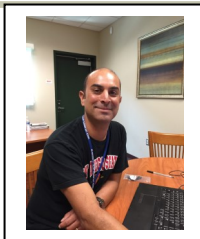
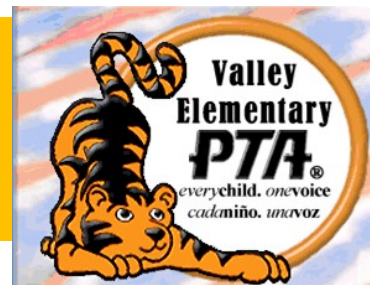


# TIGER TALK

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## The Principal's Desk

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## Closing Out 2017-2018 School Year

Where did the 2017-2018 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 daily 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 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 the cutting edge technology in 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 between the PTA and

Foundation to help support our school. For several years the PTA and Foundation have joined forces to help enhance our school's educational programs. Next year, they are planning on joining up again and providing financial support for many educational programs. We are fortunate to have these wonderful organizations at our school!

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 next 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 Wednesday, August 1st. Class assignments for the 2018- 2019 school year will be posted on our office windows during our Posting Faire on Tuesday, July 31st at 8:30am. School hours will remain the same for all grades.



## PTA President's Message

Lili Husseman

Who's ready for summer? It's at a time like this that I'm reminded of a saying I find worthwhile to reflect upon: the days are long, but the years are short. I remember hearing that for the first time when my oldest was a toddler – and boy weren't those long days! Just this morning, I was listening to the radio and the deejay was reflecting on this season of life. Like me, she admitted that the car rides to school aren't always pleasant, and in fact they can sometimes be downright painful ("Stop touching me!" "You're looking at me!" "Mooommy, I'm hungry!"), and yet, I go back to thinking about those early days. Sitting through Little Einsteins for the hundredth time (pat, pat...faster), endless trips to the park and library, trying to stay awake through story time. Man, what I'd give to go back to those simpler times. I see my nieces and nephews graduating from high school and college and wonder where the time went. I remember when they were born! I'll admit it: I've turned into a sap. As the graduating high schoolers were acknowledged at church last week, I teared up, thinking, "I'll blink and that will be my kids." And so my advice is this. Take a moment this summer, or a few moments, and between the camps and the practices, the piano lessons and the sports tournaments, hold your little tiger a bit longer (even if he/she tries to squirm away). Go back to the basics and read a book together, whether that means Curious George, Harry Potter, or Percy Jackson. Maybe even watch one more episode of Little Einsteins.

It's been quite a ride to be your PTA President this year. It hasn't always been a smooth ride; maybe that's why the term is two years. Next year I'll (presumably) be a little better prepared. We have an amazing community of volunteers who always have my

back, and because of that, our PTA runs smoothly even when I don't. I am grateful that we, as a Valley community, are collaborative and never competitive; the goal of creating wonderful memories for our kids is at the forefront of all we do. To close our year, we had what several people have called the best-run Field Day. Kudos to Luisa Sawyer for her organizational efforts and thank you to all who came out the morning of the event to help.



Finally, as we become more digital, I'm wondering if this platform is an effective means of communication. If you made it this far – thank you! Please do me a favor and drop a line to [valleypta@yahoo.com](mailto:valleypta@yahoo.com) that simply says you read this. We'd like to get a pulse on how many people read Tiger Talk. It may be time to shift everything to Facebook and this will give us an idea.

To those of you moving on with 6<sup>th</sup> graders next year, we wish you the best! To everyone else, we'll see you back in August!

# Science Club

The Valley Science Club participated in the annual Elementary Science Field Day on May 19th at Lakeside Middle School. After studying and training for several weeks, Valley students from fourth and fifth grades competed against 59 other teams in fifteen science-related events. In the end, our team successfully earned two 2nd place ribbons (Don't Bug Me and Simple Machines), three 3rd place ribbons (Mirror Magic, Circuit Wizardry, and Tin Can Racers), and one 4th place ribbon (Rocking Out). Congratulations to all of our scientists and their coaches! And a special thanks to the club's organizers - Mrs. Jones and Sra. Molina. Go Tigers!



## A Message from the School Counselor - Veronica Tapia

Congratulations Class of 2018 and Future Class of 2025!

Valley Families, if you have attended the Triple P: Positive Parenting Program this school year or in previous years, there is now going to be a new series focusing on **Positive Parenting Program of Teens**. It will take place at Twin Peaks Middle School on September 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm, so please reserve those dates and RSVP by calling the Caring Connections Center at 858-668-4084. Unfortunately, it will only be provided in English and childcare will not be provided.

