

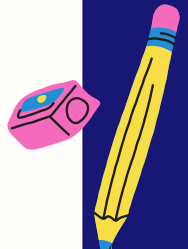
January 2023



The Soaring Eagle Newsletter

Principal: Dr. Mindy Long

Assistant Principal: Meredith McArthur



Upcoming Events

Kindergarten Round-up - Feb. 9th
President's Day/No school -
February 20th
End of Quarter 3-March 10th

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Dr. Long's Notes

Happy New Year Families! I hope everyone had a wonderful winter break. Now that we are back in the classrooms, we are full steam ahead ensuring our students are learning and growing. We are finishing up our mid-year FAST testing so that we can hone in on the standards and skills each student needs to be successful in their grade-level and beyond. We not only have incredible classroom teachers, but we are lucky to have a team of experienced, dedicated intervention teachers and paraprofessionals that work with our students. Many of our grade levels are also preparing for exciting teaching artist experiences and field trips to extend their learning. We have classes across our campus visiting Mote Marine, VanWezel performances, Suncoast Technical College, Riverview Planetarium, Circus Conservatory, and more.

We also are working on some exciting family opportunities. We are planning our STEM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Math) night, Literacy Night, and a family movie night for this spring. We are also still on the lookout for anyone interested in leading and establishing our PTO board. If you are interested in leading, please reach out to Tammara.Purdin@sarasotacountyschools.net



Soaring Above and Beyond

Reminders



ALTA VISTA FOOD PANTRY



Alta Vista is thankful for our partnership with the Rotary Club of Sarasota and All Faiths Food Bank in providing a community Food Pantry for our families.

The Pantry will be open on the first and third Thursday of the month from 3:15 to 4:15PM in the Alta Vista cafeteria. We ask that you bring photo identification and do not arrive prior to 3:15PM.

Food Pantry Dates for 2022-2023

September 1 and 15
October 6 and 20
November 3 and 17
December 1 and 15
January 12 and 26
(no school first week in January)
February 2 and 16
March 2 and 23
(Spring Break is the third week in March)
April 6 and 20
May 4 and 18

Special Thanks to the



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DESPENSA DE COMIDA DE ALTA VISTA



Alta Vista está muy agradecida de tener al Club Rotario de Sarasota y al Banco De Comida De Todos los Credos compartiendo con nosotros la labor de proveer a nuestras familias la Alacena De Alimentos Comunitaria en el plantel de Alta Vista.

La Alacena estará abierta el primer y tercer jueves de cada mes de 3:15 a 4:15 de la tarde en la cafetería. Les pedimos que traigan una identificación con foto y no lleguen antes de las 3:15 de la tarde.

2022-2023 Fechas para Despensa de Comida:

Septiembre 1 y 15
Octubre 6 y 20
Noviembre 3 y 17
Diciembre 1 y 15
Enero 12 y 26
(No hay escuela la primera semana de enero)
Febrero 2 y 16
Marzo 2 y 23
(Las vacaciones de primavera son la tercera semana de marzo)
Abril 6 y 20
Mayo 4 y 18

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Mission

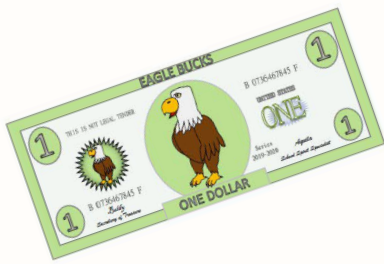
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Eaglezon Events & Store



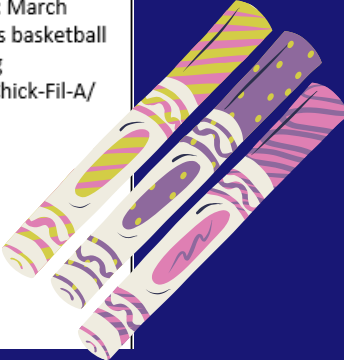
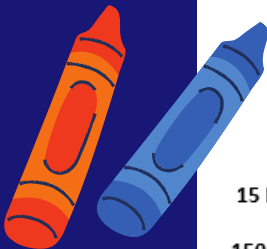
PBIS



P. B. I. S. (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support) and Alta Vista Elementary Eagles have taken this project to new heights this school year! The P. B. I. S. team has “soared” to a higher level by offering our students more opportunities to participate in P. B. I. S. In the past, students at AVE have always participated in what was known as “The Coin Store” which allowed students to purchase items by earning coins for good behavior. This year, our team has created a new store and renamed it **“The Eaglezon”** (a.k.a. Amazon for Eagles) and our former coins are now **“Eagle Bucks”** to be used at the Eaglezon store. Students who are demonstrating positive behavior visit the store on a weekly basis with their classroom. The store is packed full of kid-friendly items from stickers, to candy, and to even larger items like toys. Our AVE Eagles love to shop at the newest and greatest **EAGLEZON!**

