



📅 **Vista View volume 129 / December 1, 2017**

Principal's Message

Happy December! We are coming to the last couple of weeks of the semester. I encourage each of you to make sure that students' assignments are completed and turned in. I hope that you enjoyed the strings concert and the band concert this week. They were tremendous! I encourage you to come to the "Polar Express" and "A Night at the Movies" programs over the next two weeks. Almost every student in the school will be on stage. You will be impressed.

Sam Gibbs
Principal



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SCHOOL HOURS

Monday - Thursday 8:25am - 3:05pm
Early out Friday 8:25am - 12:55pm

A/B Schedule

Mondays and Wednesdays = A Day
Tuesdays and Thursdays = B Day
Fridays = A or B Day

Check the school calendar to know whether a Friday is an A or B Day

Kindergarten Hours:

- M-TH: AM 8:25-11:10am *
PM 12:20 - 3:05pm
- Friday: 8:25 - 12:55 AM-A Days *
PM-B Days

The doors to Vista School will open at 8:15 am each morning. Please do not drop off students before that time

Band Concert



What a wonderful concert was held this week! Beginning Band, Intermediate Band, and Percussion group all performed, led by Mr. Swan.

Concert Choir

On Sat Dec 2 at 7:00pm, Vista's Concert Choir will be performing at the LDS Temple Visitor's Center. Support the choir while enjoying the holiday season with your family!

The Polar Express Holiday Spectacular

Come join us at our holiday concert on Fri Dec 8 and Sat Dec 9, 6:00pm both nights. Enjoy entertainment by many of our performing groups, including Orchestras, Bands, VRS, Vocal Xpressions, Advanced Choir, Dance Companies, piano and percussion soloists. Tickets are available online at www.vistautah.com (adults \$4, youth \$2). General admission seating is available at the door.

Your assistance is needed at The Polar Express rehearsals and performances. Please check the signup, <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c4aa8aa2ca13-polar>, to see how you can help.

Spirit Shirt Day and PTO Dollar Denim Day

Fri Dec 8 is Spirit Shirt and Dollar Denim Day! Students may wear a spirit shirt for free, which includes Orchestra, Band, VRS, PTO, etc. Students may wear jeans (which includes colored denim) for a dollar by paying a PTO volunteer at the door. Funds help pay for classroom supplies.

Specialized Bikes 25% off with Riding for Focus

We are grateful for the donation of bikes as part of our curriculum this year. In addition, students and their families may purchase a bike at 25% off by filling out a form available in the front office and bringing it to a local bicycle retailer.

Wed Dec 21 - Minimum Day and Polar Express Day

There will be a minimum day of school on Wed Dec 21. School will end at 12:55pm for 1st-8th grade. AM Kindergarten will attend 8:25-10:25am. PM Kindergarten will attend 10:55-12:55pm

It is Polar Express Day! Students may wear modest pajamas (no tank tops, short shorts, bare midriffs, etc) or school uniform to school on this day. This is not a free dress day.

There is no school Thurs Dec 22 through Tues Jan 2. School resumes on Wed Jan 3.

First Day Back to School

Wed Jan 3 will be the first day back to school after winter break. It will be a regular A day.

Multi-Cultural Night

Vista will be holding its first ever Multi-Cultural night on Thurs Jan 11 and we need your help. Click on this link for details about how you can help: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f49afa72aa57-vista1>

Holiday Giving

It is that time of year again when we are able to help some of our own during the holiday season. Please consider donating to Vista's Holiday Giving program. Click on the link for a list of requested items and additional details. [Holiday Giving: Vista 2017 Holiday Giving](#)

Amazon Smile Program

As you are holiday shopping on Amazon, we invite you to support Vista School. Go to smile.amazon.com (instead of amazon.com) and you will be on the same Amazon website but a percentage of your purchases benefit Vista! Choose your school once (select VistaSchool of Performing Arts and Technology in Ivins UT), then every time you log onto smile.amazon.com, you are supporting Vista.

Dixie Direct

All Dixie Direct \$35 payments/blue slips or books are now due. Additional books are available in the school office.

