



# The Learning Academies Parent Post

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## UPCOMING EVENT

- **May 14th**—Field Trip to the Placerita Nature Center
- **May 20th**—“Taking Advantage of Testing Moments” Parent Workshop
- **May 21st** - Last day for K- 8 Learning Center Classes
- **May 22nd**—Jethawks Game for STAR Test raffle winners!
- **May 28th**—AVLA Spelling Bee
- **June 2nd**—Kidspace Field Trip
- **June 2nd**—High School Orientation
- **June 5th**—Last day for Fine Arts Classes
- **June 5th**—Summit View Magic Mountain Trip
- **June 9th**—Last day for Summit View Learning Center Classes
- **June 10th**—8th and 12th grade Graduation

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## Director's Corner

May brings not only new growth in nature - flowers, trees and our students are in bloom! - but also new opportunities for getting together, strengthening our friendships and building school programs.



**SPELLING BEE!!**  
**Thursday, May 28th, 10AM**  
Rancho Vista Resource Center  
All First through 8th graders may participate! Come and show what you know! Judges will award certificates of participation to all and will award ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Time to brush up on those vocabulary and spelling words!

**HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION!**  
**Tuesday, June 2nd, 7 PM**, all 8th grade students, their families and teachers are invited to our Commerce Center Drive Resource Center for information and support in making the transition from middle to high school.

Come enjoy meeting our teaching and resource center staff, learn about classes we will offer and enjoy a sing-a-long led by our most famous science teacher, Mr. Park Michelson!



To accommodate, we will offer a room where younger siblings will be cared for as needed for our staff and families.

**FAMILY APPRECIATION DAY!**  
**Thursday, June 18th PM**



Stay tuned for details! We are eager to show our appreciation for the choice you made in having your student attend our schools! We will offer a light dinner and refreshments, games and activities as well as more information about 2009-10 programs and opportunities!  
**Save the date!**  
**More information to follow!**



## Wisekills Theme: Honesty

**“If you practice always telling the truth, others will believe you” ~anonymous**

Sharing stories with your children is an excellent way to help them understand the importance of telling the truth and the consequences of lying. Check out the following children's books:

“The Boy Who Cried Wolf”

“The Empty Pot”

“The Emperor's New Clothes”

“Franklin Fibs”

Children also learn honesty through role playing. Present your child with age appropriate scenarios that help them to problem solve in situations where it may be difficult to tell the truth. For example:

- You see a man drop a \$20 bill from his wallet which is exactly

what you need for your new video game. What do you do?

- Johnny wrote on the kitchen wall with a crayon. His mother asked him if he did it, but he doesn't want to get in trouble. What should he do?

Rancho Vista Learning Center's Open House



On March 31st, parents, students and staff were invited to attend the Rancho Vista Learning Center's Open House. The students had a wonderful time showing their parents some of the many accomplishments they have had over the course of the school year.



There She Blows...

The Kindergarten thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class has been learning about volcanoes. We decided to learn why volcanoes erupt for our science project. It took two weeks to build our volcano.



The excitement kept mounting as to when we were going to explode it.



Last week the students finally learned what happens when the volcano explodes. In order to explode it, we

had to go outside.

We used diet coke and Mentos to show how the pressure inside a volcano builds. When the volcano exploded, the students said, "This is the coolest thing!"



Just to see the excitement on the children's faces was well worth it. I am glad that my class did this science experiment.  
BY: Christina Ogle, Kindergarten thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade LC teacher

## Upcoming Events

### Kidspace Field Trip

When: June 2nd from 9:45— 2:00

Who: Kindergarten—4th grade students

What: Students will be able to explore the interactive children's museum including the bug center, raindrop climber, and outdoor water play. 2nd—4th grade attending students will also participate in a Chumash Cave Painting lesson beginning at 11:00.

Cost: \$9.00 per ticket

Contact your Supervising Teacher for more information.



### Magic Mountain Day for Summit View Students!



When: June 5th from 10:30— 6:00

Who: 9th—12th grade students

What: To celebrate the successful completion of another year of high school, Summit View students are invited to attend Magic Mountain with their classmates.

Cost: \$23.50 a ticket

Pick up a permission slip at the Summit View Learning Center today!

### 8th and 12th Grade Graduation

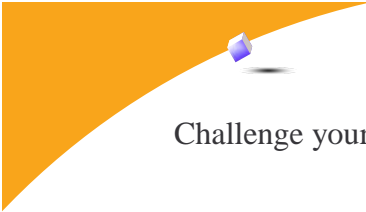
When: June 10th at 5pm

Who: 8th and 12th grade graduates

Where: Lancaster Performing Arts Center

More information will be available soon!





# Internet Scavenger Hunt

Challenge your student to use the Web resources listed below to learn about Memorial Day

1. When and why do we celebrate Memorial Day?  
WEB RESOURCE - <http://wilstar.com/holidays/memday.htm>

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2. By what name was Memorial Day known when the first memorial Day Order (General Order No. 11) was issued?  
WEB RESOURCE - <http://www.rootsweb.com/~nyseneca/memorial.htm>

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3. When the U.S. flag is properly folded, what shape is it?  
WEB RESOURCE - [www.usflag.org/fold.flag.html](http://www.usflag.org/fold.flag.html)

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4. In which war was the greatest number of American soldiers killed?  
WEB RESOURCE - [www.amreicanwarlibrary.com/allwars.htm](http://www.amreicanwarlibrary.com/allwars.htm)

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5. On what date did Sergeant Weldon McCoy Barr record in his diary the signing of the armistice that ended WWI?  
WEB RESOURCE - [www.sheilascorner.com/war/dads.html](http://www.sheilascorner.com/war/dads.html)

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6. About how many U.S. women veterans are there?  
WEB RESOURCE - <http://userpages.aug.com/captbarb>

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7. Who designed the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C.?  
WEB RESOURCE - [www.vietvet.org/thewall.htm](http://www.vietvet.org/thewall.htm)

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8. According to St. Augustine, what is the purpose of all war?  
WEB RESOURCE - <http://virtual-markets.net/vme/memorial/dvmquote.html#augustine>

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