Have a safe and wonderful summer!

**Raising a child  
is sometimes difficult.  
We can help.**



**The Positive Parenting Program is coming to you!**  
Call us for more information!

Dates: September 12, 19 & 26, 2018 (Wednesdays)

Time: From 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Location: Twin Peaks Middle School Library

Contact: Caring Connection Center (858) 668-4084 to RSVP

The Positive Parenting Program is a preventive, early-intervention program that helps parents find positive solutions to common childhood behavior issues using strategies proven to help improve children's behaviors and reduce caregivers stress and anxiety. We are funded by San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency and our classes are FREE.

## Teen Positive Parenting Program



Happier families. Better relationships. Successful children. It all starts here!  
**(858) 637-3375 | [www.jfssd.org/positiveparenting](http://www.jfssd.org/positiveparenting)**



### What is the 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. 100% of the money the Foundation raises provides resources directly to Valley students and teachers. We bridge the gap between what the school district can provide and what our students need to succeed. For more information on the Foundation's initiatives and events, go to <http://ValleyEEF.org>.

### The Foundation is looking for more members!

The Valley Elementary Educational Foundation is recruiting for next year. Many hands make light work. Please help us raise money to support your child's education. Many jobs can be done from home on your own time. If you want to be a board member or just help out from time to time, we need you!

#### Please let us know if you would like to be involved in:

- Communicating with Valley teachers & parents
- Website Design/IT Support
- Print or Social Media Marketing
- Communicating with local businesses
- Spanish Translation

There are many other ways to help out! Please contact Jackie Silacci at [jsilacci@ValleyEEF.org](mailto:jsilacci@ValleyEEF.org).

### The Cinco de Mayo Trail Run

Thank you to all who supported the Cinco de Mayo Trail Run. We raised over \$21,000 and 100% of the money raised goes directly to Valley classrooms to be used to enhance our kids' education. We cannot put on this event without our volunteers, runners and sponsors! This year we had a HUGE Valley turnout with 259 runners and volunteers from Valley. Go Tigers! Sra. Serrano's class won our classroom contest with 32 participants, and Sra. Plascencia-Contreras and Perucho-Green's class were close behind with 30 and 28 participants. Thank you all for supporting our school!

**The best part of the day was watching these kids run. Look at them go!**



To see more photos go to <https://www.flickr.com/photos/cdmtrailrun> and [nlparks.com](http://nlparks.com).  
(Photos shown here were taken by the Del Norte Photo Club)

#### More Information:

For more information on the Foundation's initiatives and events, go to <http://ValleyEEF.org>.

## Valley Elementary PTA Board 2017-18



Elected Officers	First Name	Last Name
Principal	Ricardo	Ceceña
President	Lili	Husseman
Executive V.P.	Denise	Anger
1st V.P. Ways and Means	Monica	Valdez
2nd V.P. Programs	Adriana	Gonzalez
3rd V.P. Membership	Yadira	Terrones
4th V.P. Art Program	Selena	Pankretz
Recording Secretary	Erica	Fandino
Treasurer	Sandie	Sears
Financial Secretary	Angela	Gutzmer
Auditor	Kelly	Tognetti
Historian	Serena	Arellano
Parliamentarian	Kim	Jones
Committee Chairs		
Character Counts	Emilie	Koford
Corresponding Secretary	Heather	Schmalbach
Hospitality	Sara	Langer
Newsletter	Paul & Kelly	Tognetti
Website Administrator	Shawna	Hamon
Room Parent Coordinator	Emilie	Koford
School Admin Assistant	Cris	Rollins
Teacher Liaison (ENG)	Laura	Teague
Teacher Liaison (DL)	Juana	Molina
Translator	Erica	Sierra
Volunteer Coordinator	Shawna	Hamon
Workroom Wednesday	OPEN	
Spirit Wear Sales	Kim	Jones
After School Programs	Pinata	Sessoms
VEEF Liaison	Jackie	Silacci
Assemblies	Liz	Collins-Smith
Facebook Administrator	Kayla	Dickens

### GET INVOLVED & JOIN VALLEY PTA

- Visit the Valley PTA website <http://www.valleypta.com/>
- Contact Lili Husseman if you are interested in any of the open PTA board positions or serving on next year's board.

