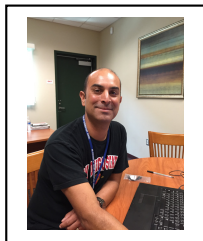
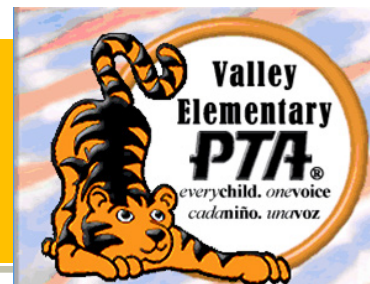


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The Principal's Desk

~ *Ricardo Ceceña*

Where did the 2015–2016 school year go? It seems like yesterday that we began this school year. Wow, what a school year it has been for everyone; a year full of exciting learning and our Tigers continually working hard to prepare for their futures in College and Career.

Thanks to the entire staff, students and families for a wonderful year. I am amazed at the dedication and love that the staff pours into the students and families of Valley. It is exciting to watch students eagerly come to school with smiles on their faces and have positive attitudes about learning. I wish to thank both the PTA and Foundation for their countless volunteers, for their endless hours in organizing so many family activities and school fundraisers. Our school never lacks for a dull moment. We always have an exciting event happening on campus!

Next year brings more excitement as we begin another year of providing excellent educational programs at Valley. Our PTA continues to have great ideas to make our school the best in PUSD, and our Foundation will continue raising funds to support bringing cutting edge technology into our classrooms. We are also very excited about continuing our online programs for students. The Foundation will continue to provide financial support to host Reading A to Z and Brain Pop for our students. We are also excited about the wonderful partnership that has been forged between the PTA and Foundation to help support our school. For several years the PTA and Foundation have joined forces to help support our school's educational programs. Next year, they are planning on joining up again and providing financial support for all of our programs. We are fortunate to have these wonderful organizations at our school!

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I am also excited to announce that next year we will launch our new districtwide program called, "X-plorations." Student in grades K–5 will be receiving lessons from specialized instructors in Physical Education, Art, Science, Engineering and Computer Coding. Thanks to the Poway Unified School District we will be able to bring this amazing program to our Tigers!

Valley Elementary School staff wishes all the students and families a pleasant and enjoyable summer. We look forward to your return when school opens on Monday, August 1st. Class assignments for the 2015–2016 school year will be posted on our office windows during our Posting Faire on Friday, July 29th at 8am. School hours will remain the same for all grades.





PTA President's Message

~ *Denise Anger*

It is the end of another great year! There were so many wonderful events that took many hours of planning and preparation. We celebrated our teachers and staff in May with a wonderful week during Teacher Appreciation Week. Congratulations, again, to Justin Lopez, Elliott Husseman, and Easha Ashraf for representing Valley well during our interschool spelling bee on May 19th. Thank you to Lili Husseman for preparing our spellers and coordinating our Valley and Inter-school Spelling Bees this year. Thank you also to Carolina Barron who is chairing our fun Field Day on Wednesday, June 1st.

I would like to say thank you...to the Valley PTA Board and Chairs for many amazing events! To the Valley Staff and Teachers for your support and dedication to our children! And to all the Valley parents and grandparents who volunteered this year! Working together, we have accomplished a lot and given our children some priceless memories of their school days. Enjoy your summer and we'll see you again next year!

Open Board Positions:

Executive Vice-President: The Executive VP serves as the primary aide to the president and performs the duties of the president in the absence or disability of that officer to act; performs such other duties as may be assigned by the President or the association.

Corresponding Secretary: The Corresponding Secretary is an appointed position and sends notices of meetings to executive board members and/or association members and writes/sends letters and other correspondence (e.g., thank you notes) on behalf of the president, as directed.

2016-2017 Valley PTA Board

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| President | Denise | Anger |
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| 4th V.P. Art Program | Heather | Schmalbach |
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| Translator | Elizabeth | Hulterstrom |
| Volunteer Coordinator/ Website Administrator | Shawna | Hamon |

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Events Update for 2016-2017

Summer is short for our Valley Tigers and you may be wondering already about the early events for next year.

