

VIPER NEWS



April 2021

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

April is dedicated as Month of the Military Child. Service members of our department of defense (DOD) often make sacrifices that impact their loved ones. Most military families have moved at least once with upward of a possible ten to twelve PCS moves throughout a military career. That is ten to twelve schools, ten to twelve packing and unpacking of personal items, ten to twelve groups of friends around the world. Sometimes, families can be separated while the military member carries out their contract on the other side of the world unaccompanied. There is also the dreaded deployments. The military family goes through so much and the children of the military families have to adjust to certain situation that they have been dealt.

The Month of the Military Child began in 1986 when Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger wanted to honor the sacrifices military children in all areas of the world cope with during the difficult deployment of one or both parents to war zones.

Military dependent children are often call “military brat.” This term refers to the military family that moves constantly from base to base, overseas and stateside and the children experiencing a continuous series of short-term homes, schools, and jobs. One positive for the military child is all the experiences they will have had all over the world. Some stationed in different countries and allowing them the first hand knowledge of different customs and traditions around the world that most students only get to read about in books.

THIS MONTH'S IMPORTANT DATES

Apr. 01 - 02 - Spring Holiday
(Weather Make-up Days)

Apr. 01 - April Fool's Day

Apr. 02 - World Autism Acceptance Day

Apr. 02 - Good Friday

Apr. 03 - Holy Saturday

Apr. 04 - Last Day of Passover

Apr. 04 - Easter Sunday

Apr. 06 - Writing STAAR

Apr. 06 - National Library Workers' Day

Apr. 13 - Ramadan Starts

April 16 - Report Cards Issued

Apr. 22 - Earth Day

Apr. 30 - Orthodox Good Friday

Apr. 30 - End of 5th Six Weeks

NEXT MONTH'S DATES

May 03 - 07 - Teacher appreciation Week

May 07 - REPORT CARDS ISSUED

May 11 - 3rd—6th Grade Math STAAR

May 12 - 3rd—6th Grade Reading STAAR

May 13 - 5th Grade Science STAAR

May 14 - Make-Up STAAR testing for any missed tests

May 27 - Early Dismissal/Staff Development

May 31 - Memorial Day Holiday



AUTISM ACCEPTANCE

Autism is a complex, lifelong developmental disability that typically appears during early childhood and can impact a person's social skills, communication, relationships, and self-regulation. Autism is defined by a certain set of behaviors and is "spectrum condition" that affects people differently and to varying degrees. While there is no current known single cause of autism, early diagnosis can help a person receive the support and services that they need to lead a quality life filled with opportunities.

Autism Awareness was shifted to Autism Acceptance Month as we strive as a society to celebrate differ-

ences within our communities and be a more inclusive society where individuals with autism live fully through connection and acceptance. "While we will always work to educate others about autism, words matter—the need for acceptance is greater than ever, as we strive for autistic individuals to live fully in all areas of life" - (W.N. 2021).



W, N. (2021). AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH Celebrate Differences. Retrieved April 13, 2021,

from <https://www.autismacceptance.org/>

For more information regarding Autism Acceptance go to:

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APRIL BIRTHDAY CLUB— STUDENTS

01 - A. A.
01 - S. C.
02 - C. M.
04 - M. R.
08 - X. G.
08 - A. P.
11 - M.R.
12 - H. P.
12 - J. A.
14 - A. C.
14 - A. G.
16 - O. C.
18 - B. R.
18 - S. L.
22 - E. P.
24 - C. A.
24 - K. A.
27 - S. C.
30 - H. DJ.



STUDENT SHOUT-OUT

A big SHOUT OUT goes to Maylin Bucio in 3rd Grade!

Maylin was given a shout-out by Mrs. Gonzalez this month because she has shown a lot of dedication in the classroom. Maylin is always ready to learn something new and gives her 100% effort in everything she does.

Maylin is a great example for her classmates and shows them what hard work and dedication to studies looks like.

Congratulations, Maylin on your outstanding performance in and out of the classroom!

Vista del Futuro Charter School is proud to have you as one of our own!

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TEACHER SHOUT-OUT



Ms A Gonzalez



Mrs Zuniga

Shout-out to the following Vista Vipers Educators!!

Welcome to Vista!! Ms. Ariana Gonzalez (PK-3) and Mrs. Leticia Zuniga (3rd) joined the Vista del Futuro Viper Team in January 2021. They have been amazing additions to our family.

Ms. A. Gonzalez is in her first year of teaching, but you would never know it when you enter her classroom. She is filled with energy and great ideas for our 3-year-old classroom. Ms. Gonzalez received her Bachelor in Applied Learning and Development EC-6 in December 2020. She is bilingually certified and passionate about teaching her students in English and Spanish and cannot wait until the school starts with the dual language instruction. Most of Ms. A. Gonzalez's teaching experience has been through remote learning and is now applying strategies in person and in her own classroom. She loves the profession of education and is thrilled to continue learning from her students and colleagues. She believes that we are always lifelong learners!

