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President's Message



Spring Fever and Finishing Strong

Perhaps you've heard it said "Anyone can start a race, but it's the true champions who know how to finish strong."

I love that thought and we've been talking about it with our Valley scholars. Back in August when we were excited for a new year and all 180 days were stretched out before us it was easy to set goals for our learning in 2013-14. It was exciting. We were full of energy, enthused and ready to run a great race.

Now it's spring. We've been in school for eight months and we're getting tired. Summer vacation is getting close and we may have lost some of the momentum we had last fall. Some students will start to "coast" in the final weeks.

Others will realize that the finish line is getting near and that now is the time to run their very best. Now is the time to practice those skills that are going to be important next year, and make sure they are solid. Now is the time to ask questions in class, participate in class discussions and complete their very best work. Now is the time to show their best scholarly behavior and their positive character.

The true mark of a successful person is not how they start but how they finish. Let's all encourage our Valley scholars to finish this year strong and set them up for a great year next year!

Andy Johnsen, Ed.D.

Principal

Valley Elementary School

PTA Present's Message



Dear Fellow Valley Parents,

The Valley PTA hosted our annual Día del Niño celebration on April 26th. We had over 450 Valley students and parents in attendance. This event is a celebration of the children and showcases the wonderful culture we have at Valley. We had Baile Folklórico dancing, Mariachi music, piñatas and games for the kids. The Tijuana Rotary Club came with Loteria and piñatas for the kids. The Boy Scouts Cub Scout Pack 625 volunteered with games and prizes. Nichols Productions came with karaoke and dancing for the kids. The kids challenged each other in the inflatable obstacle course. We had food and dessert and made lots of memories. This is one of my favorite events because it really shows Valley to its best advantage. It takes a lot of volunteers to pull off an event of this magnitude. Thank you to Karina Gonzales (Chairperson), Diana Quilletero (Dessert), Doris Reyes (Piñatas), Sandra Garcia (Dancing), Yerika Tovey (Music), Lisa Black (art and games), Nicole Rose (photos) and Darcy Slansky (volunteers).

We are looking forward to the teachers' Volunteer Appreciation Tea on May 7th. The Valley PTA will be holding our elections for next year's board during that event. We are currently accepting applications for positions for 2014-2015. Valley is an amazing school, with so many great programs and events. We can't do it without you! Please consider doing your part to continue the tradition of excellence! Please email valleypta@yahoo.com for more information.

The Valley PTA has more fun planned for May. May 12-16 is Teacher Appreciation Week. On May 16 we will have our Mother/Son Dance and May 17 our Father/Daughter Dance. These are wonderful, memory-building events for our children.

Please remember that we can't put on these events without you! Won't you take a few hours out of your schedule to help make these fun events successful? Please email valleypta@yahoo.com to participate.

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Kimberly Floyd, PTA President



TOSA Talk

Valley Families: Thank you for a wonderful year! We loved working this year serving the Valley students as a support system for our hardworking teachers. We wish you a wonderful summer and keep up your summer reading, language and math practice. Here are some ideas we have to share...

Would you like to be part of a summer reading program? Barnes and Noble is sponsoring "Imagination's Destination", a motivational summer reading program for elementary students. Students read any 8 books and record them in the Reading Journal (available in English and Spanish.) Students choose a FREE BOOK from the Barnes and Noble list when they turn in a completed journal at the

local B&N. Fun activities are available online to support reading. You can find more information about this program at <http://www.barnesandnoble.com/u/summer-reading/379003570> You can become a part of history if you join the Scholastic Summer Challenge. Go to <http://www.scholastic.com/summer/> to find out how your child can help set a new world record for summer reading.

Summer Language and Vocabulary Building Activities

1. Plan to eat dinner as a family as often as possible this month to share educational experiences.
2. Visit a library. Get a card for your child. Check out some books.
3. Share memories of a special holiday with your child. Read a story.
4. Take a walk. Look for signs of the season. Talk about what you see.
5. Create a family tree and have your child draw the portraits of the family members.
6. Play a game after reading the directions together.
7. When driving with your child, turn off the music and talk about the day's events.
8. Watch a nature program on TV. Talk about what you see.
9. Choose a new recipe. Read it together and have fun making it.
10. Have your child describe a family member or friend. Guess who it is.

Ways to Work Math Into Your Summer Routine

1. Note numbers.

Increase your child's awareness of numbers by looking around the house to find examples: the kitchen clock, the calendar, a cereal box, a TV dial, a stamp or inside her shoe. Have her write down the numbers she sees, or give her a number and ask her to look around the house for examples of the number. Boost your older child's awareness of how numbers are used by pointing out the movie times, weather forecasts and sports statistics in your daily newspaper.

2. Two, four, six, eight, now it's time to estimate.

Estimation is one way to increase a child's number sense. Before you put a stack of folded towels on a shelf or fill a bowl with peaches, ask your child to estimate how many will fit. Then count afterward to compare the actual number to the estimate. Helping your child learn to make appropriate predictions will help her see how numbers are used in everyday life. Learning to ask, "Is my answer reasonable?" will help her as she tackles math problems in the classroom.

