

Mountain Vista Middle School Wolverine News Serving Grades 6-8 in the San Tan Valley

Coolidge Unified School
District #21

HOME OF THE WOLVERINES

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Middle School Organization

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Have you recently looked in your middle schooler's backpack? Did you feel like you would be sucked into a never-ending, black hole? Then, it should come as no shock to you that middle school students struggle with organization. Getting their work home, completed and back to school can serve as a huge challenge when students are disorganized. Here are some tips to help keep your 6th, 7th, or 8th grader organized.

Folders-Use three-pronged folders to help your student keep track of important papers. Assign a different colored folder to each class. Label one pocket of the folder with work to be completed, the other with work to turn in. Once the student completes his/her work, he/she can put the assignment in the work to turn in pocket. In the center, use the prongs to keep track of notes and graded assignments.

Back-Up Supplies- Use a zippered pouch to keep extra supplies that can get lost in your backpack. While the front pocket of a backpack is handy for storing pens, pencils, and highlighters, these writing utensils often get forgotten at home or lost throughout the day. Using a zippered pouch (pencil pouch), will allow students to have extra writing supplies all in one place, in the safety of the large zipper pocket of their book-bag.

Agendas- Middle Schoolers often forget what their assignments are between school and home. Writing assignments in the agenda aids students in remembering those assignments when they get home. It will also help students remember important upcoming events such as birthdays, dances, and tests.

Be Proactive-Middle school students should be proactive. Students who get their backpacks repacked in the evening before the next school day will be less likely to forget important items. By packing their homework and supplies the night before, students won't have to pack in a hurry if they're running late.



SAY NO TO BULLYING!

Not My Kid Parent Presentation Bullying

When: November 8, 2012

Time: 6:30 PM
Where: Mountain Vista Middle School Media
Center

Learn about bullying and how to help your student if they are facing bullying at school.

Important Dates:
Saturday School
November 10, 2012
ASAP

After School
Achievement Program
Tuesday and Thursday
3:30-5:30 PM

DIGITS LAB

Students may come before or stay afterschool to complete math homework.



Veteran's Day
November 11, 2012

School Board Meetings November 14, 2012 San Tan Foothills

6:00 PM





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EXPLORE TESTING!

On October 31st, Mountain Vista Middle School's eighth graders took the Explore Test. This standardized test is made up of five parts—one part is based on interests, the other four on academics. This test examined student interests as well as English, Math, Reading, and Science. Before the academic tests, students were asked to answer a lengthy questionnaire about their interests. The Explore test was given to students to see how their interests and current academic skills are related. The results of this test will be available in the Spring. The students will use these result s to help register for their high school courses.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR NOVEMBER

November 6, 2012-Election day-Get out and vote!

November 8, 2012—Not My Kid Parent Presentation—Bullying

November 12, 2012-No School, Veterans Day observed

November 15, 2012 Not My Kid Parent Presentation—Substance

Abuse

November 21-25, 2012—Thanksgiving Break-No School

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Bring in a signed newsl	etter and earn 5 extra credit points!
	

Top Movies:

Breaking Dawn Part 2 Wreck-It Ralph Lincoln Life of Pi Skyfall

Top Teen Reading Choice Barnes and Noble

The Crimson Crown, Cinda
Williams Chima
Lucid, Adrienne Stolz
Hidden, PC Cast, Kristin Cast
Second Chance, Heather
Brewer
The Hobbit, J.R.R. Tolkien

Layered Hamburger Bake
Momswhothink.com

Ingredients:

2 lbs lean ground beef
Prepared mustard
Salt and Pepper
Thin onion slices
Sliced Tomatoes
Sliced Green Pepper Rings

Directions:

Pat half of the ground beef in a deep 8 or 9 inch round cake pan. Spread with a little mustard and salt and pepper, cover with onion slices, then tomato and peppers. Pat remaining ground beef evenly over the top and top with additional sliced tomatoes. Bake at 350 for 30 minutes or until beef is cooked to 160 degrees. Serve with a green salad and garlic toast. Serves 4.

