

CHEETAH EXPRESS

HAPPY NEW YEAR! We hope that everyone enjoyed the winter break, with opportunities to relax and spend time with your family and friends. We certainly enjoyed some excitement and celebration here at Vida in December. Mr. Contreras did a phenomenal job in preparing our students for the beautiful winter concert, and our teachers and students decorated the entire school for an incredible presentation of "Winter Around the World." Many thanks to Vida's PTO for the support, and thanks to everyone in our community who participated and attended these events.

Vida Charter School is now accepting applications for kindergarten for the 2019-20 school year. Children must be 5 years old before September 1, 2019 in order to enroll. Siblings of current Vida students will have priority in enrolling, so long as their complete application is received by March 15th. Please help us spread the word about our incredible bilingual school by encouraging friends and family with 4-5 year-olds to visit and learn more about Vida!

Pennsylvania state-required school health screenings will be completed in February and March. These screenings vary by grade level, and include height, weight, vision and hearing. If there are any concerns following the screening, you will receive a notification from the school Health room. If you have any questions, please contact Nurse Johnny.

Vida Charter School is beginning a partnership with Ruth's Harvest Gettysburg, which provides healthy meals and snacks to children in need. Through their organization, bags of meals are given to Vida students on weekends. Please watch your child's backpack/homework folder for information on how to sign up, or contact the school office at 717-334-3643 if you are interested.

On Friday, January 18th, Vida students will experience a one-time switch of their schedule that will be followed for the rest of the school year. Classes that began their morning in Spanish will then start in English class daily, and vice versa. You will soon receive a letter explaining this process. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teachers.

The end of Marking Period 2 will be on January 17th, and report cards will be sent home on January 29th. Please contact your child's teachers if you have any questions about your child's progress.



Students learned about Chinese New Year as part of our "Holidays Around the World" event in December.

JANUARY 2019

Important Dates

- Jan. 8** PTO Meeting - Appalachian Brewing Co. Gateway 7pm
- Jan. 12th** Select 6th Graders travel to Lego Robotics Competition
- Jan. 18** Snow make-up day - School is open; Mid-year class switch
- Jan. 21** No School
- Jan. 28** Board of Trustees meeting 6:30pm