In addition to our new Eaglezon store, the P. B. I. S. team has monthly events for students to attend. Students use their Eagle Bucks to purchase the events they are interested in attending. All of these events are optional, but they are certainly worth every Eagle buck if a student decides to go! Some of the events this year have included, a donut breakfast, Chick-fil-A treat, and a cookies and cocoa event during the holiday season. In the new year of 2023, the events will involve activities such as a raffle event, and more outdoor events that our students won’t be able to resist. There will be more to come, so keep working hard and making positive choices AVE students, and earn those **EAGLE BUCKS!**

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	NEW YEAR, EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO!
 <p>Delicious Donuts 8:00 in Café September 29th</p>	 <p>I-Scream Sundae! w/Spooky Books During Lunch in Café October 27th</p>	 <p>Breakfast 8:00 in Café November 17th</p>	 <p>Cocoa Café w/Decorated Cookies During Lunch in Café December 15th</p>	<p>JANUARY: Cotton Candy Party FEBRUARY: Kona Ice MARCH: March Madness basketball shooting APRIL: Chick-Fil-A/ Lunch</p>
15 Eagle Bucks or 150 Dojo Points	25 Eagle Bucks or 250 Dojo Points	30 Eagle Bucks or 300 Dojo Points	35 Eagle Bucks or 350 Dojo Points	



Thank you for your support!!!



Thank you, Hovercraft
and South Shore
Community Church! 5th
Grade appreciates you!

Advertise in The Soaring Eagle

Business Card: \$25.00

Half Page \$60.00

Full Page \$100.00

Please contact the school office
at 941-361-6400 or

Dr. Purdin with any questions.

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Become an Alta Vista Business Partner

Our Business Partner program offers numerous ways in which we can work together. Call to request a Business Partner packet for your review. It will help you decide how your business may best support our school and how our school community may best support your business. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Tucker, our Business Partner Coordinator, at (941) 361-6400. or Mary.Tucker@sarasotacountyschools.net.

THANK YOU for supporting
Alta Vista students
continue to SOAR!

Title 1/SIP



Alta Vista Elementary

2022-2023 School Improvement Plan Highlights



Mission:

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School History:

Alta Vista Elementary School, which opened in 1954, is a Title I School serving Pre-K through Grade 5. Alta Vista's student population consists of 25% White, 23% African American, 42% Hispanic and 8% Multi-ethnic. The Alta Vista Eagle Academy is a comprehensive summer academic and enrichment program that provides a two generational approach to educating children and their parents together. The Eagle Academy increases academic achievement, decreases summer learning loss, and provides career/vocational training for parents to enhance employment opportunities.

2022-2023 Goals

ELA Goal	By the year 2023, there will be a minimum increase of four percentage points, from 29% to 33%, in the number of students with disabilities demonstrating achievement on FAST-ELA.
Math Goal	By the year 2023, there will be a minimum increase of four percentage points, from 53% to 57%, in the number of students demonstrating learning gains of the lowest 25% in Mathematics.
Science Goal	By the year 2023, there will be a minimum increase of a four percentage points, from 46% to 51%, in proficiency on the Grade 5 NGSSS Statewide Assessment.

Awards, Programs, Services

- Summer Eagle Academy
- STEAM Enrichment Program
- Extensive Parent University Classes
- Adult Two Gen Education Center and Career & Vocational Programs
- Eagles' Nest Volunteer Center
- Renaissance Awards Program
- Principal's Student of the Month
- Caught You Being Good Store/Eaglezon
- Modern Band
- After School Child Care
- All Faiths Food Bank Backpack Program
- Food Pantry
- Safety Patrol
- Social Services Center with Social Workers and Mental Health Counselor
- College and Career Ready Program
- Cambridge International School

FSA Data	2022	2021	2019
ELA Achievement	55	51	61
ELA Learning Gains	71	60	56
ELA Lowest Quartile	62	43	57
Math Achievement	56	52	66
Math Learning Gains	61	50	51
Math Lowest Quartile	53	38	40
Science	46	56	49

Title I is a federally funded program that provides financial assistance to school districts and schools with high percentages of children from low- income families to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high- quality education and reach, at a minimum, proficiency on challenging State academic achievement standards and state academic assessments.

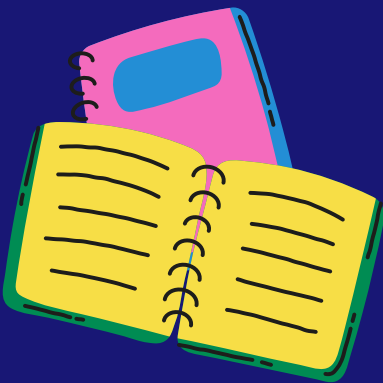
Title I Funds Promote High academic achievement for all children A greater focus on teaching and learning Flexibility to foster local initiatives coupled with responsibility for student performance Improved connections among schools, parents, and communities Parents may find one or more of the following in a Title I school Intervention classes providing intensive assistance in reading, math, writing, and/or science Additional resource teachers and paraprofessionals/assistants who are highly qualified Additional training for school staff A variety of teaching methods and materials Special learning events for parents and families offered in multiple languages Training for parents and families to help their child/children do better in school • Extended day and year programs such as before and after school tutoring and/or summer programs

Prek

ABC



Mrs. Murray's Prek class is participating in "Strengthening Literacy Through Arts Experiences" program. Students are enjoying experiences all year long to strengthen their literacy, communication and collaboration skills.

