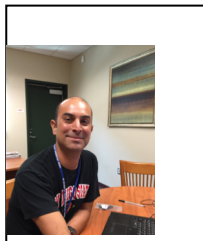


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The Principal's Desk

Ricardo Ceceña

Closing Out The 2016-2017 School Year

Where did the 2016-2017 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 daily 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 at Valley.

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 pleased to announce that next year we will continue to provide our "X-plorations Program." Student in grades TK-5 will continue to receive lessons from specialized PUSD instructors in Physical Education, Music, Art, Science, Engineering and Computer Coding. Thanks to the Poway Unified School District we will continue to bring this amazing program to our Tigers for the new school year! In addition, Valley Elementary has also been selected to be a Project Lead The Way school. As a PLTW school our students will begin to explore new learning pathways in computer science, engineering and biomedical science. Professional development, curricular materials and technology resources will be provided to students and staff as part of the PLTW implementation.

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 Tuesday, August 1st. Class assignments for the 2017- 2018 school year will be posted on our office windows during our Posting Faire on Monday, July 31st at 8:00am. School hours will remain the same for all grades.



PTA President's Message

Denise Anger

It is the end of another great year! Our final months of school were filled with exciting events. First, Three of Congratulations to three of Valley's 5th graders Marshall Hamon, Andrew Doud, and Kaleo Ramos, as they embraced the challenge of biking across the state of California over Spring Break through the YMCA's "Ride Across California."

Highlights from the 259-mile-trip included seeing the dunes, desert floor, canyons, and mountains of Southern California, eating apple pie at the top of Banner Grade in Julian, and camping with more than 100 new 5th grade friends and their families. Twenty of our third through fifth grade girls completed their **Girls on the Run 5K** on Sunday, May 7, in Mission Bay. These girls worked hard for three months to train for this event and we are so thankful to Jennifer Berk and her parent coaches for volunteering each week with the girls. We celebrated our teachers and staff in May with a wonderful week during **Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week**. We also enjoyed our annual **Family Dance** on May 13 with a fun 50's theme thanks to Lili Husseman who coordinated the event. Congratulations, again, to Leela Sessoms, Marshall Hamon and Olivia Javier for representing Valley well during our **Interschool Spelling Bee** on May 18th. 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 and the many volunteers who made our fun **Field Day** on Wednesday, May 31, a success.

Finally, this last week of school we have our 5th-graders "graduating" from Valley. I wish the class of 2017 the best on their new adventures next year. They will always have Valley to remember as their bright beginning to their educational endeavors. We are so proud of them and know that they are well-prepared for the road ahead.

As this is my last month as your PTA president, I would like to say thank you...to the Valley PTA Board and Chairs for coordinating so many amazing events, to the Valley Staff and Teachers for your support and dedication not only to our children but also to the PTA and our many initiatives, and to all of the Valley parents and grandparents who volunteered this year! Working together, we have accomplished our goals and given our children priceless memories of their school days. Enjoy your summer and we'll see you again next year!

Happy Summer Valley Tigers!



5th Graders: Marshall Hamon, Andrew Doud and Kaleo Ramos



Girls on the Run finished their practice 5K at Valley in April



Our wonderful Teachers and Staff enjoying lunch at the Brigantine during Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week



Field Day Fun!



Science Field Day 2017

Tiger Trackers

On Friday, May 12th, 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 Megan Manlove-Smith, Elizabeth Hulterstrom, Trisha Bear, and Steve Hendricks 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 34,000 laps and about 7600 miles!
- A record 142 children earned Tiger Trackers t-shirts for running at least 100 laps in 3rd - 5th grade, 90 laps in 2nd grade, and 75 laps in 1st grade.
- 22 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. Galindo's class with 1759 total laps (67 laps/student)
 - 2nd Grade: Sra. Flores's class with 1839 total laps (76 laps/student)
 - 3rd Grade: Sra. Martinez's class with 1920 total laps (71 laps/student)
 - 4th/5th Grade: Sra. Molina's class with 2957 total laps (98 laps/student)
- Our first t-shirt ever earned by a teacher was awarded to Sra. Kitts for running 120 lap with her class this year!



