



VISTA VERDE



Fall A.C.E. Classes

Online Registration: <http://www.acewise.org>



AT-A-GLANCE

Session Dates:

January – March 2012

Registration Starts:

Saturday January 14, 2012

REMINDERS:

ABSENCES

If your child will be absent from any day of class, it is very important that you let us know. You can (1) send an email to vistaverdeace@gmail.com, (2) call us at (949) 903-4555 and/or (3) report the absence online at the PTA website – <http://vistaverdepta.org/ACE/absence.php> (just look under the IPSF/ACE link on the left side of the PTA homepage)

FLEX ACCOUNTS

The IPSF-ACE office will provide receipts for dependent care documentation upon request. Please contact IPSF at (949) 263-8340 with the parent's name, child's name, address, phone number and location of ACE class attended (Vista Verde School).

CLASS CONFIRMATIONS

All ACE registrations are confirmed by email. Please add vistaverdeace@gmail.com to your address book to ensure that you receive our email messages.

ACE MONITORS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to monitor our after school ACE classes in exchange for student scholarships. If interested, please contact vistaverdeace@gmail.com.

Class	Day	Start	Sessions	Grade	Fees
Playground Games	Mon	1/23	5	1-5	\$50
Science Dissections	Mon	1/23	4	1-6	\$85
French for Beginners (Pre-requisite)	Mon	1/23	7	K-6	\$120
French for Speakers	Mon	1/23	7	K-6	\$120
Ancient Bronze Metalworking	Mon	1/23	4	3-8	\$85
3rd Grade Writers' Workshop	Mon	1/23	5	3	\$75
Clay Time	Tue	1/24	7	K-6	\$120
Chess	Tue	1/24	7	1-8	\$113
Chess for Kinders	Tue	1/24	7	K	\$113
Creative Writing	Tue	1/24	7	4-8	\$105
Marine Science	Tue	1/24	7	4-8	\$121
Math Maniacs	Tue	1/24	7	3	\$70
SWARM	Tue	1/24	6	3-8	\$85
Cooking Around the World	Wed	1/25	7	1-4	\$140
Paint Like a Master	Wed	1/25	7	1-6	\$157
French for Beginners (Pre-requisite)	Wed	1/25	7	K-6	\$120
French for New Beginners	Wed	1/25	7	K-6	\$120
Karate	Wed	1/25	7	1-5	\$112
Lego	Wed	1/25	7	K-2	\$160
Spanish 2 (Pre-requisite)	Wed	1/25	7	K-6	\$120
Korean for Beginners (Pre-requisite)	Thu	1/26	7	1-5	\$120
Hip Hop for Boys Only	Thu	1/26	7	4-8	\$80
Theater Workshop for Girls Only	Thu	1/26	7	2-8	\$75
Spanish for Beginners	Thu	1/26	7	K-6	\$120
Hip Hop Jr.	Fri	1/27	7	1-6	\$80
Pink Panther	Fri	1/27	7	1-6	\$116
SWARM	Fri	1/20	6	3-8	\$85
Running	Fri	1/27	7	1-5	\$80

GENERAL INFORMATION

HOW TO REGISTER:

Registration will be done on a first come – first served basis and enrollment is subject to class availability. Irvine students are eligible to attend ACE classes at any ACE school, space permitting.

- A. Log onto www.acewise.org
- B. Click on “Parents”
- C. Click on “Create New Profile” to create a log-in and password for yourself.
- D. Once you have successfully created a parent profile, you will be directed to log in.
- E. Click as directed to register a new student. You will need to create a student profile for each child.
- F. To continue enrolling, click on enroll.
- G. Select the class your student is enrolling in.
- H. You may either check out or continue enrolling in another class.
- I. After successfully checking out, you will receive an email receipt listing the class(es) in which your student is enrolled.
- J. To enroll another child, go back to the Home Page and log in again.

If you are unable to complete, or are uncomfortable with, the online registration process, please contact your ACE coordinator.

CLASS AGE LIMITS: In order to develop classes suitable for a particular age range, we specify age limits in the brochure. However, ***exceptions are possible*** since children display different levels of maturity and ability. Please email your ACE coordinator if your child is interested in a class but doesn't fit the printed age profile.

CLASS LOCATIONS: Class locations will be identified in the class confirmation.