The contest deadline for selling books is Mon Dec 18. The grade that sells the most books will win a pizza party! Prizes will be given to all students who sell 2, 5 or 10 books. In addition, the top 3 selling students at our school will earn a Visa gift card.

VCC Vista Conservatory Classes

Registration for Winter 2018 semester begins on Mon Dec 18. Classes will begin on Mon Jan 22.

Class ending dates for the current semester:

Mon Dec 4:

Hula I

Tues Dec 5:

Flag Football
3D/Robotics
Visual Arts, grade 2
Interm Violin/Viola
Get Up and Move
Art Attack
Beginning Combo
Group Piano (Richins)
Tumbling
Pointe/Pre-Pointe
Just 4 Kidz Lego

Wed Dec 6:

Mountain Biking Club
Soccer
Beyond Cats and Dogs in Reading
Intensive Reading Intervention
Storytime Crafts
Beginning Ballet
Tap
Kids in the Kitchen, grades 2-3
Beginning Piano (Wyckoff)
Intermediate Piano

Thurs Dec 7:

First Lego League Robotics
Visual Arts, grade 3
Sports Club
Beg/Interm Cello/Bass
Homework Club
Group Piano (Lewis)

Beg/Interm Jazz
Kids in the Kitchen, grades 4-5
Digital Media Lab

Fri Dec 8:

Advanced Ballet

Tues Dec 12:

Digital Media Lab

Wed Dec 13:

Minecraft
Digital Media Lab

Fri Dec 15:

Beginning Piano (Wyckoff)

These classes have ended for the semester:

- Cycling Club
- Science Exploration
- Intermediate Ballet
- Digital Media Lab Monday
- Beginning Piano Monday (Wyckoff)

Payment may be made online at www.vistautah.com/payments or by cash or check to Vista School's front office.

After School/VCC Pickup

Please pick up your student on time, either at the end-of-school bell, or as soon as VCC classes end. Children may not be unsupervised after school. We have many students waiting for siblings to finish in their VCC classes but siblings are not permitted inside the building if they are not enrolled in a class. Teachers are not required to stay past the dismissal times for VCC. This is a safety concern. Thank you for your assistance with protecting our students.

VCC (Vista Conservatory Classes)

Fall program registration is available at <http://www.vistautah.com/after-school-programs>. Click on Register Now. Look for classes in Reading, First Lego League Robotics, Soccer, and an additional Tumbling class at 4:15pm. Payment may be made online at www.vistautah.com/payments or by cash or check to Vista School's front office.



PTO Corner

Mon Dec 4 at 3:30pm will be the monthly general PTO meeting in Mrs. Kitchens' classroom. All parents are welcome! Treats will be provided.

Mrs. Jones' 5th grade classes won a pizza party for winning the Box Tops contest. Keep collecting non-expired Box Tops for the Spring contest.

Your student is invited to bring spare change to their homeroom classroom for Coins for Kids through Fri Dec 8.

The Harry Potter Giving Tree, designed by Vista's art teacher, Ms. Lorentzen, will be on display in the office next week. The tree is available for auction. Proceeds will go to Vista families in need this holiday season. To bid on this beautifully designed tree, come to the front office Dec 5-8. Bidding ends on Fri Dec 8.

Stay in the know with the PTO:

Website: <https://www.vistautah.com/pto>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/vistapto>

Email: pto@vistautah.com

Substitute Teachers Needed

Are you interested in becoming a substitute teacher? If you are looking for a part-time job that lets you choose your availability or just want to add some extra work to your schedule, send your resume to mandes@vistautah.com.

Cycling Program Water Bottle

Vista is excited about our new cycling program. In support of this program, we are offering premium, no-leak water bottles for \$5.00. Proceeds will benefit the cycling program. Payment can be made in the front office or online.

Online Lunch Payments

While payment by cash or check can still be paid at the front office, there is a new payment system for lunch by credit card. Do not click on Make a Payment on the school website home page. Instead, choose the Parent tab and click on Breakfast/Lunch. Then select Make a Lunch Payment. Account setup is required the first time this site is accessed. The system will automatically notify you when there is a low balance. You can set up recurring payments. E-check adds a .49 fee for each payment. Credit card adds a 3% fee plus a \$1.50 minimum for each payment.