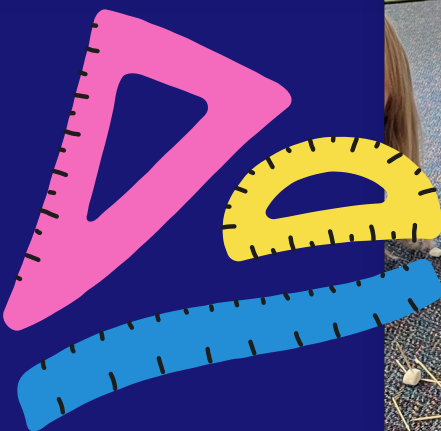
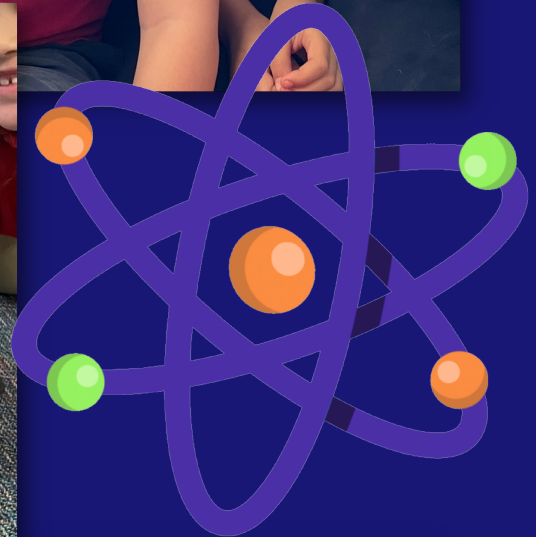
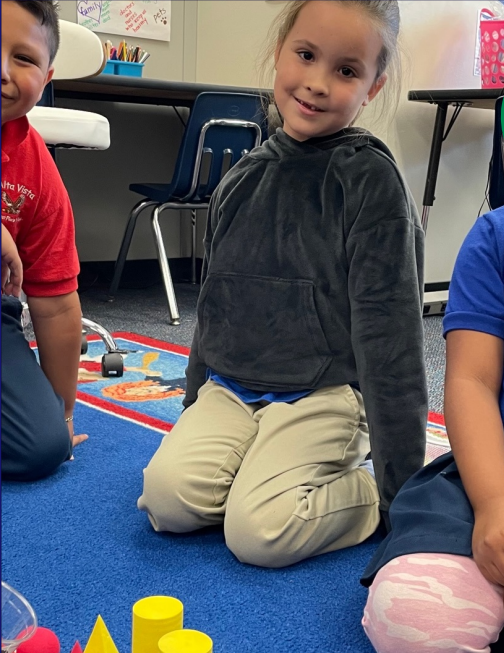


Students in Mrs. Feygin's Prek class played a spring drum that makes a sound of thunder during music class.

