

# Viking Voice

## Vineyard Junior High School



**March/April/May 2023**

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Dear Vineyard Families:

We are excited to share that Vineyard Junior High has just received the **2023 Schools to Watch Award** from the California League of Educators! We have been named as one of 78 Schools to Watch out of approximately 8000 schools in California. This award is recognized both at the state and national level and would not have been possible without our amazing students, hard work on behalf of our staff, and continued support from the school community. Thus, we share this award with you!

It is hard to believe we are now in our final trimester of the year! Our staff is committed to providing our students with the best education possible to ensure they are ready for the next grade level. Foremost, we want our students to continue to remain focused on their studies and to continue to put forth their personal best in all academic areas. In order to maximize learning, it is important for students to be punctual to school on a daily basis. We have had an increase in tardies and would appreciate your support with ensuring that your child is at school on time each day.

During the month of **April**, your child will be taking the **CAASPP** (California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress) **state test**. All of our students have been participating in taking the Interim Assessments as part of their language arts and math classes to learn strategies to prepare them for the state testing. Students in 8th grade will still take the CAST (California Science Test) the last week in April. If you are interested in additional practice for your student prior to the state test, you will find practice assessments on line at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/practicetest.asp>.

Second trimester report cards are available to view in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. We look forward to recognizing students for their excellent achievement for the second trimester. Students who earned a 4.0 GPA (grade point average) or a Purple Reign award (PE performance award) for trimester two will be invited to attend a ceremony in the MPR on March 14 (7th grade) and March 15 (8th grade) from 7:30 – 8:00 am. All students who are eligible for CJSF (California Junior Scholarship Federation) can sign up during lunchtime at the student store from March 7 – 17.

Please join us for our annual **Open House** on **March 23 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm**. Parents will have the opportunity to visit their child's classrooms and teachers to see all of the wonderful learning taking place. We hope to see you there! Please join us for our Band, Orchestra, and Choral Spring Concert which will be held on May 11 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm.

As we prepare for the upcoming year, we will need all 7th grade parents/guardians to update their information in our Infinite Campus Parent Portal between **July 1 - 14, 2023**. In order for your child to receive their schedule at **schedule pick-up on July 26th**, your online Infinite Campus portal information must be completed and approved.

Please check our website regularly as we will be updating even more exciting events. We look forward to our Awards Assemblies in May. The 7th and 8th grades Awards Assemblies are on May 9 at 8:30 am (7th grade) and at 9:30 am (8th grade). Students being recognized will receive an invitation to the Awards Assemblies. Our **8th grade Promotion Ceremony** will be held on Thursday, **May 25 at 9:00 am**. We can't wait to celebrate this important milestone with our 8th grade class.

It is a pleasure and honor to serve as the principal of Vineyard Junior High School. I am enjoying getting to know all of our students, and I look forward to the end of the year festivities. Thank you for partnering with us and for your continued support!

Sincerely,  
*Sandy Rose*

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## MARCH

- 1 Basketball Game - 7th Boys @ ALJH, 3:00-4:30 pm
- 2 Basketball Games - Girls @ VJH, 8th Boys @ ALJH 3:00-4:30 pm
- 3 ASB Food Fair
- 6 Track & Field Packets Available, Due March 10 to the Office
- 7 CJSF Sign Up Begins, Through March 17th
- 6th Grade Parent Orientation Night 5:30 pm
- 8 GATE to Medieval Times, 9:00 am-2:15 pm
- Board Meeting, 6:00 pm
- 10 PTSA Board Meeting, 8:30 am
- 11 Festival of the Arts at VJH, 9:00 am-12:00 pm
- 14 7th Grade 4.0+ and Purple Reign Awards Breakfast, 7:30 am
- 15 8th Grade 4.0+ and Purple Reign Awards Breakfast, 7:30 am
- 16 8th Grade Parent Promotion Party Meeting, 5:00 pm VJH MPR
- 17 Spirit Day, Wear Green! Happy St. Patrick's Day!
- Renaissance Rally for Qualifying 7th & 8th Graders
- 23 Open House, PTSA Meeting 5:45 pm, Classrooms 6:00-7:00 pm
- ASB Dine-Out Fundraiser, Chick-Fil-A, 6:30 am - 10:00 pm
- 23 Modified Day, 8:00 am-12:45 pm
- 27-31 No School, Spring Break

## APRIL

- 3 Tickets on Sale for 7th Grade Beach Bash, Ends 4/13
- 4 CAASPP State Testing Begins
- 4 Track Meet @ ALHS, 3:00-5:00 pm
- Board Meeting, 6:00 pm
- 6 GATE Spelling Bee at ALJH in the Amphitheatre, 6:00 pm- 8:00 pm
- 14 PTSA Board Meeting, 8:30 am
- 3rd Trimester Progress Report Posted in Infinite Campus
- 17 Tickets on Sale for 8th Grade Promotion Party & Knott's, Ends 4/28
- 19 Board Meeting, 6:00 pm
- 20 Track Meet @ Upland HS, 3:00-8:00 pm
- PTSA Dine-Out Night, Barboni's Pizza, 2:00-8:00 pm
- 21 ASB Food Fair
- 26 LCAP Meeting, 3:30 pm
- 28 Spirit Day - A Day Without Hate, Wear White

