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Principal's News

Back to School at Valley No Excuses University!

Welcome back to the 2013-14 school year and thank you for all you have done to support our children to have a great start to the year! In the past few weeks you may have noticed our new "No Excuses at Valley" logo showing up on staff T-shirts, bulletin boards and other places around school. I am excited to announce that over the summer Valley was accepted into the No Excuses University network of schools. It is a movement that started right here in PUSD and now includes more than 170 schools nationwide. What does it mean? Well, "No Excuses" is



Andrew Johnson, Ed.D
Principal

really shorthand for "No Excuses for Poor Effort." It's a commitment from our staff first to do whatever it takes to get all of our kids to proficiency in reading, math and language, and to

inspire the children to set their sights on college. It's also a motivation for our kids to give 100% of their effort every day as they work towards that goal. Finally, it's a commitment from our parents to have kids at school on time every day, to talk to them about their academic goals, and to inspire them to be thinking about what college they might like to go to one day. Watch for an invitation from me to attend a special parent meeting to talk more about what NEU means for our school, our students and you!

PTA President's Message

Fellow Valley Parents, Welcome to another exciting year at Valley Elementary! The amazing teachers and staff at Valley are excited to begin another year teaching, growing and caring for your child. And so are we in the PTA!

What does the Valley PTA bring to your child's life? Our goal is to build the memories of Elementary school that your child will take with them...Tiger Trackers running club, the Boogie Bash Halloween party, the Father/Daughter dance and so much more.

Who is the Valley PTA? It's you... it's me...it's all of us Valley parents working together. So I

encourage you to look over the "Bring what you love to Valley" sheet and find something that excites you to help with. Ask your



Kimberly Floyd
Valley Elementary
PTA President

child what he or she loves and let that guide you. The Valley PTA also provides support to the teachers. We donate money to the classrooms, we buy much needed art supplies, we coordinate Friday Workroom

to photocopy, laminate and prepare work for the teachers so they can spend more time with their students. The Valley PTA grows and strengthens our Valley community with ways to get to know other parents like the Back to School Dinner and Art in the Valley. We give back to our community with events like Jump Rope for Heart and Adopt a Family. The PTA provides resources for you to stay connected such as Paw Prints weekly updates, Tiger Talk newsletters and www.valleypta.org website and calendar. We have a strong, caring community here at Valley Elementary. We much cherish it and nurture it. I encourage you to join the PTA and get involved in your child's school. Working together we can accomplish great things for our children!!

TOSA Talk



On behalf of Valley's TOSAs, Teachers on Special Assignment, Angelica Barragán and Andrea Barraugh, here is some news and ideas we have to share. Enjoy!
 Dual Language News: We will be having our first Dual Language Parent meeting on Thursday, October 3rd at 6:30 in our auditorium. We will be sharing some information with you as well as giving you an opportunity to meet with other dual language parents at your grade level to discuss grade-level questions, concerns and celebrations.
 English Language Learners: We are in the middle of our

CELDT testing here at Valley. At our first ELAC meeting on September 18th at 8:00AM in the library, we will be discussing the CELDT process, formation of our ELAC at Valley, the English Learner program and sharing any ideas for our school site plan.
 Practicing Estimation in Our Daily Lives
 We use estimation in many aspects of our everyday lives: when we see a sale (40% off), when we pump gas, when we cook, when we think about time. . . For this reason it is important to give your child opportunities to practice estimation in real life situations.

Examples:
 How much do you estimate it will cost to fill our gas tank?
 What time do you estimate we will arrive at practice?
 How many cups of water do you estimate it will take to fill this pot?
 How much do you estimate that pair of shoes will cost with our 50% off coupon?
 How many people do you estimate are in line in front of us?
 How many pairs of socks do you estimate are in this load of laundry?
 How much do you estimate this bag of potatoes weighs?
 Happy estimating!

The Valley PTA would like to thank El Dorado Collision on Poway Road for donating their time and services to fix the rolling art boards. The good folks at El Dorado fixed the broken wheels and made them work and look as good as new. We greatly appreciate their donation and support of our school.

Counselor's Corner

What is the role of the school counselor?
 My primary goal is to support students in reaching their full academic potential and enjoy a positive school experience. I also work with students, parents, and staff members to help students receive the support needed to be successful. I meet with students individually, in small groups, and in a whole class format. I teach students various coping strategies, skills, and methods

to handle various challenges. I work closely with our student services assistant.
 How can my child be referred to the school counselor?
 Parents can refer students to the program by contacting the teacher, office or counselor directly. Students can request to talk to the counselor during the school day but will need consent to participate in a small group or to receive weekly counseling sessions. Teachers and staff members may also refer students.

