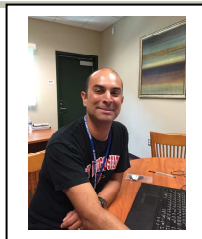
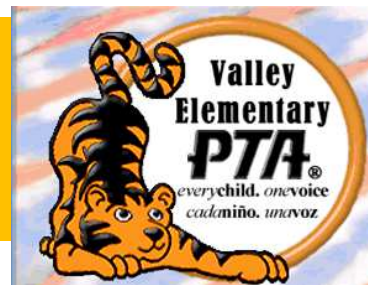


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The Principal's Desk

Ricardo Ceceña

**Class Placement for
2018-2019 School Year**

About this time of year, minds begin to look toward summer and plans for the vacation, but for parents of school-aged children, the thought of getting just the right program for their child, come August, can be cause for reflection. Please be confident that each grade level designs class lists to provide balance, heterogeneous groups and that each teacher takes seriously their responsibility of providing every student with what they need to do their best. Therefore, the following criteria are used to create "balanced" classes:

- Balanced boy to girl ratios
- Balanced distribution of student abilities
- Balanced distribution of students with special needs
- Balanced number of native English Speakers to English Learners in our Dual Language program.
- The clustering of identified GATE, ELL, or RSP students into workable groups
- Equal class sizes
- The nature of the learner... their need for structure, routine, etc.
- Separation of students who have a history of not working well together
- The nature of the teacher, specialized training, skills, interests or presentation style

Parents are reminded that there are many factors and situations considered when placing students in classes. Some teachers will have clusters of specially identified students.... GATE, RSP, ELL. Some classes will need to be balanced with more boys or girls. Some students will need to be separated to more evenly distribute students with behavior issues. Some classes may be multiage/ multi-grade. **Due to the complexity of the process we are not able to accommodate parent requests.** A great deal of care and time is

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taken by our professionals configuring classes each year. All of our teachers address the appropriate California Academic Standards for your child's grade level and modify and/or accelerate the curriculum to meet your child's individual needs. The two classroom configurations in Poway are based on sound educational research and help address our wide range of learners.

Thank you for honoring our process by not requesting specific teachers either through letters or conversations.

Because class sizes and configurations are based on number of students enrolled, we will not know until the beginning of the school year if there will be combination/ multi-grade classes. Possible classroom configurations your child could be assigned to at Valley:

- Single-grade classes have all students from the same grade level.
- Combination/Multi-grade classes are comprised of an approximate 50% - 50% split of grade levels. The goal is to have the younger students "loop" with their teacher to the next grade, providing a two-year continuity of learning. You will be given the option at the end of the year to continue in the multiage class.
- "Looping" with current classroom in a single-grade classroom would occur when the teacher changes the grade level he/she is teaching and moves to the next grade level with his/her students.

Thank you for your continued support. When parents and school work together it can only benefit your child.



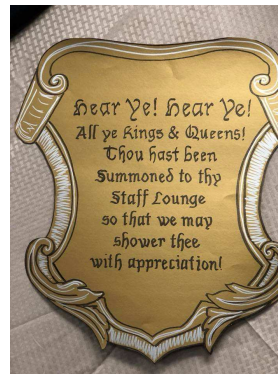
PTA President's Message

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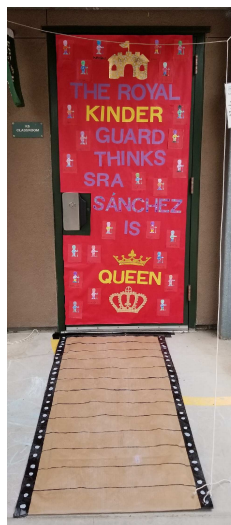
With Spring break behind us and the final stretch of the school year zooming at us, it's nice to pause for a moment of gratitude. Valley Teachers recently did that by honoring the many people who make our school a special place during the annual Volunteer Tea. This year's event was graciously hosted by the team of 2nd grade teachers, and what a beautiful event it was! It was also an opportunity to highlight what an amazing community of volunteers we have. While all volunteers are tremendously appreciated, we took a moment to highlight those volunteers with the highest number of hours during the 2017-2018 school year. They are (with their hours listed in parenthesis): Jessica Lopez (104), Monica Valdez (120), Sandie Sears (130), Heather Schmalbach (134), Rachelle Pesqueira (144), Liz Collins-Smith (152), Jennifer Smith (157), Doris De Ayestaran (160), Karla Robles (186), Carol Crafts (201), Kelly Tognetti (243), Cathy Barger (251), Judy Nemec (283), Marlene Rowsh (300), Selena Pankretz (313). In addition, with all of the volunteer hours tallied, Valley PTA presented the school with a commemorative check in the amount of \$252,840, symbolizing the worth of the 8,428 volunteer hours that were given to Valley this year.



We also held our Spring General Association Meeting at the Volunteer Tea. Our board for the 2018-2019 has been elected as follows: President: Lili Husseman, Executive VP: Heather Schmalbach, VP of Ways & Means: Monica Valdez, VP of Programs: Adriana Gonzalez, VP of Membership: Yadira Terrones, VP of Art: Selena Pankretz, Recording Secretary: Marcy Clausse, Treasurer: Kelly Tognetti, Financial Secretary: Angela Gutzmer, Auditor: Sandie Sears, Historian: Denise Anger. Congratulations to all those elected and thank you for taking on these commitments to our school and community.