- As always, these events are subject to change or cancellation based on volunteer participation.
- NEW THIS YEAR! Parent volunteers from specific grade-levels will be asked to volunteer where noted. We will be reaching out via our Room Parent network to specific grade-level parents throughout the year to fill volunteer positions for our many events.
- Asking a parent from a specific grade-level does NOT mean that you can't volunteer or run an event if your child is not in that grade-level. We ALWAYS appreciate and utilize any and every volunteer who wants to help with an event, regardless of grade-level.
- Please refer to our website at www.valleypta.com and contact valleypta@yahoo.com with questions or to sign-up as a volunteer.

| Event | Tentative Date |
|--|----------------------|
| Posting Fair (8:00 to 10:00 a.m.) | Friday, 7/29/2016 |
| Membership Drive Begins | Friday, 7/29/2016 |
| Welcome Back Breakfast ("Boo Hoo Breakfast") | Monday, 8/1/2016 |
| Back to School Night (K-5) | Tuesday, 8/2/2016 |
| Catalog Fundraiser - Charleston Wrap | 8/19-9/2/2016 |
| Welcome Back Dinner - 5th GRADE Parents | Friday, 8/26/2016 |
| Eat with your Student Day | Wednesday, 9/21/2016 |
| Reflections Deadline: What is your story? | Thursday, 9/29/2016 |
| Fall Break | 10/3 - 10/7/2016 |
| Read-a-thon | 10/2-10/12/2016 |
| Red Ribbon Week | 10/24-10/28/2016 |
| Fall Book fair - Scholastic | 10/24-10/28/2016 |
| Boogie Bash Halloween Party - 4th GRADE Parents | Friday, 10/28/2016 |
| Conference Week | 10/31 - 11/4/2016 |
| Adopt-a-family | 11/14-12/2/2016 |
| Thanksgiving Break | 11/21-11/25/2016 |
| Winter Craft Fair - 3rd GRADE Parents | Saturday, 12/3/2016 |
| Winter Break | 12/19 - 1/2/2017 |
| Spelling Bee | Thursday, 1/5/2017 |
| Valley's Got Talent | Friday, 1/27/2017 |
| Art in the Valley/Silent Auction - ALL GRADES | Friday, 2/10/2017 |
| President's Week | 2/20 - 2/24/2017 |
| Family Dances (Son & Daughter) - 2nd GRADE Parents | TBA |
| Jog-a-thon - 1st GRADE Parents | Thursday, 3/23/2017 |
| Spring Break/Intersession | April 3 - 14, 2017 |
| Día del Niño Celebration** - KINDERGARTEN Parents | Saturday, 4/29/2017 |
| Spring Book Fair - Scholastic BOGO | 5/1-5/5/2017 |
| Teacher Appreciation Week | 5/8-5/12/2017 |
| Field Day - ALL GRADES | Wednesday, 5/31/2017 |

Valley Service Awards

This year's Valley Service Awards went to five wonderful volunteers and staff members who really make a difference at our school. These individuals were especially recognized by their peers for their contributions to Valley PTA and their dedication to our children.

Lili Husseman is the type of parent volunteer that every school should be lucky enough to have. One parent said it best: "This wonderful woman is the "Jane of all Trades" at Valley! She is involved in almost every PTA event and, if that weren't enough, she goes above and beyond by organizing help for families and teachers with personal needs! How she has the time and energy for all that she does is beyond comprehension. She works tirelessly in service of our school community and definitely brings the fun to Valley!" Thank you, Lili, for always going above and beyond and making life better for so many people around you!

Selena Pankretz is known far and wide for her creativity and dedication to the arts. Not only does she support several teachers by providing top-notch art lessons on a weekly basis but she also has a passion for art and teaches more classes than she has children. Her lessons are amazing! She is always lending her time to aid in fun student activities like drama club. She is incredibly involved not only in her children's Valley experience, but also in that of all of our students. Thank you, Selena, for your selfless service to our kids!

Cris Rollins is one of our beloved office staff members. Cris is always supportive, helpful, and positive and couldn't be a better PTA/school liaison. She is a wealth of knowledge and is always patient and kind when helping parents, students, and other staff members. She is a true guiding force for at Valley and we couldn't do it without her. Thank you, Cris, for your generous support of the PTA, our students and parents, and for always helping us to fulfill our mission with a smile!

