

## Our Learning

We will look in-depth at the relationship between animals and plants in the rainforest by synthesizing information from the text.

**ELA/SS**

We will continue our study of the US Constitution by conducting a mock Constitutional Convention.

We continue or focus on environmental hazards by conducting oil spill experiment. Later in the week, students will research other environmental hazards and think like an environmental engineer to create solutions using technology and machines.

**Science**

**Math**

All about the coordinate plane! Students will graph points and ordered pairs on a coordinate plane, then find distances from multiple points on the plane. There will be a check in quiz on Friday.

**Social/  
Emotional**

We will participate in exercises to illustrate the connection between our thoughts, feelings, and actions, and practice thinking in positive and inclusive ways.

## Upcoming Events

- Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> - Apex Remix Kick Off (see page 2)
- Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> - Chick-fil-A Take Out Night
- Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> - Veteran's Day
- Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> - Spelling Bee Online Registration (see page 3)

## Reminders

- Review and sign your child's Leadership Notebook and Weekly Academic and Behavior Reflection.
- Graded work (in-person) is sent home on Friday.

## Extras:

Our annual Apex fundraiser kicks off this week! Our theme this year is Apex MIGHTY. See next page for more details.

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Hi Parents,

I'm so excited to tell you about the **Apex Leadership Co** program that will be at our school for the next two weeks! The Apex program teaches leadership traits and fitness to our students who are raising pledges for our all school event on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>!



Apex's leadership and character theme this year is **Apex MIGHTY!** Students will join the Apex Squad on an exciting journey as they learn what it takes to be a mighty leader:

- Mindful
- Integrity
- Grit
- Hero
- Think Ahead
- Your Turn



### Here's how the fundraiser works

- Each student will be bringing home an Apex Pledge Kit today.
- Login at [www.MyApexEvent.com](http://www.MyApexEvent.com) using the access code found on the front of the pledge kit.
- Connect with sponsors (family and friends) by sharing your students pledge page by text, email, on Facebook and Twitter. It's super easy!
- All pledges and payments are made online\*.
- Sponsors can either make a \$ pledge per unit completed or a flat \$ donation! If sponsors make a \$ pledge per unit, their credit card is charged after the event.
- A \$30 flat donation is equivalent to a \$1 per unit pledge for prize calculation.
- Students will average between 26 and 36 units, with a 36-lap max.
- Our class has a goal of reaching \$5 per unit for each student, or \$150 in flat donations.

### What we're raising funds for

- The majority of the funds raised this year will go to our school to pay for **teacher grants, outdoor lunch area, and picnic benches!**
- However, it is promised that an **additional 10%** of whatever is raised by each class goes directly to that teacher to purchase items for their own classroom. That's exciting!
- With your help, I'd love to purchase these items for our classroom: **interactive technology equipment for seamless flex and in-person integration, classroom supplies, classroom sets of classic literature titles.**

Please help us reach our goal. If you need your child's access code to login at [www.MyApexEvent.com](http://www.MyApexEvent.com) please just reply. I hope to see you at the event next week!

Thank you,  
Coach McCormick

*\*Cash and check donations are still accepted and should be turned into the school any time **before** the end of the event, so that students receive credit*



Dear 4th and 5th Grade Families,

This year, the Scripps National Spelling Bee has developed an online testing platform that will allow Kyrene Monte Vista Elementary to host a school spelling bee program, whether your children are learning in-person or remotely from your homes.

In place of our traditional spelling bee program, we will hold two levels of competition through online spelling tests. The first step to spelling bee participation is for you to register for the Scripps National Spelling Bee's online testing platform by visiting <https://online-test.spellingbee.com>.

I encourage you to watch this video tutorial that will walk you through the registration process: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=htXzjpnMijc>.

Once you have registered, I will be able to assign the appropriate test to your child. Your child must complete the test before the given deadline, and these tests can be taken on any device with a web browser, including desktop computers, laptops, tablets and smartphones.

20 students will move on to compete at the school level.

One school champion will then move on to represent our school in the district spelling bee which will be an in-person oral spelling bee event.

The first step to spelling bee participation is to register at <https://online-test.spellingbee.com>. Please register prior to November 13<sup>th</sup>. If you have already registered in the online testing platform for another child, you can log in to your account and add an additional child to that same parent account. There is no need to register a different email address for each child in your household.

#### **Important Dates/Deadlines:**

November 9-13 – Parent/student registration  
November 23-25 - Qualifying Spelling Test  
December 9-11 – School Level Test/BEE  
January 21 – District Spelling Bee (in-person)

Please reach out to me if you have any questions about our school spelling bee program. I look forward to having your child compete to represent our school!

Sincerely,

Michele Raymundo, Monte Vista Spelling Bee Coordinator