3. What does a hundred look like?

Understanding the concept of 100 is difficult for young children, even if they can count that far. Suggest that your child start making collections of 100 things - rubber bands, watermelon seeds, pebbles or buttons. You can divide the objects in groups of 10 or 2 or 5 to see how these smaller groups add up to 100 in different ways. Glue the objects onto a piece of colored construction paper for a math collage. Seeing 100 will help her conceptualize it.

4. Unlock the code.

Help your child recognize numbers and think critically by appealing to his love of mystery. Write out all the letters in the alphabet on a sheet of paper, leaving room underneath each letter for a number. Under each letter, write the numbers from 1 to 26. In other words, a=1, b=2, etc. Practice writing coded messages using numbers rather than letters. You can use the code to leave simple messages from one another.

5. How tall are you?

Many families record the height of their child on a door or wall chart. If you do the same for

everyone in the family, your child can join in the measuring and see how the heights compare. Measurement and understanding relationships between numbers are crucial to the development of mathematical thinking.

We hope you enjoy some of these fun learning activities. Have a great summer!



Foundation News

Awaiting Cinco de Mayo Trail Run results.

Teacher Appreciation Week May 12-16th.



Hello all,
It's the time of year for Staff Appreciation **May 12-16th**. The PTA has some great ideas planned, but always reaching out for more volunteers. Feel free to contact me via email britv23@yahoo.com and I can let you know how you can help.
Let's show our teachers HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE ALL THEY DO FOR OUR CHILDREN THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR!

Thanks
Hospitality Chair
Brittany Vaughn

Día del Niño



Día del Niño is a signature event for Valley. This event, which is a celebration of day of the child, showcases more than any other the wonderful culture and traditions we have at Valley. Sandra Garcia choreographed and organized our very own group of Baile Folklorico dancers at Valley. The group's name (Arcoiris) means rainbow. They were quite the rainbow in their beautiful handmade (by Valley moms) costumes. Juana Molina announced the dancers and gave us the cultural significance of what we were experiencing. We were fortunate to also have a group of adult Baile Folklorico performers from San Diego State University. They were amazing!

Yerika Tovey arranged for the fabulous karaoke (courtesy of Tere Nichols with Nichols Productions) and the Mariachi Band (Mariachi Bonita Vista from Sweet Water High School under the choreography of Keith Ballard). The Tijuana Rotary Club came with Loteria and piñatas for the kids. The Boy Scouts Cub Scout Pack 625 volunteered with games and prizes. Diana Quilleterio organized the delicious desserts and drinks. Doris Reyes coordinated the beautiful handmade piñatas stuffed with traditional Mexican candies. The excitement in the faces of the children was priceless! The kids challenged each other to race in the inflatable obstacle course.

All the parents and kids enjoyed free food and dessert and made lots of memories. Lisa Black coordinated the art table (papel picado and yarn weaving) and free book table. Nicole Rose our PTA historian took pictures all day of the kids having a great time. Darcy Slansky arranged for the army of high school volunteers it takes to pull off an event this large.

We had over 450 Valley students and parents in attendance. This is one of my favorite events because it really shows what makes Valley special and it brings so many parents together to accomplish this large an event. A big thank you to Karina Gonzales for Chairing this event and to all the Valley parents who donated their time and energy to make this event so successful.

PTA Open Positions for 2014-15 School Year

The PTA is currently accepting applications for positions for next year. Valley is an amazing school, with so many great programs and events. Please consider doing your part to continue the tradition of excellence!

Programs -- Do you want to help decide what fun events we have at Valley? You would attend the monthly PTA meetings and have Chairpersons for events report to you. The

Chair plans their event. This year the events were: Welcome Back Dinner, Boogie Bash, Read-a-thon, Make & Take Craft Fair, Talent Show, Art in the Valley, Día del Niño, Family Dances and Science Night. This is a great volunteer position for a stay at home parent to really spearhead events that make a difference at Valley.

Health and Fitness -- Are you into physical fitness and want to encourage it for our children at Valley? You would attend the monthly PTA meetings and coordinate with the Chairs for Tiger Trackers, Jog-a-thon and Eat with your Student Day.

Secretary -- Are you organized and can keep good records? You would attend the monthly PTA meetings, take notes and email them to Board. This is a great introductory position to the PTA if you just want to keep in the know about what is happening at Valley.

Newsletter Chair -- Do you like to write and edit? You would be receiving monthly articles from the Principal, PTA President and others and formatting them into our electronic newsletter "Tiger Talk". It is a great way to stay in the loop with what is coming at Valley and a wonderful position for a working parent (as it is all done at home on the computer).

Ways & Means -- Are you organized and like making money? You would attend the monthly PTA meetings and implement a plan to raise funds for Valley. You would be in charge of a committee to roll out fundraising events, collect receipts and report results. This is a great volunteer position for a stay at home parent to really spearhead events that make a difference at Valley.

Training and support is always provided from past and current board members. Get involved and make a difference in your child's educational experience. Speak with any current board member if you are interested or have questions; or email Kim directly.

