

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

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)

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.

CHAPEL THEME FOR JANUARY: **Unity**

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of *unity* among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus.

Romans 15:5

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Laughter is the shock absorber that eases the blows of life.

Author unknown

THANKS & PRAISES!

Thanks to everyone for their generous donations towards NVCS staff bonuses! We are blessed!

Thanks to **Mrs. Sawasaki** for coordinating the Spaghetti Dinner. And thanks to Mrs. Ford who helped with the spaghetti dinner! We appreciate your hard work and dedication to our school!

Thanks to **Ms. Penn** and the students filmed a wonderful Christmas play.

Thanks to **Mrs. Poursohi** who faithfully posts the New Vistas News and makes updates to our website!

Thanks to everyone who has brought in cans and plastic bottles for recycling – awesome job! Keep them coming!

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.

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: Our Relationship with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, Kindness, Manifesting the Compassion of Jesus, God's Love, The Holy Spirit, What Love in Action Looks Like, Love is a Verb, Serving Others, Accepting God's Unconditional Love & Forgiveness, Why did Jesus Sacrifice His Life?, How to Live in the Grace of God.

U.S. History: The Emancipation Proclamation, African Americans in the Union Army, History & Technology, Life at Home, The End of the Civil War, Alexander Graham Bell, Rebuilding a Divided Nation, Reconstruction, Congress Passes Reconstruction Acts, Impeachment of President Johnson, Republican State Governments, Carpetbaggers & Scalawags, A Closer Look at The Impeachment Process, African Americans Work to Build New Lives: Jobs, Sharecropping, The Fifteenth Amendment, Americans Move West, Building A Railroad, Problems on the Great Plains, Changing Native American Ways, A Cowhand's Life, Mining Towns & Areas, Boomtowns.

Math: Even & Odd Numbers, Place Values, Story Problems, Addition, Subtraction

Life Skills: Your Health, Your Attitude, When to Say No, Are You a People Person, Fit for Life: Strength, Flexibility, Endurance, Plenty of Sleep, Eat right, Why Weight, Drug Free, Move Around, Social Life, Joining a Gym, Be A Sport, Making New Friends, Body Image, Counting Calories, Eating Disorders, Too Fat or Too Thin, Safety Equipment, Drink Water, Exercise Plan, Street Smarts, Setting Limits, Fighting Off Disease, The Great Outdoors, Navigating the Health Care System, How Health Insurance Works, Out of Pocket Costs, Nutrition, Grocery Shopping, Stocking Your Kitchen, Handling Meats, Foodborne Illness, Eating Out, Buying Out vs. Cooking at Home, Looking Your Best, What to Wear, Your Clothing Needs, What's the Occasion, Check Your Closet, Traveling Light, Fashion Sense, Color, Fits that Flatter, Shopping for Clothes, Washing & Drying Clothes, Minor Alterations, Types of Material, Life After High School, The World of Work, Learning About Careers, The Daily Grind, Looking For Work, Your Life on Paper, Looking for Leads.

P. E.: Please purchase a Hockey stick for your child. A good size is reaching from the chin to the ground. Please check for right or left handed preference. Big 5, Sports Authority, and Paradise Skate in Antioch are some suggestions. The students have really improved in their dressing for P.E. Thank you for your support.

Home Ec.: What to eat, Nutrients, Protein, Carbohydrates, Complex Carbohydrates, Fats, Water, Vitamins, My Pyramid, The 4 Food Groups, Special Diets, Heart Healthy Eating, Food Preparation, Meal Planning, Food Service Occupations.

Ms. Penn

Government class will change to Economics at the beginning of 3rd Quarter.

Algebra 2 will soon be reviewing square roots and quadratics.

Life Skills Health class will be studying "The Family" upon returning from Christmas break.

Mrs. Romeo

2nd Period English- Continuing "The Shark Pit", answering higher order thinking, writing summaries.

3rd Period Pre-Algebra – Moving along will be starting Chapter 6 after Christmas break, getting into adding, subtracting multiplying, and dividing fractions. Yeah!

4th Period – Continuing with money, making change.

6th Period – Continuing with "The High King" working on vocabulary, higher order critical thinking, and poem memorization.

7th Period – Continuing with The Hero and The Crow working on vocabulary, higher order critical thinking, and poem memorization.

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.

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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.