First Grade: Gold Medalists: Emiliana Jensen and Bryce Gagnon; Silver Medalists: Camila Hashemi, Odin Pankretz and Jacob Gutzmer; Bronze Medalists: Lasha Lamey, Lucas Pena Molina and Connor Barger



Second Grade: Gold Medalists: Ella Bear, Olivia Javier and Paul Lizondo; Silver Medalists: Anabella Camarillo and Tucker Menolascino; Bronze Medalists: Elianna O'Donnell, John Krehbiel and Michael Lyles



Third Grade: Gold Medalists: Addison Doud and Brock Sargent; Silver Medalists: Kaylyn Jarest, and Matthew DeVito; Bronze Medalists: Anna Pena Molina, Jacob Sawyer, and Tennyson Pankretz.



Fourth Grade: Gold Medalists: Angie Garcia and Diego Rocio; Silver: Cameron Stock



Silver: Sean Abrom; Bronze Medalists: Analia Castanon, Rowan Smith-Earle, and William Hovel.



Fifth Grade: Gold Medalists: Lydia Manly and Justin Lopez; Silver: Teya White



Silver: Daniel Alonso-Chamu, and Jacob Hulterstrom; Bronze: Talia Vallesse, Amanda McGhee, Azulena Su,

Congratulations to our medal and trophy 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!

A Message from the School Counselor

Veronica Tapia

Congratulations to the Parents, Families, and Caretakers of our future Senior Class students of 2024! I wish you and your child a wonderful summer and a smooth transition into middle school. It has been a pleasure working with our Valley Tigers. Whether it was during, the Second Step classroom lessons, Bullying Prevention classroom lessons, College and Career classroom lessons, the fieldtrip to the University of San Diego, playing activities out on the playground, and/or supporting them through individual counseling or small group counseling, it has been an honor to see them learn and grow! Please continue to talk with your child every day about his or her school experiences, success and worries. Stay involved in your child's education and take the time to know their friends. Remind them CHARACTER COUNTS! And no matter which middle school they attend, "we work hard, we take care of each other, and we take care of our school." Well done, 5th Grade Valley Tigers!

Congratulations to our 2017-2018 Student Council Members

President - Diego Rocio

Vice President - Hannah Nevitt

Secretary - Brian Smaller

Treasure - Tennyson Pankretz

Commissioner of Spirit - Carlo Miller

Elementary Science Field Day 2017

The Valley Science Team competed in the San Diego County Office of Education's Elementary Science Field Day on Saturday, May 13th. Sixty-five teams from schools all over San Diego County compete. Our students began preparing for their events in February.

The following students participated: Alexander Anger, Atalie Moehlenpah, Carlos Camarillo, Chelsea Worthy-Diaz, Christian Ruvalcaba, Daniel Palacios, Emily Nguyen, Eva Cuevas, Isaac Rosas, Jaden Tagulinao, James Boston Pankretz, Kaelyn Ruiz, Kaleo Ramos, Larry Tovey, Marshall Hamon, Olivia Seremet, Serena Falucho, and Teya White. Congratulations to our team! They earned one second place, two third places, and two fifth places!

Mrs. Jones would like to thank the following parents for volunteering to coach our science clubs: Hector Ruvalcaba, Tensely Worthy, Samuel Moehlenpah, Monique Falucho, Steve Hendricks, Cathy Ramos, Liz Collins-Smith, Marleen Rosas, Irene Palacios, Shawna Hamon, Andrew Jones, and Mrs. Jones. We would not be able to provide this amazing opportunity to our students without the help of our parent coaches.

A special thank you also goes to our Valley PTA for sending our team to the competition and supporting the Valley Science Club with a \$500 grant.