## MAY

- 1 Staff Appreciation Week
- 2 Site Council Meeting, 2:30-3:30 pm
- 3 Board Meeting, 6:00 pm
- 4 Theatre Club Performance of Peter Pan, 5:00-7:00 pm VJH MPR
- 5 GATE Scholarship Bowl at VJH, 8:00 am -1:30 pm
- Theatre Club Performance of Peter Pan, 5:00-7:00 pm VJH MPR
- 9 Awards Assemblies, by Invitation (7th 8:15 am, 8th 9:15 am)
- 11 8th Grade Textbook Return
- ASB Dine-Out Night Fundraiser, Panera Bread, 4:00-9:00 pm
- Spring Concert in the VJH MPR, 5:00-7:00 pm
- 12 7th Grade Textbook Return
- PTSA Board Meeting, 8:30 am
- 15 Camp CIMI (7th) & Camp Pali (8th) through May 17th
- 17 Board Meeting, 6:00 pm
- 18 Yearbook Signing Party, 2:15-3:15 pm
- 19 Modified Day, 8:00 am-12:45 pm
- 8th Grade Promotion Party for Eligible Students, 3:30-6:00 pm
- 22-25 No Backpacks All Week
- 23 8th Grade to Knott's, 8:00 am-7:00 pm, 7th Grade Beach Bash
- 24 Last Day of School for 7th Grade, Modified Day, 8:00 am-12:45 pm
- 25 8th Grade Promotion, 9:00 am



*June 9th—July 23rd: Office Closed for the Summer*  
*July 24th—Office Re-Opens for the 23-24 School Year*  
*July 26th—8:30 am, 8th Grade Schedule Pick up*  
*July 27th—8:30 am, 7th Grade Schedule Pick up*  
*August 7th—First Day of School for 7th Grade*  
*August 8th —First Day of School for 8th Grade*

## ALSD 23-24 School Year Calendar Attached

## CAASPP State Testing

**We will start our state testing the week of April 4th and will end on April 28th. Please make sure your student arrives well rested, on time and has a good breakfast.**  
**At Vineyard breakfast is free starting at 7:30 am.**



## Peter Pan Theatre Performance May 4th & 5th, 5:00 - 7:00pm

*Spring Choral, Orchestra, and Band Concert*  
*May 11th, 5:00 - 7:00pm*

## Join a Club!

There are many clubs and campus activities for our students to join. Reminders and updates are in our daily announcements for students and available for parents to view on our website.

**Cubing Club:** Meetings every Thursday in Room 24

**Jazz Club:** Wednesdays from 2:20 - 3:30 pm

**Kindness Club:** Once a month at lunchtime in the Library

**Newspaper Club:** Wednesdays at 2:15 pm in Room 18

**Sports: Track and Field** sports packet available March 6th, due to the office by March 10. Mandatory meeting and tryouts on March 14th from 2:15 - 3:45 pm.

**Theatre Club:** Rehearsals are on Tuesdays - Thursdays, 2:15 - 3:30 pm. Come see our performance of Peter Pan.

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## OPEN HOUSE

**Tuesday, March 23  
5:45-7:00 pm**

**The PTSA Meeting will take place  
from 5:45-6:00 (MPR)**

**Classrooms will be open  
from 6:00-7:00 pm**

**Yearbooks will be on sale for \$55.00**

**Cash only!**



**Click on the Following link for  
Daily Announcements**

[Viking Daily Announcements](#)



We are so proud of all of our students who  
participated in our Spelling Bee on February 10th.

We have some talented spellers!

Congratulations to our winners:

**1st place, Madison**

**2nd place, Giana**



Are you interested in Transitional K?

If so, please visit the link below to view the Alta Loma  
School District's Transitional K presentation.

[ALSD Transitional Kindergarten](#)

## TRANSFER PROCEDURES

The application window for Intra and Inter-District  
Transfers opened on February 1, 2023.

**Applications for Intra-District (within the District) transfers  
will not be accepted after March 17, 2023.**

**Applications for Inter-District transfer  
requests will remain open.**

**Questions? Call (909) 484-5151, extension 102040**

## Honor Roll & Purple Reign Awards

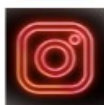
**Congratulations** to our 7th and 8th grade students  
who achieved 2nd Trimester Principal's Honor Roll,  
Honor Roll and Purple Reign PE Awards. Their  
diligence and dedication to excellence always  
makes Vineyard shine!



Follow us on Social Media!



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## Dine Out Fundraisers

**Thursday, March 23rd  
Chick-Fil-A, 6:30 AM - 10:00 PM**

**Thursday, April 20th  
Barboni's Pizza, 2:00 - 8:00 PM**

**Thursday, May 11th  
Panera Bread, 4:00 - 9:00 PM!**

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# PROMOTION

**The 8th grade promotion ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 25th at 9:00 am.**

Students will be released to leave with their parents immediately following the ceremony.