CLASS CONFIRMATIONS: Everyone who registers will be notified by e-mail. *To ensure that you receive our messages, please add VistaVerdeACE@gmail.com to your address book.*

CLASS CANCELLATIONS: We do our best to accommodate all students who sign up for ACE classes. In order to keep class fees as low as possible, we must set a minimum enrollment number for each class to cover the class expenses. If the minimum enrollment is not met, the ACE Program reserves the right to cancel the class and return all registration fees. You will be notified of any cancellations before the first scheduled day of class.

REFUNDS: Tuition is nonrefundable unless the class is cancelled by ACE. If your child registers late, misses classes or withdraws before the end of the session, you are still obligated for the full fees for that session. You are eligible for a prorated tuition refund or credit only if your child with-draws due to serious illness or injury, corroborated by a note from your child's doctor. All refunds are subject to a \$25 non-refundable program fee. Please be advised that refunds may take up to one month to process. If you wish to apply for a refund, please email your ACE Coordinator.

FLEX ACCOUNTS: Receipts for dependent care documentation are available on request. Please contact IPSF at (949) 263-8340 with parent name, child's name, address, phone number and location of ACE class attended.

SNACKS: Your child is always welcome to bring a personal snack. Snacks will ***not*** be provided by ACE. Please call your ACE Coordinator immediately if your child has severe food allergies.

TRANSPORTATION: Getting students to and from class is the responsibility of parents. In the first week of classes, ACE site monitors will attempt to locate registered students who are not present in their class. After that week, however, we expect that the students will know where they should go. If your child has difficulty remembering to go to class, you might want to escort him/her or contact another child in the class so your child has a “buddy” to provide a reminder about class.

ACE students must be picked up immediately after class.

Arranging pick up is the responsibility of parents. School staff, ACE instructors and ACE volunteers are not responsible for your child after class. After class dismissal there will be a five minute grace period for pick-up. Students who are not picked up on time may be removed from the ACE program at the discretion of the IPSF-ACE Program Director.

CONDUCT: Normal classroom conduct is expected of all ACE students and we generally have very few problems with the behavior of our students. Children displaying unacceptable behavior will be issued a “Behavior Citation.” If a second citation is necessary, the child must speak to the school principal and may be dismissed without refund. Likewise, if a parent displays unacceptable behavior, his or her child(ren) may be dismissed immediately and without refund.

PROGRAM SPONSORSHIP: Irvine Public Schools Foundation (IPSF) sponsors the district-wide ACE program in cooperation with the Irvine Unified School District. For further information about the ACE program at other schools, please call IPSF at (949) 263-8340.

3rd Grade Writers' Workshop

In order to write, you must use proper grammar, punctuation and mechanics. In order to write WELL, you must master the arts of form and composition. From basic sentence structure to polishing your prose, this 5-week workshop will enhance your writing skills. Vista Verde Instructional Aide Caroline Mann will focus on teaching you the fundamentals such as structure, voice, description, and point of view. These principles are taught through modeling, class discussions, writing exercises, and real-time feedback. Why just write when you can learn to write well?

**Class size is limited to 8 students.

#VWW312	Grades 3	Mon 3:00-3:55	1/23-3/5	Fee: \$75
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NOTE: This class meets 5 times. There will be no class on 2/13 or 2/20.

Ancient Bronze Metalworking

You have to see this! Our very own Mrs. Stoldt (Vista Verde middle school teacher) will teach students how to mold and shape metal clay to make bronze pieces. Students will have an array of tools and molds to help them make "ancient" bronze jewelry (like pendants, rings, etc.) or any shape/figure they want. Mrs. Stoldt will then fire the pieces in the kiln and the students will have precious bronze pieces to take home and treasure. This class has 4 meetings.

**Class size is limited to 12 students.

#VABM312	Grades 3-8	Mon 3:00-3:55	1/23-2/27	Fee: \$85
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NOTE: This class meets 4 times. There will be no class on 2/13 or 2/20.

Chess

This popular class features an experienced chess master who teaches chess concepts in a fun way to help your child develop critical thinking and memory skills, confidence, sportsmanship, patience and problem solving. All students receive a workbook and have the opportunity to win prizes in a chess tournament.



#VCH312	Grades 1-8	Tue 3:00-3:55	1/24-3/6	Fee: \$113
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NOTE: This class meets 7 times.

Chess for Kinders

Even the youngest Kings and Queens will love this popular chess class designed to teach your kindergartener the basics of chess in a fun way. Complete with a workbook and chess tournament, this class will help develop critical thinking and memory skills, confidence, sportsmanship, patience and problem solving abilities. Space is limited.