Valley Service Awards

This year's Valley Service Awards went to four wonderful volunteers who really made 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.

Cathy Barger is one of our top-five volunteers year after year with the number of hours she dedicates to our school. By the volunteer breakfast this year in April, she had already logged 255 hours which was tallied before working a full week at the book fair in May. Not only has Cathy taken over as the lead chairperson for our book fairs this year, she is always a room parent and a constant presence on campus working in both of her children's classrooms regularly. For the book fairs alone she generally gives two weeks of her life in their entirety to Valley. She is always willing to pitch in and take care of the behind-the-scenes details and help in any way she can. Thank you, Cathy!

Heather Schmalbach is known for her time and dedication to the arts. She has done so much to expand and support the art programs at Valley since taking her position on the board as VP of Art two years ago. Heather is passionate about everything she does and manages to help with many events while having her littlest in tow. She is dedicated every year to driving our Reflections art competition and chairing one of our most beloved events, the Winter Craft Fair. This year, with very few people volunteering for Día del Niño, she planned and prepared a craft for the event and then worked at the booth for four straight hours. On behalf of the PTA and Valley community, thank you!

Shawna Hamon is the type of parent and volunteer that every school should be lucky enough to have. One letter of praise came in saying: "This volunteer is a huge asset to our school. Besides being invaluable, she is also a lot of fun to work with, has an easygoing nature, and a fantastic sense of humor. She completes hours of behind the scenes work year after year, and this year she did it while holding a full-time job, too." Shawna is our volunteer coordinator, our website administrator, and our technical support. Having volunteers and technical support are needed for every PTA event which means Shawna is needed for everything! Not only does she manage the technology and volunteer aspects for our PTA, she is also a major driving force behind the annual Silent Auction, one of our school's largest fundraisers and an important piece of Art in the Valley which is a very fun community-building event! Our school would have a lot less money, fewer volunteers, and no music or sound, if it wasn't for Shawna. In addition to these huge commitments, she also finds time to chair Eat with Your Student day and lead the Tin Can Racers team with the Science Club. Thank you, Shawna, for always going above and beyond and making life better for so many people around you!

Kelly Kersey is one of those quiet, dedicated helpers who is a major asset to our PTA. Her consistent service has been extremely appreciated over the many years that she has given her time to volunteer. She has served on the PTA board for the last four years. She joined the Board in 2013 when she was appointed to the board as Parliamentarian, where she served for three years. This year Kelly has served as our Auditor and most recently as our dessert co-coordinator at Día del Niño where she worked for four hours straight (after running to multiple stores before the event to help stock our dessert table). Valley is so lucky to have had Kelly and we are going to miss her immensely as her youngest child, Chase, will be promoted from 5th grade this year. Thank you, Kelly, and good luck next year!

Valley Elementary PTA Board 2016-17

Elected Officers	First Name	Last Name
Principal	Ricardo	Ceceña
President	Denise	Anger
Executive V.P.	OPEN	
1st V.P. Ways and Means	Adriana	Gonzalez
2nd V.P. Programs	Audra	Rosati
3rd V.P. Membership	Lili	Husseman
4th V.P. Art Program	Heather	Schmalbach
Recording Secretary	Erica	Fandino
Treasurer	Sandie	Sears
Financial Secretary	Kelly	Tognetti
Auditor	Kelly	Kersey
Historian	Serena	Arellano
Parliamentarian	Kim	Jones
Committee Chairs		
Character Counts	Emilie	Koford
Corresponding Secretary	OPEN	
Hospitality	Sara	Langer
Newsletter	Kim	Niehans
Website Administrator	Shawna	Hamon
Room Parent Coordinator	Emilie	Koford
School Admin Assistant	Gretchen	Snyder
Teacher Liaison (ENG)	Gale	Caddell
Teacher Liaison (DL)	Maribel	Martinez
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	

