



# FALCON FLYER



"Where children grow closer to God while learning to master the world"

Memory Verse: "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." Colossians 3:13

## Calendar

### May 25, Monday

No school- Memorial Day  
Monday Assembly cancelled this week.

### May 26, Tuesday

2:00 Story Time  
Campus open by appointment-only from 10:00-3:00

### May 27, Wednesday

Bible Study w Pastor Calvin  
2:30 Grades 5-8  
3:30 Grades 3-4

### May 29, Friday

8:15 Chapel  
Falcon Friday - Pick your own theme

### June 18, Thursday

7:00 - 8th Grade Grad.

## Announcements

**Graduations:** Due to recent developments, we have decided to reschedule graduations. Eighth grade graduation will be at 7:00 on Thursday, June 18. The date for kindergarten graduation will be announced soon. Please note that physical attendance at these events will be extremely limited, but they will be live streamed so that everyone can be present virtually.

**Campus Hours:** The LVAES campus will be open by appointment-only Monday-Friday from 10:00-3:00 through June 5 so that you may pick up your child's personal items. Please reserve a time slot at [lvaes.org/covid-19](https://lvaes.org/covid-19).

**Elementary Story Time:** This Tuesday at 2:00, two NJHS members will read books to our students and wrap up with a student-led prayer time. Please find the Zoom access information at [lvaes.org/meetings](https://lvaes.org/meetings). (Will there be any this Monday?)

**Falcon Friday Theme:** This Friday is our final Falcon Friday spirit day of the school year, and you get to choose your own theme. Wacky Hair Day? Sports Day? Time Traveler Day? It's up to you! Please keep everything Linda Vista appropriate, of course.

**Bible Study:** This Wednesday is the final Bible Study of the school year, so please be sure to attend and to express your appreciation to Pastor Calvin for all of the hard work he has put it.

**Science Fair:** We have kicked off our virtual Science Fair. Your students have done a great job, and we are glad we can share their displays with you. Unfortunately, this is not a live event, but you can wander the halls of our science fair page and click the heart button next to the projects that stand out to you. We have disabled comments due to the inability to moderate them. If your child's project is not displayed yet, it may be due to the fact that we are missing their url. Here is the link: [https://lvaes.padlet.org/virtual/science\\_fair](https://lvaes.padlet.org/virtual/science_fair).

**Testimonial Videos:** We need your help with marketing our amazing school. We are challenging all students to make a short video that starts off "My name is ---, and I'm a Linda Vista Falcon," followed by why you think our school is awesome. When you finish your video, please share it with Mr. Fox using this [link](#). All students who submit a video will receive a gift card for a regular scoop of ice cream from Baskin-Robbins, and the winner will receive a \$50 gift card to the store of his/her choice.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Our beautiful campus is alive and green this time of year, and we could use some help maintaining our landscaping! If you would like some energizing physical activity in the sunshine while helping our

school, volunteer to help out. To ensure we maintain social distancing, please reserve a time on-campus at [lvaes.org/covid-19](https://lvaes.org/covid-19)

Thank you so much to Miguel Castillo for the time and energy he is investing in helping to weed our flower beds.

## Principal's Note

Do you remember the trip to Skating Plus at the beginning of the school year? For me that feels like another lifetime ago. Back then the year was fresh and exciting with all of the plans and expectations. The Fall Fair, the 7th/8th grade class trip to New England, Mother and Daughter Tea, the house reward trip, graduation, exciting summer trips... The year didn't turn out as anyone expected it would. Even the Fall Fair was postponed due to fires and poor air quality.

There are many types of loss, and while the loss of a class trip or school experience doesn't equate to what we generally think of as losses, such as the loss of a family member, it is still a loss, and it is okay and necessary to go through the grieving process. Our children, and the 7th and 8th graders in particular, need support in coping with the losses they have experienced. This article by Sally Clarkson is a beautiful encouragement on how we might support others in grief. <https://sallyclarkson.com/blog/2017/10/6/a-table-for-broken-hearts>

And although we have suffered loss this year, there have also been beautiful opportunities. We have remained a school family despite our physical distance. It has been a joy to see students smiling faces in Monday Assemblies and to see their creativity and passion with the Falcon Friday spirit days. And despite the challenges of distance learning, students have risen to the occasion and excelled.

It is with all of this in mind that we think forward to next year. I have no idea what the future holds in terms of the coronavirus, but I know that God has placed us here at this point in time, and our mission and our ministry hasn't changed. We are still called to guide the children that he has given us and to support each other in that process. I pray that you will continue to partner with Linda Vista in this journey. And notwithstanding the challenges that many are facing, financial or otherwise, it is our commitment to make a Christian education available to anyone who finds value in what we offer.

In this time of uncertainty, we are stepping out in faith and are making moves to further strengthen our program. I am excited to announce that we have hired a kindergarten teacher for next year, Alexa Bassett.



A native Californian, Alexa Bassett was born and raised in Sacramento. She made the journey to Walla Walla University to study elementary education. Six months abroad in Spain resulted in obtaining her Spanish minor and many lasting memories of traveling in Europe. This June, she looks forward to marrying Cameron Fitzgerald of Walla Walla, Washington. Alexa eagerly anticipates beginning her new position teaching kindergarten at Linda Vista Adventist Elementary School.