Ms. Alice Grimes is one of our many dedicated teachers. She is always willing to lend a hand and has volunteered at PTA events doing things such as making balloon animals at our Welcome Back Dinner and collecting book donations for Dia del Niño. Ms. Grimes always encourages her students during Tiger Trackers and she motivates her runners to excel. She has served as our dedicated PTA Teacher Liaison and has always been a huge support to our volunteer efforts. She is an inspiration to many and she will be greatly missed next year. Thank you, Ms. Grimes! We will miss you!

Darcy Slansky is one of those amazing people that you only get to meet once or twice in a lifetime. Her humble and selfless service to our PTA for the last 16 years is an example to all who know her! No matter what she has going on, she pitches in to get the job done. She literally makes it her mission to ease the burden of those around her. During her 16 years at Valley, this amazing mom and leader had countless roles in the PTA. She has been PTA President, Executive Vice President, VP of Ways and Means, VP of Membership, Bookfair Chair, Silent Auction Chair, McTeacher Night Chair, Winter Craft Fair Chair, Friends of Valley Chair, Box Tops Chair, Catalog Sales Chair, Volunteer Coordinator, and Jog-a-thon Chair to name a few. Darcy couldn't possibly be more deserving of a Valley Service Award for doing whatever it takes to get the job done and for making Valley such a special place to be. She is a true inspiration and we are going to miss her immensely next year. Thank you, Darcy, for your never-ending and selfless service to Valley. You are one in a million!

Palomar Council Honorary Service Award

Valley PTA nominated the Rotary Club of Poway/Scripps for Palomar Council's 2015–16 Service Awards. They were chosen for recognition and awarded a Continuing Service Award at the Palomar Council Awards Breakfast on April 28th. For the last seven years, the Rotary Club of Poway/Scripps has donated much needed funds for our Tiger Trackers program to be able to provide special tokens of achievement like t-shirts, medals, and trophies for our kids. It was our pleasure to present the Continuing Service Award to the Rotary's Community Service Director, Ben Polis, and their treasurer, Dan Brennan, for their sustained service and generosity to our school. Thank you very much!



Pictured (left to right): Valley PTA President, Denise Anger; Poway/Scripps Rotary Club Community Service Director, Ben Polis; Valley Principal, Mr. Ricardo Ceceña; and Poway/Scripps Rotary Club Treasurer, Dan Brennan.

MONTHLY REMINDERS

- *Wednesdays– Workroom Support & Spirit Day (wear your Valley or College T-shirts)*
- *Fridays – Valley Pride Day & Tiger Trackers*
- *June 1 – Field Day*
- *June 9 – Last day of school*

Tiger Trackers

On Friday, May 13th, we completed another fun year for Tiger Trackers. We all had a great time and we absolutely couldn't have done it without our many wonderful volunteers! Thank you to Sharon Jones, Elizabeth Hulterstom, and Trisha Bear for their leadership and coordination of the program this year.

Here are a few data points showing what our kids accomplished this year:

- The kids ran over 31,000 laps and about 7000 miles!
- 96 children earned Tiger Trackers t-shirts for running at least 100 laps in 3rd – 5th grade, 90 laps in 2nd grade, and 70 laps in 1st grade
- 21 out of 24 classes earned popsicle or ice cream parties for their combined efforts on the track.
- Winning classes in each grade:
 - 1st Grade: Sra. Araujo's class with 1433 total laps (57 laps/student)
 - 2nd Grade: Sra. Contreras's class with 1809 total laps (67 laps/student)
 - 3rd Grade: Sra. Maldonado's class with 2044 total laps (85 laps/student)
 - 5th Grade: Sra. Ruvalcaba's class with 1993 total laps (69 laps/student)
- Our top-grossing classroom and Hall of Fame recipient this year went to 4th Grade, Sra. Kitts' class with 2899 total laps which translates to a whopping 104 laps/student!

Top student runners received awards at our last Wednesday flag assembly on May 25th for placing gold, silver, or bronze in their grade level.

Congratulations to our medal winners and to all of our students who worked hard and had fun with us this year. We look forward to seeing everyone on the track again next year. Go Tigers!