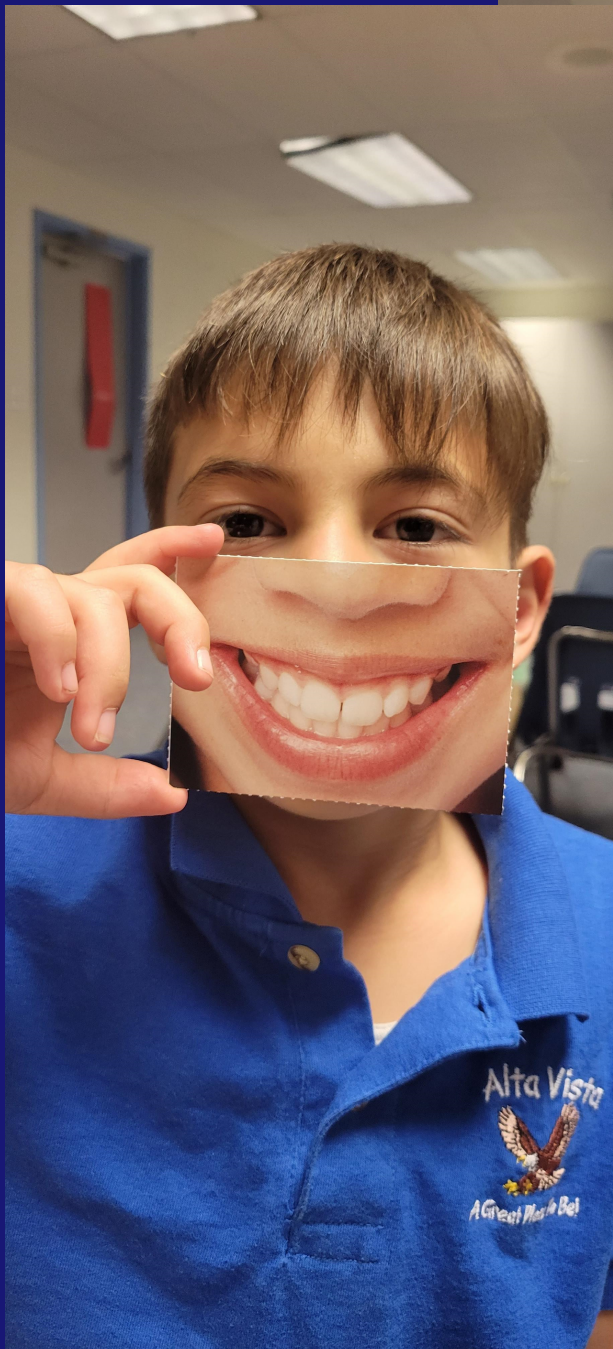
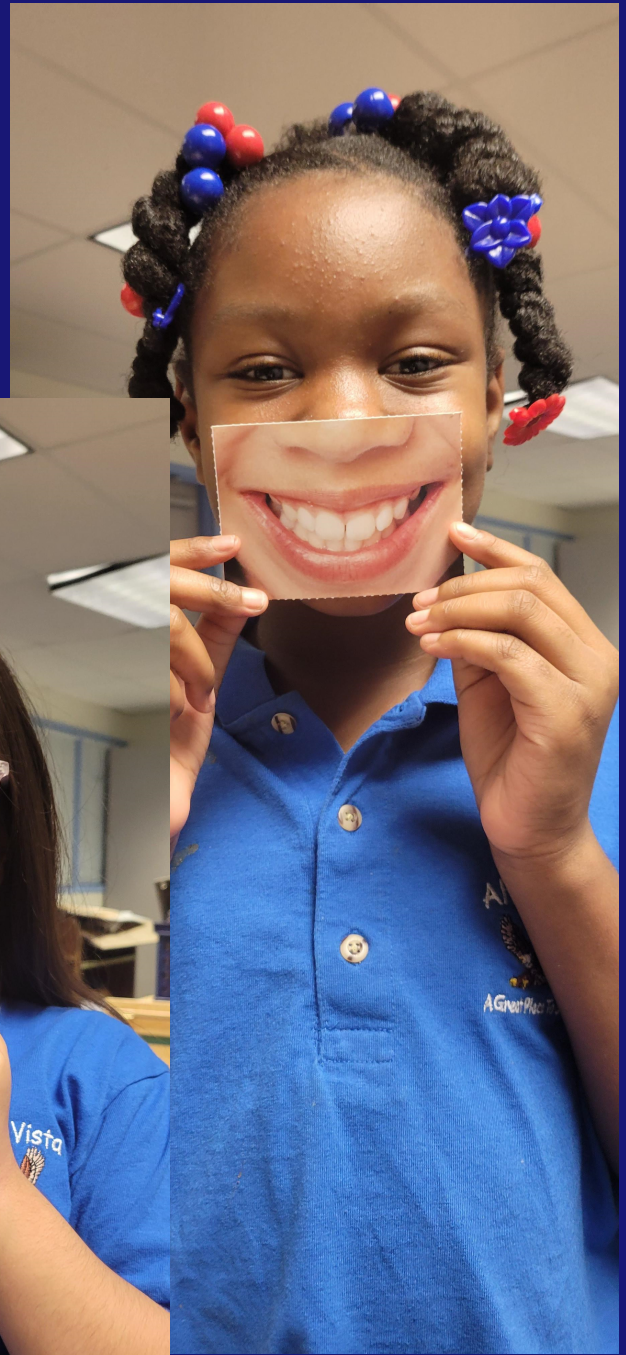


