

NEW VISTAS NEWS

MONTHLY NEWS LETTER

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School Hours: 8:15 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.
Website: www.newvistaschristian.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

December

- 5- Greg Strange Concert 8:30 a.m.
- 7 – Otis Spunkmeyer orders arrive. Please make sure to pick up your orders!
- 8 – Spaghetti Dinner, 5:30 p.m. – We still need volunteers to help clean up!
- 15 – Rally Day at Diablo Lanes
- 16 – Teachers In Service – half day
- 16 - 2nd Quarter Progress Reports
- 19-30 Christmas Break

Merry Christmas! Hope you all have a wonderful New Year!

January

- 2 – School resumes
- 13 – End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester – half day
- 14 – Work Day, 8:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.
- 14 – First Light Christian Center Crab Feed: 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
- 16 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – no school
- 20 – Rally Day – School (Time and place TBA)

CHAPEL THEME FOR DECEMBER: Encouragement

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal *encouragement* and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

2Thessalonians 2:16-17

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“Ask for what you want, but be willing to take what God gives you. It may be better than what you ask for.”

Norman Vincent Peale

THANKS & PRAISES!

Congratulations to our top See’s Candy and Otis Spunkmeyer sellers:

See’s Candy

1. Christian Lo - \$280.50
2. Ronnie Conway - \$247.50
3. Stephanie Dougherty - \$212.85

A big thanks to Mrs. Campedel and Zach for their order of \$577.50 – Wow!

Otis Spunkmeyer

1. Stephanie Dougherty - \$390.00
2. Ronnie Conway - \$210.00
3. Nicole Sawasaki - \$195.00

Thanks to all NVCS families for 100% participation in this fund raiser. The students enjoyed their pizza party as a reward. Thank you so much **Mrs. Sawasaki** and **Mrs. Ford** for coordinating the See’s Candy and Otis Spunkmeyer fundraisers and for sponsoring the pizza party! Great job – we so appreciate all your help!

Praise God! Eilise Murray is recovering well from her recent surgery!

Praise God for Matrix Energy who have recently begun upgrading all the lighting at New Vistas. We are grateful to Matrix Energy that all the parts and labor are free to us.

ATTENTION PARENTS

Our friends from **All Valley Mortgage** are joining NVCS in an effort to raise money for scholarships. They are committed to give back to NVCS **30%** for every referral that gets to do business with them. Tell your friends and family about this great opportunity to help our school. For more information call Dave Reynolds at 925-685-1500. When you call, remember to mention NVCS.

Mark Your Calendar!

First Light Christian Center is hosting a Crab Feed!

When: Saturday, January 14, 2012

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Where: Shell Clubhouse, 1635 Pacheco Blvd., Martinez, CA

Price: \$45.00 per person all you can eat!

Thanks to Pastor Runnings, parent of a former NVCS student, **40%** of the proceeds will be donated to NVCS. Please join us by participating in this event that can benefit our school. Gift baskets will be raffled. Every person who brings either a ream of white or color paper &/or a pack of permanent markers, will receive \$5.00 in raffle tickets! To purchase tickets for this event, please call the office.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

It has been a challenging 2011 year. God has brought us many opportunities to see how much he loves us. To the students, the staff, parents & friends of New Vistas I extend an invitation to pray & thank God for all the blessings he has sent to each one of us this year. Thank you all for your continued support. May God bless you abundantly. Gracias!!

TEACHER'S CORNER**Ms. LaRue**Bible:

The Christmas Story will be our focus this month -

“ The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light.

For those who lived in a land of deep shadows—
light! sunbursts of light!

You repopulated the nation,
you expanded its joy.

Oh, they're so glad in your presence!
Festival joy!

The joy of a great celebration,
sharing rich gifts and warm greetings.

For a child has been born—for us!
the gift of a son—for us!

He'll take over
the running of the world.

His names will be: Amazing Counselor,
Strong God,

Eternal Father,
Prince of Wholeness.