When is the school counselor available?
 Monday, Tuesday, and Friday.
 My number is 858-748-2207 Ext. 2126. Email: vflores@powayusd.com. Due to my schedule, I will always try and return your message the same day or within three working days.
 Veronica Flores School Counselor
 Colette Bradley Student Services

Membership News

Benefits your child and benefits our schools. More than 85 rigorous academic research studies conducted over 30 years of research proves that kids do better when parents are involved. Grades are higher. Test scores improve. Attendance increases.
Connects you to a Network. Parenting is not easy - it helps to share ideas, concerns and experiences with other

parents and educators in the community. PTA functions are opportunities to meet other parents and teachers, building rapport and discussing issues that are on your mind.
Means More Informed Parents. Parents involved in PTA understand the challenges schools face and become part of the solution. They support improving education, both locally and legislatively. By developing a closer

relationship with parents, student achievement improves, and the school develops a positive reputation in the community.
Boosts Children's Well-being. PTAs focus on what students need to be successful in learning, including nutrition, health, and wellbeing. Whether it is school safety, physical fitness, or healthy breakfasts, PTA works with school administrators to

"You should join PTA because PTA Membership..."

Put Yourself in the **PTA** Picture



Membership Cont'd

ensure that children are prepared to succeed.

Gets you Connected and Adds Your Voice to Others. There's no better way to know what's happening in your school. Regularly scheduled meetings are an opportunity for you to share information with other members. Because PTA is a forum for exchanging ideas, you are encouraged to make suggestions. PTA can be a way for you to more effectively suggest change at your child's school.

Leverages Volunteer Power. PTA organizes hard-working and

dedicated volunteers. Parents are ready and willing to help implement school improvement programs.

Provides Great Resources. The PTA offers a variety of programs designed for parents as well as students. Resource materials and training opportunities are plentiful in PTA.

Improves your skills. By volunteering with your PTA, you gain valuable experiences. It's an opportunity to put your skills and hobbies to good use for a good cause – for your child and all children in the community.

Results in School Improvement.

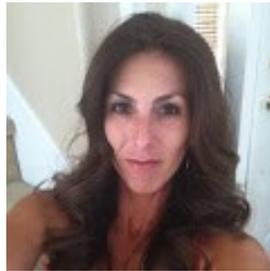
By getting involved at your child's school you'll be part of the solution, helping make positive changes. Local PTAs play an important role in fundraising to provide building improvements, curriculum-based programs and social events – all vital to a school's success.

Makes You a Good Role Model. By becoming a PTA member, you'll be demonstrating to your child the importance you place on education.

“With more than one million members, California State PTA is the largest volunteer organization in the state dedicated to improving the well being of all children and youth.”

Health and Fitness

Dear Valley Parents, PTA Health & Fitness is kicking off the first day of Tiger Trackers for First through Fifth Grade Friday, September 6. Tiger Trackers will take place every Friday from this date forward, so please dress your children every Friday with proper athletic clothing and running shoes. The children will run during a portion of their scheduled recess. This PTA Sponsored Program is one of the most favored by all of our Valley Students. They get to stay fit by running and they get to show off some of their competitive spirit. This program is chaired by two outstanding Valley Moms,



**Laura Carmona Danahy
Health & Fitness VP**

Sarah Adams and Denise Anger. Without their help, this program would be very difficult for me to coordinate and make possible on a weekly basis. I am asking you to

please sign up as a volunteer for this weekly event. We are very flexible in accommodating schedules. If you want to volunteer once a month or once a week, we can accommodate your schedule. Please e-mail Sarah Adams at sarah_adams@att.net to sign up to be a volunteer for this fantastic program. Once you e-mail Sarah Adams, she will give you more detailed information about what you can expect and once the volunteer schedule is put together, you will be sent a reminder of when you are scheduled to volunteer. My sincere thanks!

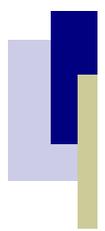
Coffee With the Principal

Hello All, this is Brittany Vaughn your hospitality chair for the PTA. I want to thank all that came and supported the welcome back "BOO HOO BREAKFAST"!!! I want to invite you to Coffee with the Principal September 19 and the

26th! Dr. Johnson will be sharing my info with you all! So look out for posters and signs with the times and designated location on the school grounds!! I look forward to seeing all of our Valley Parents that can attend!



**Brittany Vaughn
Hospitality**





Krystn Monroe
VEEF

“The Valley Elementary Educational Foundation is a nonprofit organization made up of parent volunteers who bring other parents and community members together to raise money to enrich the educational experience so that every child at Valley Elementary School can succeed.”