First Grade

STEM



W.I.N. (What I Need) Time at AVE

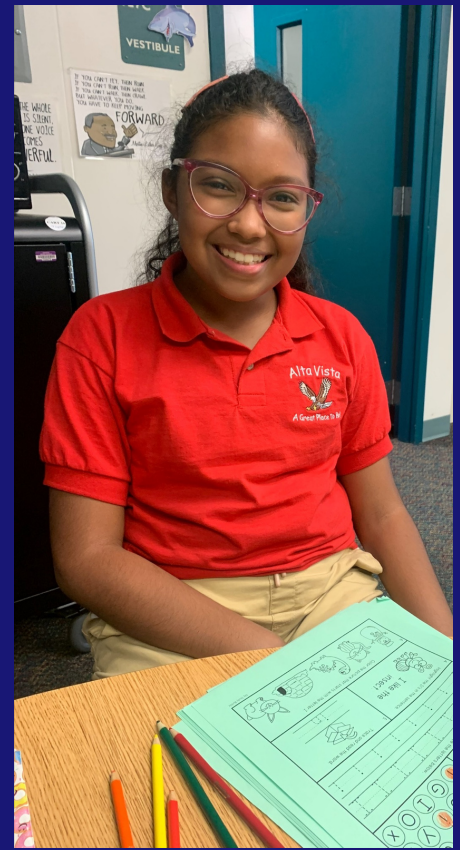
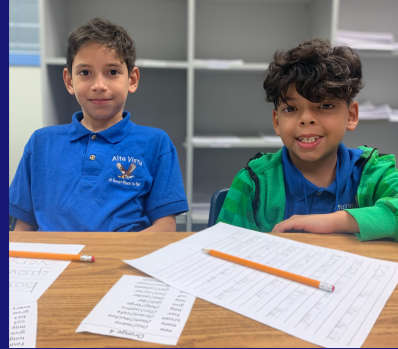
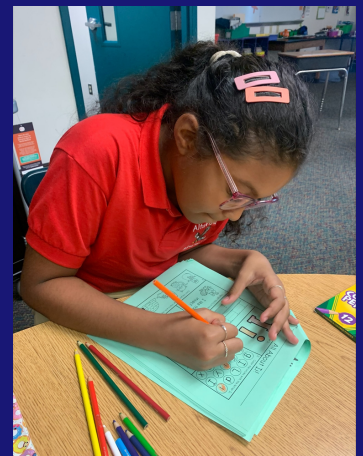
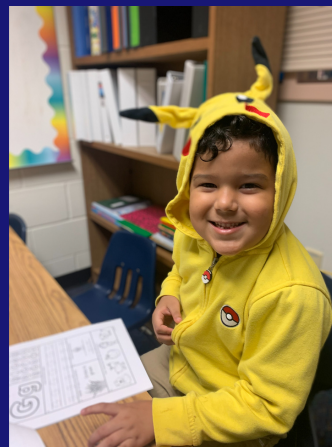
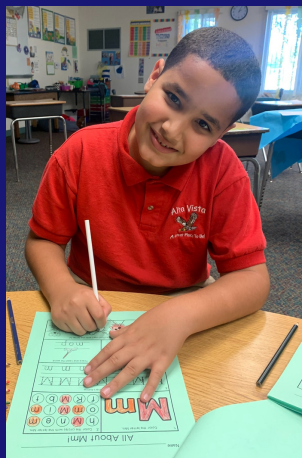
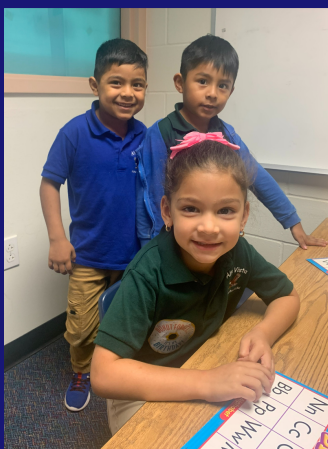
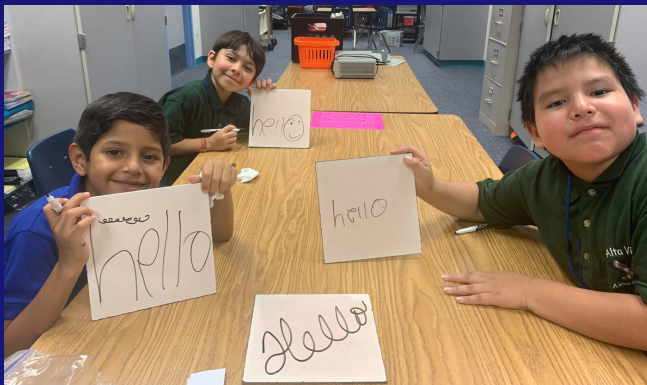
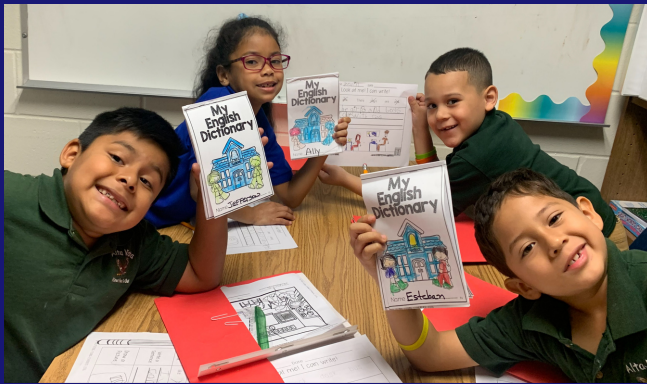
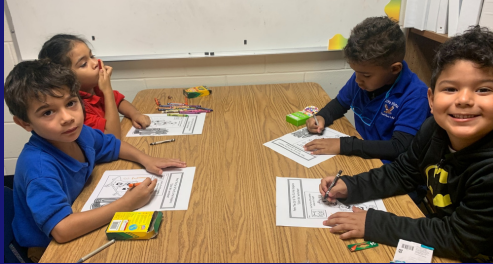


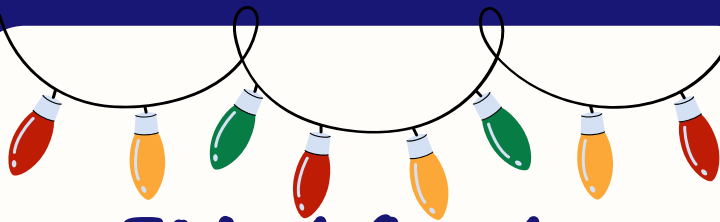
The many uses of picture
cards during WIN!

