

The Weekly Dish

Message From Principal Danzy:

Greetings Vista Grande Family,

Thank you all that sent our students in ready to test this past Monday. Attendance for testing was amazing and I am looking forward to seeing the results from our students. Students have been taking bench mark tests this week so that we are ensuring that we are moving in the right direction for them. This weekend was filled relaxation and looking forward to traveling to Flagstaff to cheer on the Vista Grande Spartans Varsity Football Team!

Student Highlight: Rosie Garcia

I do not believe that there too many students on campus with a better personality than Rosie. She is always willing to help and I have witnessed her go out of her way to meet and welcome new students to our campus. Rosie always is showing Spartan Pride and is a very valuable part of the Vista Grande Community.

Staff highlight: Regina Marlin

Ms. Marlin came to us last year from CGESD. She has been stellar at what she does and goes above and beyond for the students of Vista. Her work ethic is impeccable and I/we are lucky that she choose to come serve the Vista community.

Announcements:


- We are writing to inform you of some upcoming changes that will be taking place at our school. Our district has been working to increase the safety of our students and staff throughout the day. So, beginning mid-next week we will be requiring all visitors to check in at one of two open gates. Below is an overview of this change. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our admin team.
 - All gates will be locked at 8:30am
 - Only gates open will be the student parking lot entrance on Arizola and the other on Cottonwood nearest to library.
 - All visitors will check in with a security staff
 - Security will properly document name, reason for visit and vehicle plate#
 - Exiting off campus can be either gate (sign out not required)
 - Other gates will be reopened at approx. 2:30 for student dismissal/parent pick-up (Wednesday early release gates open at 12:30pm)


- Our first Benchmark is in the rear-view mirror. Thank you to all of you for your work, patience and implementation of the new benchmark tool. We have areas that we recognize we will need to improve on to make this a seamless event. Again, thank you for your cooperation and collaboration.
- Thank you to those of you who attended the Grading Q&A session. In case you missed it, here is the [presentation](#) and the [recording](#) of the meeting. We appreciate your partnership as we work to modify our grading practices to better reflect student learning and mastery of content. We are also working on putting together an FAQ document. If you have questions about new grading guidelines that were not answered in the Q&A session, please complete this [form](#).

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What's Cookin Mr. Danzy?

Strawberry Pretzel Salad

Ingredients:

Topping

2packages (4-serving size each) Jell-O® strawberry-flavored gelatin

- 2cups boiling water
- 2boxes (16 oz each) frozen sweetened strawberries, thawed

Crust

- 2cups pretzels, crushed
- 3/4cup butter, melted
- 3tablespoons sugar

Filling

- 1container (8 oz) Cool Whip frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1package (8 oz) cream cheese, softened
- 1cup sugar

Directions:

- Dissolve gelatin in boiling water. Stir in strawberries; refrigerate until partially set, about 1 hour 45 minutes
- Heat oven to 350° F. In medium bowl, mix Crust ingredients. Press into ungreased 13 x 9-inch baking dish. Bake 10 minutes. Cool on cooling rack.
- In medium bowl, beat Filling ingredients with electric mixer on medium speed until smooth. Spread over cooled crust. Cover and refrigerate until cool and gelatin topping in bowl is partially set.
- Carefully spoon gelatin topping over filling.
- Refrigerate 4 to 6 hours or until firm. To serve, cut into 4 rows by 3 rows.

One of my favorite dishes by way of Betty Crocker

