

**Linda Vista Elementary School  
Newsletter  
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**May/June 2008**

**From the English Learner  
Support Teacher:**

May is a very important time for parents of English Learners; it is the time to start looking ahead for school year 2008-2009!

Please plan to attend one of the Program Options meetings being held in May. This is your opportunity to review the options available to English Learners. It is also the time to request the bilingual program or to renew your application. Remember, you must renew your application every year if you want to participate in the bilingual program.

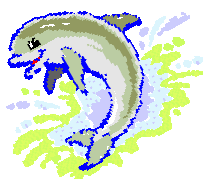
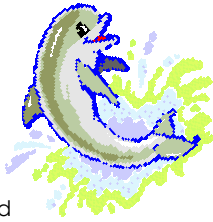
All the following meetings will be held in the auditorium, you only need to attend ONE in the language of your choice!

(Waivers will be made available to parents following the presentation)

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| May 7   | 9:30 am, Spanish presentation<br>10:30 am, English presentation   |
| May 13  | 5:30 pm, English presentation<br>6:30 pm, Spanish presentation  |
| June 18 | 9:30 am, Spanish presentation<br>10:30am, English presentation<br>5:30pm, Spanish presentation<br>6:30 pm, English presentation |

I am proud to announce that Linda Vista Elementary now has a fully functioning ELAC (English Learner Advisory Committee). We have 5 members who have been coming regularly to our meetings, but we would love to have more members on our committee! On May 21<sup>st</sup>, ELAC will be hosting a meeting for ALL parents of English Learners. The topic will be "Programs that support English Learners at Linda Vista". Please come for a very informative presentation and meet our ELAC members! Maybe you too will want to be part of ELAC. One final note: I am trying to raise money to support English Learners at Linda Vista. I am collecting and recycling empty printer cartridges, I can get anywhere from \$.02 up to \$1.50 for these cartridges. If you have any at home or work, please don't throw them away. Send them to school with your child. I will take care of the rest. All money collected from this program will go to support English Learners! What a wonderful opportunity to support and help the environment! Thanks for your help in this endeavor!

See you soon,  
Patricia Reese



Any questions or concerns regarding English Learners call 858 496-8196 ext. 165 room 23

**From the Linda Vista PTSO  
Please join the Linda Vista  
Parent Teacher Student  
Organization – PTSO; OUR  
MEETINGS ARE HELD THE  
FIRST TUESDAY OF EVERY  
MONTH AT 6PM**

in the counseling center. We are currently planning more fundraising activities to help raise money for our school to benefit our students. We are currently planning a rummage sale. **We need more parents** to be members of a parent fundraising committee to plan and put on fundraising activities for our school. Most recent fundraising included:  
Day of the child – dinner- \$1,365  
Cookie sale - \$255.00

Any parents wanting to join in our efforts, please contact Mrs. Lozano or Mrs. Galindo at (858) 496-8196

Elections for 2008-2009 school year PTSO officials will be done in July. COME JOIN YOUR SCHOOL

**From the First Grade Teachers**

First graders are learning about the weather in science, money and time in math and soccer and dance at the YMCA. In the first 3 weeks of the Dive into Reading program we have read over 2000 books! We can't wait to see what Mrs. Carter will be doing in July when the school meets the goal of reading over 12000 books! Remember to turn in your bread orders May 19th to your teachers.

**From the Kindergarten classes**

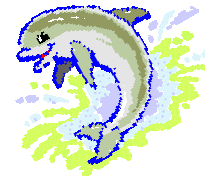
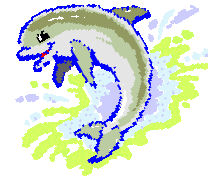
Kindergarten classes will be going to the zoo on May 23<sup>rd</sup> or May 30<sup>th</sup>. Please check with your child's teacher. Continue to read with your child and remember to visit the library. It is a great experience for the whole family.

**PE Teachers**

The May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Union Tribune Race for Literacy was a lot of fun. We had a number of gold medal winners! Check out the photographs outside the office.

**Fourth Grade News**

The 4th grade teachers are working diligently to help the students close their gaps in mathematics. We have devoted an additional period in the afternoons from May to mid June when CST testing takes place to focus on the skills that our students need to succeed in fourth grade math. We are also working heavily on test taking strategies during reading and writing. Please help your child by making sure that his/her homework is complete and that he/she is getting enough rest. At this age



nine hours is recommended. We all want your children to be prepared to learn and to do their best.

#### **Fifth Grade news**

We are participating in the San Diego County Fair Plant \* Grow\* Eat program and we will be going to the fair on June 26th. We are starting a unit on the 13 colonies and we will make colonial newspapers. In math we are studying fractions. Every Thursday until the middle of May the students have a class with Junior Theater and are producing a script from the story, "Bremontown Musicians."

We are taking Mrs. Carter's reading challenge very seriously. We are working hard to meet our reading goal of 1200 books read by July. We have begun to plan the end of the year activities and Promotion.

#### **News from Nurse Nancy**

I'll be giving the second of three classes for parents called Healthy Kids/Healthy families. Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles can learn how to keep their children(themselves) healthier, and how to have more energy for school, work, and play. The class will be in room 14

Wednesday June 4th ; 9:15-10:15

Look for health news and tips on the bulletin board outside of the nurse's office. Help your child to learn and love school by getting enough sleep and eating breakfast. (7:30-8:00pm bedtime for grades K-3, 8:30-9:00pm bedtime for grades 4 & 5)

#### **Parent classes**

##### **News from the Community Assistants**

Thursday mornings: May 8, May 15, May 22 from 9:15 -11:00 we are offering a parent class for Spanish speakers entitled "Can we talk". "Can we talk" is designed to help parents improve communication with their children regarding issues such as self-esteem, peer pressure, and sexuality. We hope to see you here. For more information please contact Yolanda Galino or Carolina Lozano at (858) 496-8196

#### **Student council news**

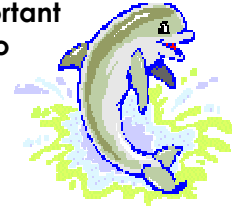
*Mother's Day fundraiser*

*Ice cream is for sale on Fridays after school.*

**Thank you parents who are in charge!!! All funds will be used for the 5th grade memory books.**

#### **Remember these important dates and things to do**

First grade and Kindergarten fundraiser,  
Turn in bread orders,  
May 19<sup>th</sup>



Bread orders will be delivered June 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm

Preschool enrollment May 14<sup>th</sup>

Memorial day, No school Monday May 26<sup>th</sup>

Next PTSO Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:00pm

California State testing - June  
Watch for the dates

Remember to visit the Linda Vista Library  
*and read read read*

*Up and coming events:*

*Science night- June  
PTSO rummage sale  
5th grade promotion*