ESOL



ABC





Third Grade

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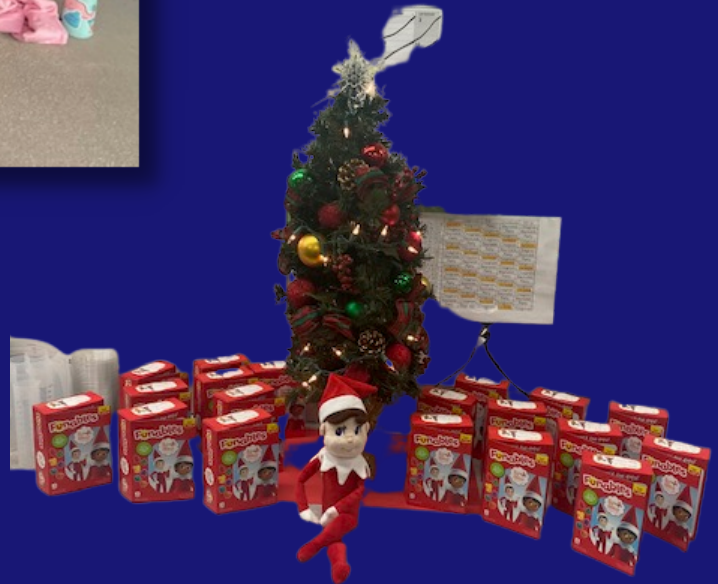


A big shout out to parents: Thursday's feast of a variety of treats was enjoyed by everyone!

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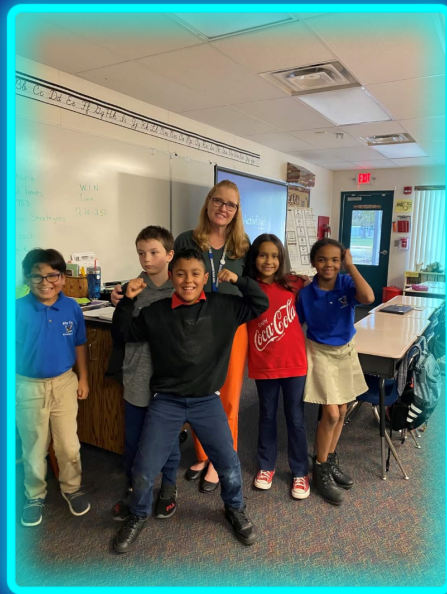
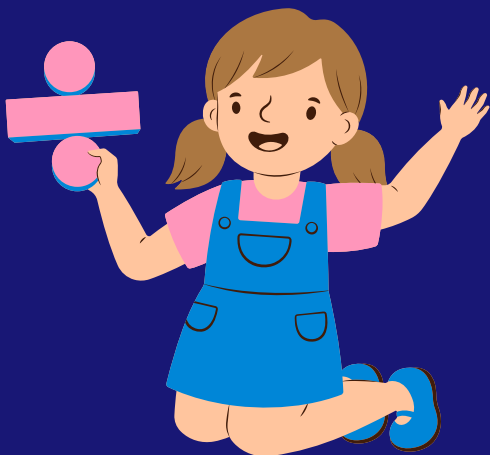


1. Ugly Teacher Sweater Day: Adorable picture of Rebekkah Reynolds and Ms. Perry
2. Decorating Doors: Students wrote about one day they woke up and saw snow out of their window. They were very creative with the the plot that they came up with for their narrative writing.
3. Elf on the Shelf: Mrs. Jackson's students were so excited to find the Elf on the Shelf each day but were mostly excited when they found the Elf on Thursday under a tree with gifts.

Fourth Grade



What is happening in 4th grade? We are excited to start the second half of the school year. Our students are continuing to learn how to divide in the real-world, and we will be learning about fractions soon. In Science, we are learning about energy and motion, and how we use energy. We use reading in all our subject areas and are always sharpening our reading skills to be the best readers we can be. A highlight of 4th grade is our Hero Squad. We believe everyone has a hero in them! Our superpowers are gratitude, empathy, perseverance and other character strong traits. We meet on Fridays as a whole team. We believe we are strong enough to use our superpowers and be the best people we can be.



Alta Vista Pledge

I am **E**ager to learn

I am **A**lways safe

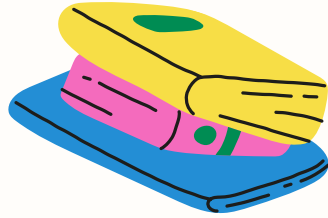
I **G**ive respect

I **L**isten well

Everyone cooperates at Alta Vista



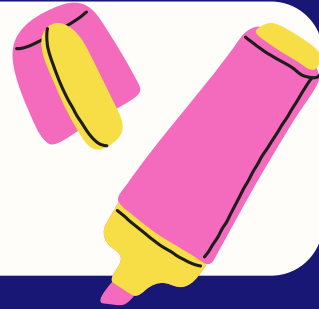
AVE Reading Recovery



Alta Vista Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade teachers and some intervention teachers participated in professional development with the Reading Recovery teachers. Kindergarten focused on how to provide consistent instruction for letter sounds, as well as hand gestures, to go along with each letter in order to give all students several ways to learn letters. 1st and 2nd grade teachers focused on how to get their students monitoring as they read, and some new prompts they might use during instruction to help students to monitor for themselves. The 3rd grade teachers had the opportunity to dive into a new resource they can use during small group instruction. We look forward to seeing some more incredible reading instruction in our classrooms in the new year!