First Grade: Gold Medalists: Elianna O'Donnell, Paul Lizondo, and Eli Vassar; Silver Medalists: Madison Ruiz, Michael Lyles, and James Dawson; Bronze Medalists: Ella Bear, John Krehbiel, and Krish Nandola



Second Grade: Gold Medalists: Jimena McDonald and Ivan Gutierrez; Silver Medalists: Teagan Anger, Kaylyn Jarest, Sofia Rosati, and Tennyson Pankretz; Bronze Medalists: Jessica Juan, Jacob Sawyer, and Matt DeVito



Third Grade: Gold Medalists: Angie Garcia and Sean Abrom; Silver Medalists: Analia Castanon and Brian Smaller; Bronze Medalists: Gabriella Garcia and Alec Dow



Fourth Grade: Gold Medalists: Lydia Manly and Javi Carrillo; Silver Medalists: Talia Vallese, Teya White, Justin Lopez, and Jayson Starks; Bronze Medalists: Amanda McGhee and Daniel Hulterstrom



Fifth Grade: Gold Medalists: Anayeli Martinez and Benjamin Amidei; Silver Medalists: Morryll Overson and David Hulterstrom; Bronze Medalists: Natalia Garza, Mia Monroe, Sunshine Tovey and Samuel Ramos





President
~ Krystn Monroe

Valley Elementary Educational Foundation 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.

Thanks to Everyone Who Was Part of the Cinco de Mayo Trail Run! The Cinco de Mayo Trail Run would like to thank our sponsors, exhibitors, volunteers, teams, collaborators and runners — as well as this year's inspiring Trailblazer Rhonda Martin — for what has turned out to be a record-breaking year! At 1,169, we had more runners than ever before. And at more than \$31,000 we broke records with our net revenue as well!

We Broke All Our Records and Will Have More Impact Than Ever Before! It's all about the students and teachers! Thank you for making it possible for us to bring more technology, professional development, educational experiences and other programming to students and teachers than ever before!



We heard from many runners today that they went up against the toughest courses they've ever faced. Congratulations to all who conquered the trails. To see your results, go

to: https://gemininext.com/results/?event_id=4820.

Others said the event was more organized than any they've ever attended. That's because of the hundreds of volunteers who woke up before the sun to raise canopies, drive shuttle buses, hang signs, staff parking lots, staff stations, pour coffee and serve food. Thank you to our early risers, our heavy lifters, our course managers, our cleaner-uppers and everyone who helped the event run as smoothly as possible for all involved.

Many of you said the event was just plain fun. Maybe it's because of the mariachi band, the free food, the fun swag and, of course, the awesome street tacos! To check out event photos, go to <http://cincodemayotrailrun.org/gallery/>



Sra. Serrano-Fish Wins a Pizza Party for Her Class!

Thank you to all the teachers who participated in the class competition to register the most runners at the Trail Run and win a pizza party for his or her class. The winner was Sra. Serrano-Fish! Have fun at the pizza party!

Save the Date! Save the date for next year and we'll do it all again on **May 6, 2017!**

Financial Contributions To make a tax-deductible donation to the Foundation, or to learn more about the Foundation's initiatives and events, go to ValleyEEF.org.

Valley Elementary PTA Board 2015-16

| Elected Officers | First Name | Last Name |
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| Principal | Ricardo | Ceceña |
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| 3rd V.P. Membership | Yerika | Tovey |
| 4th V.P. Health and Fitness | Preston | Betts |
| 5th V.P. Art Program | Heather | Schmalbach |
| Recording Secretary | Kim | Jones |
| Treasurer | Karen | Manueli |
| Financial Secretary | Kelly | Tognetti |
| Auditor | Veronica | Alvarez |
| Historian | Nicole | Rose |
| Parliamentarian | Kelly | Kersey |
| Committee Chairs | | |
| Character Counts | Diana | Aldrete |
| Corresponding Secretary | OPEN | |
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| Newsletter | Carolyn | Lemm |
| Website Administrator | Shawna | Hamon |
| Room Parent Coordinator | Lili | Husseman |
| School Admin Assistant | Cris | Rollins |
| Teacher Liaison (DL) | Marisa | Contreras |
| Teacher Liaison (DL) | Suky | Romero |
| Translator | Elizabeth | Hulterstrom |
| Volunteer Coordinator | Shawna | Hamon |
| Workroom Wednesday | OPEN | |
| Spirit Wear Sales | Kim | Jones |
| After School Programs | Jennifer | Berk |
| VEEF Liaison | OPEN | |
| Assemblies | Liz | Collins-Smith |
| Facebook Administrator | OPEN | |



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- Visit the Valley PTA website <http://www.valleypta.com/>
- Contact Denise Anger if you are interested in any of the open PTA board positions.