**Class size is limited to 10 students.

#VKC312	Grades K	Tue 3:00-3:55	1/24-3/6	Fee: \$113
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NOTE: This class meets 7 times.

Clay Time

Ms. Aviva is a former kindergarten teacher who will show your student different hand-building techniques and how to glaze and decorate their projects. Why clay? Clay work provides the opportunity for fine motor skills development; encourages manual dexterity; teaches creative processes (clay changes form when fired); is developmentally appropriate; and is FUN! Not only will kids enjoy the process, but they will also have something special to take home!



#VCT312

Grades K-6

Tue
3:00-3:55

1/24-3/6

Fee: \$120

NOTE: This class meets 7 times.

Cooking Around the World

Come with us as we travel around the world! Vista Verde parent and cooking enthusiast Luz Delgado will teach your children how to make tasty foods like Chinese fried rice, Middle Eastern hummus and El Salvadorian pupusas. Discover the joy of cooking a variety of delicious ethnic cuisines. Bon appetit!

**Each class is 1 1/2 hours long.



**Class size is limited to 12 students.

#VC312

Grades 1-4

Wed
1:30-3:00

1/25-3/7

Fee: \$140

NOTE: This class meets 7 times. **This class is 1 1/2 hours long.

Creative Writing

Do you wish you could be the next J. K. Rowling? Do you have great ideas but don't know how to turn them into stories? Do you love to write? Then let Luz Delgado, a Vista Verde parent and former book and literary journal editor, help you find your creative voice. Together we'll examine great writing to see what makes it shine. In-class exercises will help you get started and free your imagination so you can find your own stories. We'll explore how to craft a perfect beginning and a satisfying ending, how to hone in on the details that will make a scene jump off the page, and how to critique our own and other's work. Let the world hear what you have to say. **Class size is limited.

**Class size is limited to 8 students.

#VCW312

Grades 4-8

Tue
3:00-3:55

1/24-3/6

Fee: \$105

NOTE: This class meets 7 times.

French for Beginners (Pre-requisite)

Oui! Vista Verde is now offering French language classes. Taught by a highly qualified native speaker from LangoKids Irvine, this continuation immersion style class teaches French through adventures, games, songs, and activities that require increasing levels of engagement and understanding over time. Within two or three classes, kids learn key phrases in French through simple, repeated songs, chants, and dialogues. This French class is for students who completed last session's French for Beginners class or new students with equivalent language skills

**Class size is limited to 10 students.

#VFB312

Grades K-6

Mon
3:00-3:55

1/23-3/19

Fee: \$120

NOTE: This class meets 7 times. There will be no class on 2/13 or 2/20.

#VFB312

Grades K-6

Wed
1:30-2:30

1/25-3/7

Fee: \$120

NOTE: This class meets 7 times.

French for New Beginners

Last session's French classes were so popular that we have added a brand new beginning class. Taught by a native speaker from Language Door, this class will provide a fun and easy learning experience for your child through the use of word games, storytelling, drawing exercises, conversation, and more!

**Class size is limited to 10 students.

#VFB312	Grades K-6	Wed 1:30-2:30	1/25-3/7	Fee: \$120
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NOTE: This class meets 7 times.

French for Speakers

Parlez-vous Francais? Then this is the class for you! We are thrilled to offer an intermediate French class for students who already have a good understanding of the French language. Focus will be on increasing fluency and building vocabulary, while adding a literary component as well. Apprendre le français avec Vista Verde ACE! New students welcome!

**Class size is limited to 10 students.

#VFS312	Grades K-6	Mon 3:00-3:55	1/23-3/19	Fee: \$120
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NOTE: This class meets 7 times. There will be no class on 2/13 or 2/20.

Hip Hop for Boys Only

Learn hip hop from the best! One of Focus Dance Center's coolest instructors, Ben Carter, is coming to Vista Verde to turn our boys into hip hop phenoms. Ben is a breakdancing artist and choreographer EXTRAORDINAIRE. His down-to-earth demeanor and kid-friendly smile make him the "go to" person for fun on the dance floor. See for yourself on Youtube at Ben Carter Dance.

**Class size is limited to 15 students.

#VHHB312	Grades 4-8	Thu 3:00-3:55	1/26-3/8	Fee: \$80
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NOTE: This class meets 7 times.

Hip Hop Jr.

Learn hip hop from the best! One of Focus Dance Center's coolest instructors, Ben Carter, is coming to Vista Verde to turn our students into hip hop phenoms. Ben is a breakdancing artist and choreographer EXTRAORDINAIRE. His down-to-earth demeanor and kid-friendly smile make him the "go to" person for fun on the dance floor. See for yourself on Youtube at Ben Carter Dance.