SWAG

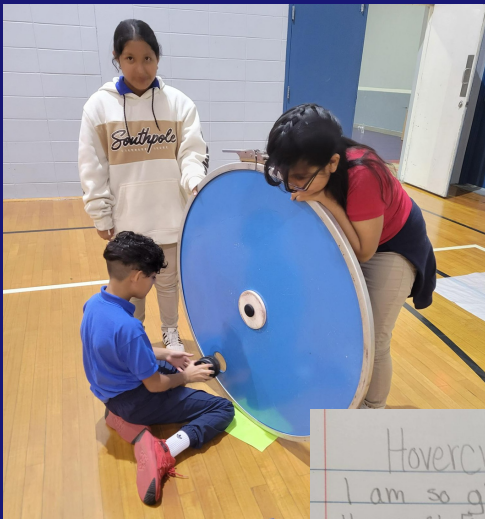


Our fourth and fifth graders have been working hard in SWAG. SWAG is a career and college course and stands for Students With Amazing Goals. We have been focusing on goal setting and the four A's of success (attendance, attitude, achievement, accountability). Our students have been engaged and eager to learn. Our fifth graders have a trip coming up the end of this month to learn all about the programs offered at STC (Suncoast Technical College). I hope to get our fourth graders out to visit Sarasota High in February. SWAG will host our annual Middle School Exploration Night in February to give our students and families information about the middle schools our campus disperses to.

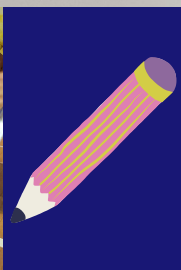
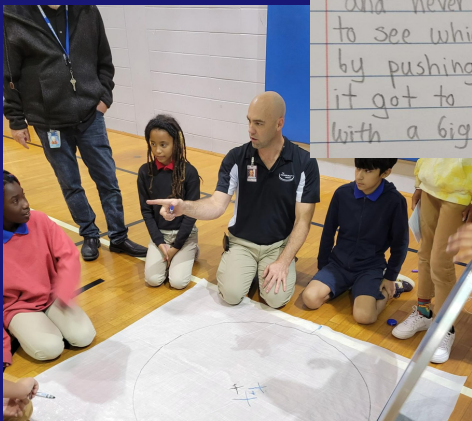


Fifth Grade SCIENCE

We are so very grateful for the ongoing support of our local community! More specifically, we are grateful for South Shore Community Church and the Hovercraft Project. We thoroughly enjoyed their support for our amazing day-long Hovercraft experience. The students learned some science, math, teamwork, and life skills!



Hovercraft
I am so glad I was able to go to the Hovercraft Field Trip. We worked really hard and never gave up. There was a challenge to see which hovercraft goes the farthest by pushing it. Also with a pilot on it it got to move by a blower in a whole with a big paper circle.



Thank you to the people who paid for the Hovercraft. I could imagine it was very expensive. I am very thankful that.

Sarasota County Schools Information

Links are available to the following items for you to review:

Family Access Portal

View your child's attendance, grades, assignments and schedule on-line.

<https://parentportal.sarasotacountyschools.net>

Free and Reduced Meal Applications

This program is available to ANY & ALL families who qualify. This means breakfast and lunch could be provided to your child(ren) EVERYDAY we are in school for FREE or at a reduced cost to you.

<https://www2.myschoolapps.com/>

District Student and Family Handbook

<https://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/Page/2548>

Policy Against Discrimination for Students, Employees and Applicants

<https://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/Page/2613>

Student Social Media Guidelines

<https://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/Page/4434>

Alta Vista Website

The Alta Vista Website provides key information on school events and programs

www.sarasotacountyschools.net/schools/altavista

Alta Vista's School Improvement Plan

School Improvement encompasses a system of accountability for districts and schools through the Florida Department of Education. Student performance is assessed as a measure to determine whether state educational standards are being achieved. Alta Vista's School Improvement Plan is available on the district website at:

<https://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/Page/2641>

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Sarasota County Schools Strategic Plan

<https://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/Page/4828>

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<https://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/Page/1318>

Music



2nd grade students use pantomime to act out one of the movements of Vivaldi's Four Seasons.



Mrs. McArthur joined in on our class learning "Natural," by Imagine Dragons, on baritone ukulele.



First Grade celebrating their great behavior with a "music party."



