



MONTE VISTA MESSENGER

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DOLLARS AND \$ENSE

If you're reading this take a moment to congratulate yourself! Not only are you staying informed with your child's school but you are also helping to save our school money and save our planet from waste in our landfills. One of our goals this year as a PTA was to develop a new website that the PTA and school could use to keep parents and students easily informed about upcoming events. It has been quite an undertaking. Some very dedicated volunteers have created a website that is easy to access and use. Our PTA newsletter, the **Monte Vista Messenger** is posted on this website,

www.mvemustangs.com.

By posting the newsletter online instead of doing a monthly paper distribution we are saving approximately \$2500.00 + a year. WOW!

This is money that would come out of our PTA funds that we can now use on many of the other worthwhile programs that PTA funds and runs. Thank you parents for supporting your local PTA in this and all of our other endeavors. We cannot function without you!



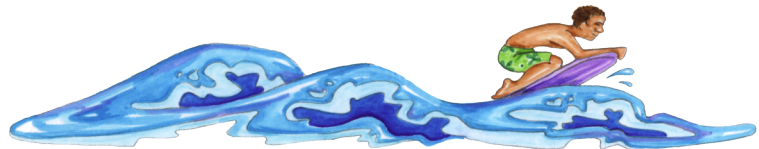
MONTE VISTA'S GOT TALENT!!!

PTA held a coloring contest as part of our needs assessment this year. We had 75 students participate and all grade levels were represented. And the winner is...EVERYONE! The competition was tough; everyone did such a fantastic job the judges were deadlocked as to who the individual class winners

were. So by unanimous vote, everyone wins! Each student who entered the contest will receive a small prize that their teachers will hand out in the next week or so. Thanks everyone for participating, you did a great job! The students' artwork will be in the media center for the next week or so if you would like to stop by and see all our masterpieces.

MUSTANG MAKEOVER

If you're a frequent visitor to our new school website you may have noticed some changes. www.mvemustangs.com has a new hosting site. We hope the new host will be user friendly for those who are inputting and updating information and that you, the viewers will find it equally easy to navigate. Please contact one of our PTA board members if you have any suggestions. We'd love to hear from you and we value your feedback. In the meantime...happy surfing!



DON'T FORGET!!!
Keep collecting
your **Box Tops**
and **Campbells**
Labels all
summer long!





RECYCLING PROGRAM

Monte Vista has teamed up with Terracycle to continue our recycling program! Monte Vista students will collect the wrappers of the items listed below. Terracycle then purchases those wrappers from Monte Vista and recycles them into fun products that are sold online and at popular retail stores. The items we will be collecting are:

- **Drink Pouches:** any foil style drink pouch, regardless of brand (Capri Sun, Koolaid, store brand, etc.). Please remove the straws before sending them to school.
- **Malt-O-Meal cereal bags:** All Malt-O-Meal cereal bags. No Malt-O-Meal boxes or generic brand bags. Please shake out all crumbs before sending to school.
- **Mars Candy Wrappers:** Any size candy wrappers from the Mars company including:

Snickers, M&M's, Twix, Milky Way, Starburst, Skittles, Dove. Wrappers can be regular size, fun size, king size, etc. We can also recycle the outer plastic packaging from big bags of any of these candies.

- **Huggies Wrappers:** Any plastic packaging from any Huggies diapers. NO boxes.
- **Scott Paper Towels:** Any plastic packaging from any Scott paper towels. NO paper or cardboard rolls.

We will be collecting these items year round. The collection bin for all of these items is located in the library.



**MONTE VISTA
TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK
May 5-12, 2010**

"Thanks for helping us grow!"

We are excited for a fun opportunity to show our teachers how much we love and appreciate all their hard work! Each day of the week will have a theme. Below is the schedule for each day. A List of favorites for each teacher was sent home. Thanks for helping us make this a great week for the Teachers at Monte Vista Elementary!

Wednesday, May 5: Bring Favorite Treat

Thursday, May 6: Wear Favorite Color

Friday, May 7: Bring Classroom Supply

Monday, May 10: Bring Favorite Treat

Tuesday, May 11: Bring or draw favorite flower

Wednesday, May 12: Bring Classroom Supply



KEN GARFF ROAD TO SUCCESS READING CONTEST

We had a very successful reading contest! However, we may have not been the big winner with South Jordan, but we really improved our reading minutes. Our students read over 425,000 reading minutes in just one month! That is nearly 110,000 more minutes than our highest reading month ever. Way to go Monte Vista students!

UPDATE ON ROAD TO SUCCESS

Reading Rally is coming up in June! We are getting the bikes tuned up and all the other great giveaways ready to go. Don't forget that for every 100 minutes that you read you can enter your name into the drawing for some prizes.

We will be giving away 4 bikes that are donated from Ken Garff, 2-\$50 UESP Certificates, 4-\$25 saving accounts from Mountain America, 20 bike helmets

donated by Peck Striping, several books donated from Huntington Learning Center, Barnes and Noble, our book fair and Mr. Little.

See you all at the Rally!



THE CARNIVAL IS COMING TO TOWN

Mark your calendars! The annual Monte Vista Carnival is coming May 27th from 5:00 to 8:00.

Get ready for rides, games, food and fun! You will be able to purchase individual tickets or wristbands. Tickets will be 4 for a dollar. The rides will cost 2-4 tickets. Games will cost 2 tickets. You can also purchase wristbands:

Unlimited ride wristbands:	\$8.00
Unlimited rides and games:	\$11.00
Unlimited rides and games plus 2 food items:	\$13.00