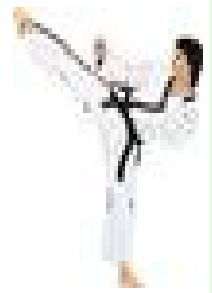
**Class size is limited to 15 students.

#VHH312	Grades 1-6	Fri 3:00-3:55	1/27-3/9	Fee: \$80
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NOTE: This class meets 7 times.

Karate

Karate is back! This Shaolin Kempo Karate class combines the Five Animals of Shaolin Kung Fu, the core competency of Kempo, the hard-hitting linear explosiveness of traditional Karate, as well as the power of Western Boxing and the felling and grappling arts of Jujutsu, Chin Na, and Mongolian wrestling. This hybrid system integrates the "4 ways of fighting" to eliminate the inherent weakness of martial arts systems that focus on just one or two of these four ways of fighting: Striking, Kicking, Felling, and Grappling. Learn discipline, gain confidence and get fit while doing something fun and exciting. New and continuing students are welcome.



**Class size is limited to 15 students.

#VK312	Grades 1-5	Wed 1:30-2:30	1/25-3/7	Fee: \$112
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NOTE: This class meets 7 times.

Korean for Beginners (Pre-requisite)

This continuation class teaches the beautiful Korean language through songs, stories and lessons. Not only will your child learn Korean words (including greetings, colors, numbers and days of the week), but your child will also be introduced to Korean scripts. This class is intended to help students develop the auditory capability to hear and to discriminate Korean sounds as a learnable system, and to recognize the characters of the Korean alphabet. This class is for students who completed last session's Korean for Beginners class or new students with equivalent language skills. Interested kinder parents should contact VistaVerdeACE@gmail.com for more information.

**Class size is limited to 10 students.

#VKB312	Grades 1-5	Thu 3:00-3:55	1/26-3/8	Fee: \$120
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NOTE: This class meets 7 times.

Lego

Students will build cities, bridges, and motorized cars/planes and explore the many creative possibilities of engineering with the LEGO® system. With access to over 100,000 pieces of LEGO, your child will have the opportunity to build what they have only dreamed of with the support of an experienced Play-Well Engineering instructor to guide them. PLEASE NOTE: Class size is limited and fills up quickly.

**Class size is limited to 17 students.

#VL312	Grades K-2	Wed 1:30-3:00	1/25-3/7	Fee: \$160
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*NOTE: This class meets 7 times. **This class is 1 1/2 hours long.*

Marine Science

Our own super popular middle school teacher, Ms. Fritz, will introduce your child to coastal and marine systems. The class will cover a variety of topics, including the classification of living systems, interrelationships within the marine environment and the dynamics of marine ecosystems. Students will apply the concepts of marine science to everyday experiences through art projects, such as a class mural and origami. As a culminating project, students will produce their own "Public Service Announcements" to create awareness and show what they learned during the course. Come with a curious mind and leave with a greater appreciation of marine organisms and their environment!

#VMS312	Grades 4-8	Tue 3:00-3:55	1/24-3/6	Fee: \$121
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NOTE: This class meets 7 times.

Math Maniacs

Math is FUN! Math is an important part of school and everyday life, but did you know that it can also be loads of fun? Students will play games, learn math and exercise their brains in this exciting new class. Our very own Vista Verde parent and instructional aide, Charlotte Glass, will share her passion for math and her love of numbers, puzzles, calculations and money. Come to class with your thinking caps on!

**Class size is limited to 12 students.

#VMM312

Grades 3

Tue
3:00-3:55

1/24-3/6

Fee: \$70

NOTE: This class meets 7 times.

Paint Like a Master

Get creative with paint brushes! Using acrylic paints, your child will have fun painting pictures of TOYS. Students will learn to draw, paint and create 3-D paintings with proper proportions, lighting and shadows — all through a step-by-step method to create their first masterpieces. Taught by a professional artist, Mr. Tal Dvir, emphasis is given to each individual student's skills and needs, while still working as a group. Beginners, intermediate and advanced levels are welcome! Art supplies included. **Each class is 1 1/2 hours long.

