



# School News



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## Linda Vista *Elementary*

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### A Valuable Addition

A well-rounded educational experience includes instruction and experiences in the fine arts. The National Assembly of State Arts Agencies says that, "Schools integrating the arts into the curriculum ... are documenting positive changes in the school environment and improved student performance" (2006).

We are fortunate that the Orange Unified School District provides a Visual and Performing Arts program (VAPA) for every fifth- and sixth-grade student. Classes are held twice weekly, and include theater, choir, band, and orchestra. During these VAPA classes the students learn specific concepts and skills related to the subject, including musical theory, elements of theater, and presentation skills.

Each trimester the VAPA classes present a concert to share with their parents and fellow students to show what they have learned. In addition, this year our theater students are presenting two large-scale musical theater productions. Last fall they presented *The Jungle Book Kids' Edition* to a packed house, and next month they will be presenting *The Aristocats*. VAPA has been a valuable addition to our instructional program!