His ruling authority will grow,
and there'll be no limits to the wholeness he brings”

U.S. History: Moving West, Manifest Destiny, The Alamo, Gold & California, Newcomers & New Ideas, Immigrants from Europe, Germany, Ireland, Asia, Women and Political Rights, Working for Reform, A Nation Divided: The Civil War, Life at Home, The Emancipation Proclamation, Rebuilding A Divided Nation, Lincoln's Plan of Reconstruction, Johnson's Plan, The Civil Rights Act, The Fourteenth Amendment, Congress Impeaches President Johnson.

Math: Place Value, Story Problems, Addition, Subtraction

Life Skills: Public & Private Transportation Options, Your Own Wheels: What it really costs, Insurance Premiums, Tolls & Parking, Routine Maintenance, Gasoline, Loan Payments, Repairs, Shopping For a Car, Accepting a Gift, Wheeling & Dealing: Doing Research on New or Used Vehicles, Loan or Lease, Comparison Shopping, Used Car Checklist, Safety First, Driving Do's & Don'ts, Car Troubles, It's Your Health, Get Into the Habit of Making Good Choices.

Physical Education: Students must bring shorts, t-shirt, sweats, sweatshirt, socks, and tennis shoes for P.E. class. These are to be worn daily for P.E. A bottle of water, deodorant, cologne or perfume is required for after P.E. Thank you for assisting your student with these needs.

Home Economics: Design & Functionality of a kitchen, small & large kitchen appliances, cutlery, pots, pans utensils, safety, usage.

TEACHER'S CORNER - Continued**Ms. Penn**

Algebra 2: - Graphing inequalities

Life Skills: Everyday life, communication and relationships.

Government – Naturalization and Citizenship

All of Ms. Penn's class are frantically working on the Christmas video.

Mrs. Romeo

English- We are reading Chapter 6 in Secrets of the Shark Pit, working on developing imagery, & practicing our poems.

Pre-Algebra – Working on fractions, decimals, application average, & problem solving.

ONGOING YEAR-ROUND FUNDRAISERS

Safeway card holders! 10% Goes Back to School Program – Help our group earn thousands of additional dollars. It's Easy! It's Profitable! It's for a limited time! Mark your calendars between now and September 13, 2011. Purchase any of the select thousands of items marked with the school bus tags. Our group will receive 10% of the purchase price. Look for a message that prints on your receipt between Sept.19 – Oct. 9. Turn in your receipts to school office. Even Better – Go to www.escrip.com right now and sign up to support our New Vistas with your Club Card – This way, we will receive the contribution.

ONGOING YEAR-ROUND FUNDRAISERS

Please remember to clip and save Box Tops for Education. New Vistas will receive 10 cents for each Box Top returned and students earn Simutown money for each box top they turn in.

eScrip is an important part of our fundraising program. We ask that **every family** help us make the grade in our fundraising goal. We need all of our families to get straight A's in their enthusiasm to raise funds. This task will not require hours of homework but just a few minutes of your time and your grocery club card number.

- Log onto www.eScrip.com. Enter our School Id# **137073872**.
- You can also register your debit and credit cards.
- Shop at eScrip merchants!
- Use your eScrip registered cards for all your purchases.
- A percentage of purchases will be automatically contributed by the merchant.

That's it! It is that easy-your family shops-our school earns dollars.

New Vistas recycles aluminum cans and plastic bottles. Students will be paid Simutown money for each bag they turn in. Please send all your recycling bottles without caps. Thank you.

Attention: Raleys, BelAir, or Nob Hill Food shoppers, please see Mrs. McConnell to get your Quality of Life Scrip card. Use it every time you shop and 1% of the total amount of your purchases will go to New Vistas. Use your card for all of your purchases including prescriptions, dairy products, etc.

Parents: Do not just throw away your old ink cartridges. Instead, bring them to New Vistas to be recycled. Our school will receive up to \$3.00 for each empty ink jet cartridge we collect. We will accept the following brands of ink jet cartridges:

- All Hewlett Packard Ink Jet Cartridges
- All Lexmark Ink Jet Cartridges
- Canon BC01/02/05, BC20, BX3 Ink Jet Cartridges
- All Compaq Ink Jet Cartridges

Please note: we do not accept Epson ink jet cartridges.