Kim Floyd
PTA President
KimberlySueFloyd@gmail.com

PTA Sponsored Volunteer Breakfast and General Association Meeting Wednesday May 7th!

Come join us in the MPR Wednesday May 7th for our annual Volunteer Breakfast and PTA General Association Meeting. The PTA, Teachers and Staff want to THANK YOU for all the help and time dedicated by volunteers this year as well as discuss the future of Valley PTA...you! We are in critical need of volunteers to step up and fill available PTA positions for next school year.

Honorary Service Member Award

Valley PTA nominated the Rancho Bernardo Sunrise Rotary Club for Palomar Council's 2013-14 Honorary Service Award. And they were chosen for recognition! RB Sunrise Rotary Club has helped Valley PTA for many years put on our Winter make and take craft fair., supplying the free breakfast and the free gift table as well as many volunteers. It is a wonderful event attended by more than 300 kids and parents. The excitement in the room is always infectious as children proudly make crafts and select gifts to give their loved ones as holiday presents. We could not organize this event without them! We appreciate their commitment to our kids!



Pictured (left to right): Valley PTA President Kim Floyd, RB Sunrise Rotary Founder Sue Herndon, RB Sunrise Rotary Club President-Elect Karen Mortimer, Palomar Council President Yvonne Savoji, Palomar Council President-Elect Mary Patterson, and Valley Principal Andrew Johnsen

Mother/Son and Father/Daughter Dances



Save the Date for
Valley PTA's second annual

Mother/Son Dance
on Friday, May 16, 2014

Father/Daughter Dance
on Saturday, May 17, 2014

Grandparents, aunts, uncles or older brothers and sisters
are welcome to bring the students.

This event will be held from 7-9 both nights in the MPR. Tickets are \$10 per adult. Students are free. *Ticket sales start May 12th!* If you have any questions contact Kelly Hofmaister at ibhoffy@gmail.com.

Valley Silent Auction Sponsors

The Valley PTA Art in the Valley was a great success. Thank you for everyone who attended to view the beautiful student artwork and partake in the Silent Auction. A special thanks to Carrie Shen, Megan Schirmacher, Sarah Adams and Brittany Vaughn for co-chairing this event. We would also like to thank the following businesses and families for their generous donations. Please thank these donors by frequenting their business.

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Anthony's Fish Grotto	North County Soccer Park
Aquarium of the Pacific	Outpost Summer Camps
Athens Market Cafe	Pacific Southwest Railway Museum
Barona Casino	Palm Springs Aerial Tramway
Batter Up! Cupcakes	Pampered Chef Basket- Lisa Black
Beach Grass Cafe	Pediatric Dentistry and Orthodontic Specialists
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Birch Aquarium	Poway Center for the Performing Arts
Boomers	Poway Gymnastics
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Brothers Provision	Rancho Arbolitos Swim and Tennis
Bua Thai	Rancho Bernardo Inn Golf Resort
Buttercream	Redbox (Outerwall)
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Charleston Wrap	Round Table Pizza
City of Poway- Lake Poway	Rubios
Coco's- Poway	San Diego Air and Space Museum
Company Pub & Grill	San Diego Botanic Garden
Crossfit Sun	San Diego Children's Discovery Museum
Crystal Gardens Florist	San Diego Ice Arena Skating School
Cygnnet Theatre	San Diego Model Railroad Museum
Daphne's Greek Cafe	San Diego Natural History Museum
Dave and Busters	San Diego Symphony
Digiplex- Poway	San Diego Zoo
Disneyland Resort	Save our Heritage (SOHO)
Dr. Johnsen	Smoothie King
Fillipi's Pizza Grotto	Soaring Adventures of California
Five Guys	Solid Rock Gym
Floaties Swim School	Sport Clips Haircuts
Get-U-Fit	Sprouts- North Park
HD Beauty	Stanley Steamer
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In-N-Out Burgers	The Brigantine Aquarium
Jazzercise- Poway Fitness Center	The Dailey Method- RB
Kaminski's Bar-B-Que	The Living Coast Discovery Center
LA Fitness	The New Children's Museum
Liquid Designs - Blanca Fisher	The Old Globe
MA+HNASIUM- Poway	Thirty-one Basket- Audra Rosati
Mad Science	Thirty-one Basket- Kristen Culleton
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Miramar Speed Circuit	UTC Ice Town
Mission Bay Aquatic Center	Vince Coleman Autographed Ball and Cap
Mission San Juan Capistrano	Which Wich? Superior Sandwiches
Museum of Contemporary Art	Z-Ultimate Self Defense Studios of the Pacific

Upcoming Events

5/7– Volunteer Breakfast and PTA General Association Meeting
5/9– Minimum Day– Professional Growth Day
5/12-16 Teacher Appreciation Week
5/15– Coffee With the Principal
5/16– Mother/Son Dance
5/17– Father/Daughter Dance
5/21– Kinder Fair
5/22– Café con el Principal
5/26– Memorial Day—NO SCHOOL
6/5– 5th Grade Promotion
6/5– Field Day
6/6– Last Day of School

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