Mrs. Zuniga is a UTEP graduate and is an amazing educator. She has been assisting our 3rd grade classes with the bilingual education section. Her expertise and knowledge in the dual language will assist our school going forward when we move to begin dual language.

Thank you Ms. A. Gonzalez and Mrs. Zuniga for joining our Viper Team and bringing such great energy to us!

We truly appreciate you two!

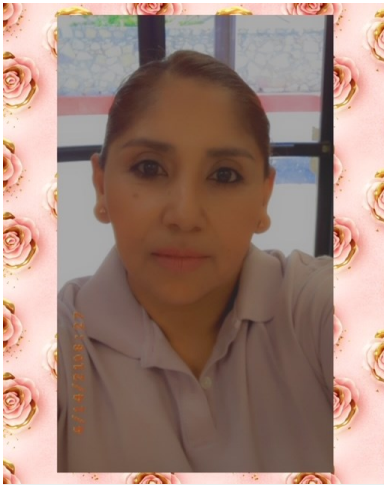
APRIL
BIRTHDAY CLUB -
TEACHERS

No Birthday This
Month

Today is the
oldest you've
ever been,
& the youngest
you'll ever
be again.

Eleanor Roosevelt

STAFF SHOUT-OUT



*Mrs Claudia
Lopez*

Mrs. Claudia Lopez has been a valued member of the Viper Cafeteria team for the past six year. She joined Vista in October of 2014.

Mrs. Claudia has played an important role with both districts this year assisting Da Vinci AND Vista in serving breakfast and lunch to all the students. At the beginning of the year, Mrs. Claudia was asked to assist Da Vinci with their breakfast and lunch services and she would occasionally make her way back to Vista. In January, Mrs. Claudia was able to return to Vista full time.

We are beyond grateful to have Mrs. Claudia back in our cafeteria, making us laugh and filling us with wonderful stories.

Thank you, Claudia, for your selfless act of working between two schools and maintaining such a positive attitude!

We truly appreciate ALL your hard work and dedication you give to our school.

WHAT DOES SEL LOOK LIKE IN THE CLASSROOM?

2nd Grade

SELF-AWARENESS:

I can identify basic emotions like happiness, sadness, and fear

I can understand what causes these emotions

I can identify what I like and dislike

SELF-MANAGEMENT:

I can identify ways to calm myself

I can identify ways to deal with emotions that are upsetting

I can follow a routine and recognize the needed steps to complete it

SEL CONTINUED

SELF-MANAGEMENT (CONT'D):

I can wait my turn

I can set a goal and work towards it

SOCIAL AWARENESS:

I can communicate my needs and emotions verbally

I can identify what others are feeling based on their body language and facial expressions

I can be sensitive to others' feelings and respond well to group interactions

RELATIONSHIP SKILLS:

I can accurately describe relationships I have with others

I can describe the traits of a good friend

I can use polite language to interact effectively with others

I can pay attention when others are speaking

I can take turns and share with others

RESPONSIBLE DECISION MAKING:

I can identify simple rules of behavior

I can recognize when poor decisions hurt other people



**Self
Awareness**



**Self
Management**



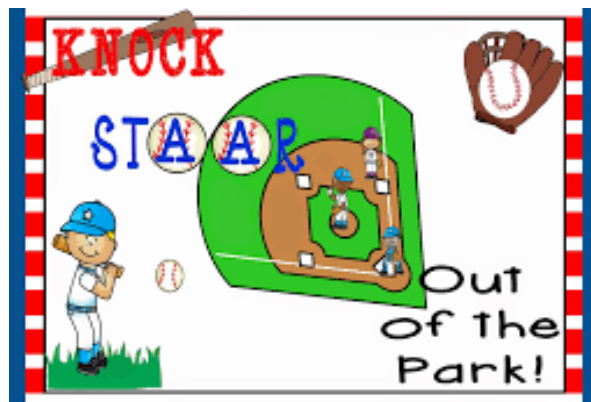
**Social
Awareness**



**Relationship
Skills**



**Responsible
Decision
Making**



STAAR Testing Schedule:

April 06, 2021 - 4th Grade Writing

April 09, 2021 - 4th Grade Writing Make-up

May 11, 2021 - 3rd thru 6th Grade Math

May 12, 2021 - 3rd thru 6th Grade Reading

May 13, 2021 - 5th Grade Science

May 14, 2021 - All make-up sessions due by the end of the day

The only students who have the option to “opt-out” of taking the STAAR tests are those students who have been virtual and opted to not return face to face. Those students who are currently face to face **do not** have the option to opt-out.

Please know that the 2020-2021 STAAR testing is not going to be held “against” any student as a means of not passing to the next grade level. This years STAAR testing will assist the school in observing exactly what we need to work on to close gaps the students are exhibiting due to our current school situation.

ENROLLMENT FOR 2021 - 2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Please make sure to get your enrollment packets in as soon as possible.

Spots are filling up and grade levels are almost at capacity for next year. Please do not lose your spot by not turning in your packet.

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