What is the Foundation?

The Valley Elementary Educational Foundation was established in 2006 by three Valley parents who had a vision. Its mission is simple: to raise money to help bridge the gap between what shrinking district budgets can provide and what students need in order to have the best, most well-rounded education possible.

Donate a Dime a Day

Thank you to the Valley families who have participated so far in this year’s Dime a Day campaign. The Dime a Day



campaign is the Foundation’s annual giving campaign. We

know, during this difficult time in our economy, that every gift is a sacrifice. So when structuring our annual giving program, we were deliberate to create options that could fit every budget — that could allow every family to participate at the level that worked best for them.

One dime a day is \$18 for the whole year. There are 180 days in the school year. There are about 720 students at the school. If every student donated one dime for every day of school we could raise \$12,960 for Valley. That’s a lot

of computers or iPads for our students and teachers. But for each one of us, it’s just a dime. It’s amazing what a dime can do. It’s amazing what we can do when we work together. Thank you to the following family for sending in their contributions*:

The Allwein Family
The Amidei Family
The Barger Family
The Bell Family
The Bernell Family
The Brown Family
The Culleton Family
The Esparza Family
The Fish Family
The Floyd Family
The A. Garcia Family
The C.and J. Garcia Family
The Gautreau Family
The Hamon Family
The Headley Family
The Hendricks Family
The Hernandez Family
The Hofmaister Family
The Hunsicker Family
The Langer-Weida Family
The Lehrer Family
The Luu-Pham Family
The Mayer Family
The McCullough Family
The McDonald Family
The Mendoza – Cedillo Family
The Monroe Family
The Morison-Ramos Family
The Nguyen Family
The Osicka Family
The Parel – Dunbar Family

The Redfield – Knighten Family
The Rodriguez Family
The Rodriguez – Companioni Family
The Schirmacher Family
The Scinta Family
The Sears – Traynum Family
The Shell Family
The Slansky Family
The Sneed Family
The Statler Family
The Swaisgood Family
The Tozer Family
The Tres Family
The Vo – Le Family

* This list is current as of Aug. 23, 2013.

Our goal is to reach 100 percent participation from every child. Look for your orange Dime a Day fliers and remittance envelopes. Fill them out and return them to the front office or donate directly through the Foundation’s website. Go to <http://ValleyEEF.org> and click on the Donate Now button on the right-hand side. For additional information, e-mail Foundation President Erinn Tozer at etozer@ValleyEEF.org.

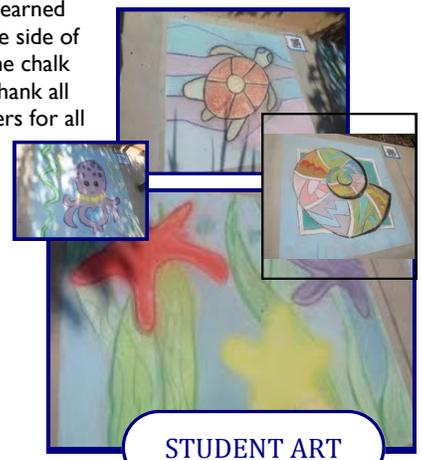
To learn more about the Foundation’s initiatives and events, go to <http://ValleyEEF.org>.

Chalk Art Festival

We at Homework Club/ASES proudly started our year with our traditional Chalk Art Festival. Over 100 students and 80 volunteers participated. Our theme this year was The Amazing Ocean. Focusing on STEM-Science, Technology, Engineering and Math applications, we taught the children about the life cycle of ocean creatures. Then they were able to reflect on the

information that they learned while using the creative side of their brains to draw the chalk representations. We thank all our students and helpers for all their hard work in making this a successful annual event.

Miss Itzy
Homework Club



STUDENT ART

PTA Reflections Program



The National PTA Reflections Program is an arts recognition and achievement program for students. It provides an opportunity for students to express themselves for their original works of art, writing, photography, film, music or dance. This year's theme

is "Believe, Dream, Inspire!" Submissions are due October 4. For more information, please go to www.capta.org and look for Reflections under Quick Links, or contact Lisa Black at ljkendig@rocketmail.com



Valley Elementary 2013-14 PTA Board

Back (Left to Right): Dr. Johnsen, Melissa Orellana, Nicole Rose, Darcy Slansky, Sandy Sears, Brittany Vaughn, Dana Boll, Lisa Black, Elizabeth Hulterstrum, Lisa Jones

Front (Left to Right): Shawna Hamon, Laura Danahy, Kim Floyd, Carrie Chen, Karla Valenzuela

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