **Session 1 - June 3-14, 2018**

○ 1A: 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

○ 1B: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

• **Session 2 - June 17-28, 2018**

○ 2A: 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

○ 2B: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Look for more information at our [L.E.A.P. into Summer](#) website listed below. It includes course descriptions, course schedules, registration, and payment information. Go ahead and take the L.E.A.P! We can't wait to see you there!

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