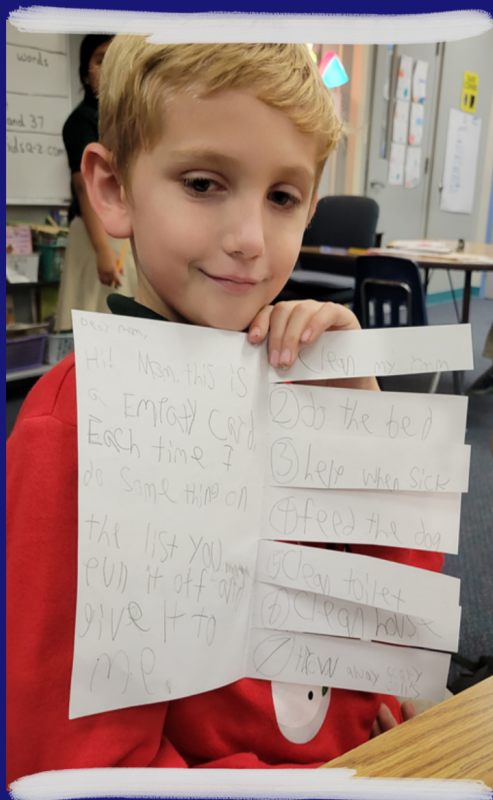
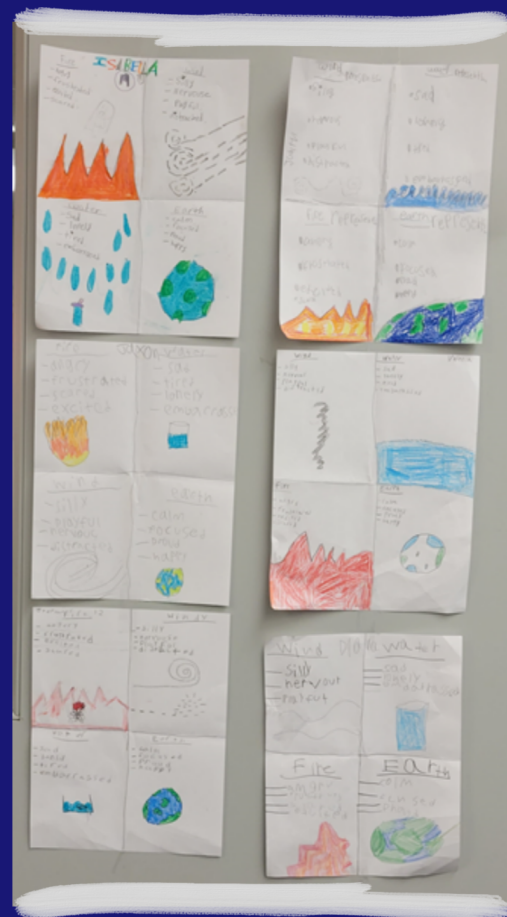
Character Strong

Character at Work!

Check out these works of art from Ms. Jackson's 3rd grade students! The students used the four elements of fire, water, Earth, and wind to describe a range of feelings under each category. Their words were descriptive and powerful. It provided a deeper level of students' perceptions.

EMPATHY: *the ability*
TO
UNDERSTAND & CONNECT
TO THE Feelings of Another

Purpose
FULL
People



Character at Work 2!

The character trait of empathy was live and in action in Ms. Jackson's 3rd grade classroom! The students worked on a writing assignment that incorporated empathy. Students created a coupon booklet for their parents/caregivers. The coupon booklet showed a variety of ways students could show gratitude and empathy by their actions. During class, the students discussed their appreciation for all the things their parents/caregivers have done for them over the "years" by putting themselves in their parents/caregivers' shoes!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses 2 days a month..

They will miss **20 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **30 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over **1 YEAR** of school by graduation.

When a student misses 4 days a month..

They will miss **40 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **120 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over **2 YEARS** of school by graduation.

REVISED



2022-2023 DISTRICT CALENDAR

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JULY 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4th – 8th – 240 Staff Non-Work Days
18th – 220 Staff Return

AUGUST 2022

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3rd – 196 Staff Return
10th – First Day for Students, 186 Staff

SEPTEMBER 2022

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5th – Labor Day - Students, All Staff

OCTOBER 2022

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12th – End of 1st Grading Period
14th – Professional Day - Students, 186 Staff

NOVEMBER 2022

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27	28	29	30			

21st – 25th – Thanksgiving Break -
Students, 186, 196, 220 Staff
24th – 25th – Thanksgiving Break - 240 Staff

DECEMBER 2022

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22nd – End of 2nd Grading Period
23rd – 30th – Winter Break - Students, All Staff

JANUARY 2023

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2nd – 6th – Winter Break - Students, All Staff
16th – Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Students, All Staff

FEBRUARY 2023

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20th – Presidents Day - Students, All Staff

MARCH 2023

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26	27	28	29	30	31	

10th – End of 3rd Grading Period
13th – 17th – Spring Break - Students, All Staff

APRIL 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 30	24	25	26	27	28	29

7th – Mini-Break - Students, 186, 196, 220 Staff

MAY 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
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28		30	31			

26th – Last Day for Students, 186 Staff
29th – Memorial Day - All Staff
31st – Last Day for 196 Staff

JUNE 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

16th – Last Day for 220 Staff