#VFA312

Grades 1-6

Wed
1:30-3:00

1/25-3/7

Fee: \$157

*NOTE: This class meets 7 times. **This class is 1 1/2 hours long.*

Pink Panther

Eric Teitelbaum, co-creator of the Pink Panther comic strip, will sketch his way into your child's heart as he introduces young artists to the world of cartoon drawing. Basic shapes will come to life in comic strips and greeting cards as students learn to sketch faces, expressions, motion, and talking bubbles to create original super heroes, animal characters, caricatures, and humor writing. All new lessons, so past students are welcome!



#VPP312

Grades 1-6

Fri
3:00-3:55

1/27-3/9

Fee: \$116

NOTE: This class meets 7 times.

Playground Games

Whether it's learning the rules or honing their skills, this semi-structured class is designed to engage your active child in some good "old fashioned" outdoor play time. Students will play handball, four square, tether ball, kick ball and more! So grab your friends and join us for some fun on the Vista Verde playground!

#VHB312

Grades 1-5

Mon
3:00-3:55

1/23-3/5

Fee: \$50

NOTE: This class meets 5 times. There will be no class on 2/13 or 2/20.

Running

Come run with Mrs. Ogden and her kids! Our own Vista Verde first grade teacher is bringing us a fun group workout in the form of an ACE running class! The class will be divided into different groups by speed and ability level, from beginner to advanced, thereby ensuring that you'll find the right fit. Classes provide a complete workout, including warm-ups, stretching exercises and actual running. Come learn to run farther and faster -- and have fun, too!

#VTF312

Grades 1-5

Fri
3:00-3:55

1/27-3/9

Fee: \$80

NOTE: This class meets 7 times.

Science Dissections

Scientists don't say "ew." Experience the wonders of anatomy in Ms. DeFrank's science ACE course focused solely on dissections. Within four sessions, students will experience the basics of dissection, while gaining the skills needed for more advanced dissections in their future. Students will discover the four chambers of a heart, observe & participate in the dissection of smaller specimens ending with the big finale of dissecting a cow's eyeball! Due to the hands on nature of the course, enrollment is limited to 16 students. Real lab dissection tools will be used (with the exception of scalpels).

****Class size is limited to 16 students.**

#VSD312

Grades 1-6

Mon
3:00-3:55

1/23-3/12

Fee: \$85

NOTE: This class meets 4 times on 1/23, 1/30, 2/27 and 3/12. Please note that classes are not in consecutive weeks. The final class on 3/12 will be 1:30 to 2:30 due to parent conferences.

Spanish 2 (Pre-requisite)

Our continuation Spanish 2 class is a total immersion style class that will develop your child's speaking and comprehension skills through a wide variety of lessons and tools that promise to keep your child engaged and having fun! This Spanish 2 class is for students who completed at least a year of Spanish 1 or new students with equivalent language skills.

****Class size is limited to 10 students.**

#VS2312

Grades K-6

Wed
1:30-2:30

1/25-3/7

Fee: \$120

NOTE: This class meets 7 times.

Spanish for Beginners

This continuation beginning Spanish class is for students who completed last session's Spanish for Beginners class or the equivalent. LangoKids' immersion method of teaching languages will ensure that your child is offered new and fun ways to learn Spanish including singing, dancing, games, word and phrase repetition. Vamos a aprender español juntos! (Let's learn Spanish together!)

****Class size is limited to 10 students.**

#VSB312

Grades K-6

Thu
3:00-3:55

1/26-3/8

Fee: \$120

NOTE: This class meets 7 times.

SWARM



Mr. Widén is buzzing back to play SWARM!!! Come play this fast and exciting outdoor sport. Mud, sweat, and fun are key elements of this game, which involves two teams of "insects" and lots of running around! Our teams fill up quickly, so register early! Water bottles, athletic shoes, and comfortable clothes are essential!

**Class size is limited to 20 students.

#VST312	Grades 3-8	Tue 3:00-3:55	1/24-2/28	Fee: \$85
<i>NOTE: This class meets 6 times.</i>				
#VSF312	Grades 3-8	Fri 3:00-3:55	1/20-3/2	Fee: \$85
<i>NOTE: This class meets 6 times. There will be no class on 2/10.</i>				

Theater Workshop for Girls Only

Become a "triple threat" in this "girls only" musical theater workshop taught by Vista Verde's wonderful music teacher, Ms. Larsen. Each class will be devoted to one of three genres: acting, dancing or singing. Although there will not be a performance at the end of the session, parents are invited to attend any class. Please make arrangements with Ms. Larsen.



**Class size is limited to 15 students.

#VMT312	Grades 2-8	Thu 3:00-3:55	1/26-3/8	Fee: \$75
<i>NOTE: This class meets 7 times.</i>				