Students should dress appropriately for an awards ceremony, and follow our dress code policy.

## Promotion Requirements

The Alta Loma School District requires students to have a Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 1.6 or higher by the end of their 8th grade year to participate in the 8th grade Promotion Ceremony and related activities.

Students who are in danger of not meeting the GPA requirement are given the opportunity to earn positive GPA credit through Learning Upgrade. Those students also meet regularly with the Dean of Students.

If you have any questions regarding your student's GPA, please contact Mrs. Brehm, Dean of Students, at (909) 484-5120 or [bbrehm@alsd.org](mailto:bbrehm@alsd.org).

Students must maintain good grades and citizenship in order to participate in our end of year activities. Students lose these privileges if they are not eligible or have any of the following between **February 21 – May 24**: Other Means of Correction, In-school Suspension, Out-of-school Suspension, or are Ineligible due to grades and/or citizenship (Eligibility = grade point average of 2.0 or higher and citizenship of less than 3 points- n=1, u=2).

**Administration reserves the right to revoke end of year activities and field trips due to unsafe or disruptive behavior/s exhibited at school.**

**In order to participate in the Promotion Ceremony, students must have a 1.6 Cumulative GPA or higher.**



## PROMOTION PARTY



This year's 8th grade Promotion Party will be held on **Friday, May 19th from 3:30—6:00 pm**. This evening is put together every year by dedicated parent volunteers who spend many hours of their time to make it successful.

If you would like to help with the promotion party, planning please attend the meeting Tuesday, March 16th at 5:00 pm or call the office with your contact information. We can use all the help you can give. Also, any donations would be graciously accepted!

Tickets to the party will be \$20 each (cash only) and will be sold in the student store at lunch from April 17th through April 28th.

## ATTENTION 7th Grade Parents

As we approach the conclusion of your student's 7th grade year, please be reminded that in order for your student to qualify for promotion and related activities in 8th grade, they must earn a cumulative GPA of 1.6 or higher. Students who have failed classes will be given the opportunity to earn positive GPA credit by completing additional work.

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**Please mark your calendar for Wednesday, July 26 for 8th grade schedule pick-up.**

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# Alta Loma School District 2023-2024 School Calendar (Adopted 1.18.23)

July-23						
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Month	# School Days
<b>July-23</b>	
4 Independence Day Holiday (observed)	
24 Opening of School Offices	
<b>August-23</b>	19 (18)
1 New Certificated Staff Orientation	
2 Convocation	
7 Non-Work Day for 8th Grade Certificated Staff	
7 First Day for Grades K-7 (Grades 1-7 Modified Day)	
8 First Day 8th Grade Students (Grades 1-8 Modified Day)	
<b>September-23</b>	20
4 Labor Day Holiday	
21-22 Elementary Parent Conferences (Grades 1-6 Modified Days)	
25-28 Jr. High Parent Conferences (Grades 7-8 Modified Days)	
29 Jr. High - Modified Day (Grades 7-8)	
<b>October-23</b>	21
9 Staff Development Day	
27 End of Trimester I (58 Days)	
<b>November-23</b>	16
10 Veterans Day Holiday	
13-17 Elementary Parent Conferences (Grades 1-6 Modified Days)	
17 Jr. High - Modified Day (Grades 7-8)	
20-24 Thanksgiving Holidays	
<b>December-23</b>	15
21 Modified Day, Grades 1-8; P.M. TK/Kdgn. Students attend A.M.	
22-29 Christmas Holidays/Winter Recess	
<b>January-24</b>	17
1-5 New Year's Holiday/Winter Recess	
8 Students Return	
15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	
<b>February-24</b>	19
12 President Lincoln's Birthday Holiday	
16 End of Trimester II (61 Days)	
19 Presidents' Day Holiday	
<b>March-24</b>	15
5 Elementary Parent Conferences (Grades 1-6 Modified Days)	
7-8 Elementary Parent Conferences (Grades 1-6 Modified Days)	
11 Staff Development Day	
22 Modified Day, Grades 1-8; P.M. TK/Kdgn. Students Attend A.M.	
25-29 Spring Recess	
<b>April-24</b>	22
<b>May-24</b>	16 (17)
17 Jr. High - Modified Day (Grades 7-8)	
22 Last Day of School Grades K-7 (61 Days)	
22 Modified Day, Grades 1-8; P.M. TK/ Kdgn. Students attend A.M.	
23 Last Day for 8th Grade Students (Modified Day)	
24 Floating Holiday - Admissions Day (Observed)	
27 Memorial Day	
Total School Days	180

	Elementary Conferences - Modified Days
	Jr. High Conferences - Modified Days
	Modified Day - Extended Professional Development
	Jr. High - Modified Day
	Elementary & Jr. High - Modified Day

	Non-School Day: Schools and District Office Closed
	Non-School Day: Schools Closed; District Office Open

\*Note: Wednesdays are modified days at elementary sites grades 1-6 from August 9 through May 22.