One of the best weeks of the year is Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week, when we get to spend five days showering our staff with our love and gratitude. This year's theme, "A Week of Royal Treatment," was brought to life in the Staff Lounge through the artistic magic of Isa Evonsion and Selena Pankretz. A huge thank you to these ladies for transforming the space into something truly royal that the staff really enjoyed. The community came together with donations of food, gift cards, and other fun raffle items to make this a very special week. Kudos to all the Room Moms who put together those amazingly decorated door posters. To all the staff at Valley, from Mrs. Bettenga in the library to Mrs. Bradley at the crosswalk, to all the teachers in the classrooms, to the Character Coaches on the playground, and everyone in between, we give our thanks for ALL that you have done this year and continue to do to give our children the best educational experience possible.



A Message from the School Counselor - Veronica Tapia

Congratulations to our 5th Grade Valley students and their families who will be promoting soon to Middle School. You are entering a new environment with new expectations. Middle School is filled with educational and emotional milestones including working independently and in groups, taking responsibility, and developing organizational skills. Remember, if you continue, to work hard, take care of each other, and take care of your school, you will continue to have success! If you come across a small problem remember to have Empathy and the word STEP: Say the problem without blame, Think of Solutions, Explore Consequences and Pick the Best Solution. If you come across a medium size problem, remember the 3 R's that we also learned from Second Step; Recognize, Report, Refuse. Finally, don't be a Bystander be an Upstander and continue to be a Bucket Filler so the small and medium size problems don't become a bigger problem. It has been a pleasure working with you and I look forward to seeing you again when you come back to Valley to visit, volunteer, or maybe even work here.

Parents, if you are looking for a summer camp for your child please view the website below from the San Diego Family Magazine for more information.

<http://virtualcampfair.sandiegofamily.com/>

If you are looking for a camp that supports children coping with grief, please view the website below, of Camp Erin and Camp Kangaroo.

<https://elizabethhospice.org/services/counseling/camp-erin-san-diego>

<http://seasonsfoundation.org/camp-kangaroo/camp-kangaroo-california/>

For next school year, the Caring Connections Center, is working on adding the Positive Parenting Program for Parents of Teens, which is the continuation of Triple P. It will be hosted at Twin Peaks Middle School on September 12, 19 & 26, 2018 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the LRC (Library). Please mark your calendar and continue to check the PUSD website for, the flyer, when to register, and for any other updates.

Have a wonderful summer Valley Tigers!

Foundation News

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 Cinco de Mayo Trail Run

The Cinco de Mayo Trail Run is the Valley Foundation's biggest fundraiser of the year and can raise up to \$25,000 for educational resources at Valley. 100% of the money raised goes directly to Valley classrooms to be used to enhance our kids' education. This is the money that we use to buy chromebooks, ipads, software subscriptions, and for teacher grants. Here are 3 ways you can help Valley without spending a dime!

- ✓ Volunteer at the event or help set-up the Friday before (www.cincomayotrailrun.org/volunteer)
- ✓ Ask the businesses you frequent to sponsor – email sponsors@valleyeef.org for more info.
- ✓ Spread the word about the run! (like CincoDeMayoTrailRun on Facebook)



Registration is open!

If you are a runner, walker or hiker, register at www.cincomayotrailrun.org/register today! Use coupon code PUSD5OFF for \$5 off through May 1st.

Attend the Pre-Race Expo!

Runners can register and/or come pick up bib and tech shirt
 Volunteers can pick up CREW shirts
 Demos/samples from several vendors!

[Pre-Race Expo](#)
 Friday May 4th 3-7pm
 Laces Running Company
 10549 Scripps Poway Pkwy Ste H
 San Diego, CA 92131

The Foundation is looking for more members!

The Valley Elementary Educational Foundation is recruiting for next year. Every year, the Foundation is on the lookout for other parents to join the board, or to help offer support — to continue the tradition that our founders started when they established the Foundation in 2006.

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
- ☐ Reaching out to community service organizations to ask for volunteers
- ☐ Spanish Translation
- ☐ Sales experts
- ☐ There are many other ways to help out! Please contact Jackie Silacci at jsilacci@ValleyEEF.org.

More Information:

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TRAIL RUN • 5K • 10K • Kids Race • LAKE POWAY

Saturday May 5, 2018

Valley Tigers, join your classroom team for the Cinco de Mayo Trail Run!

The biggest team will win a PIZZA party!!

(100% of the funds go to Valley Educational programs)

REGISTER NOW!! USE CODE: PUSD5OFF before May 2nd for \$5 off adult registration

Kids registration \$15



RUN/WALK

- Go to <http://CincodeMayoTrailRun.org>
- click Registration
- select your Valley team
Valley Elementary
Teacher's first and last name



VOLUNTEER

- Not a runner, but still want to help?
- Get credit in the classroom contest
- Receive a free orange CREW shirt!
- Go to: <http://cincodeMayoTrailRun.org/volunteer>
find a volunteer position that is right for you.

Questions? Email Jackie Silacci jsilacci@ValleyEEF.org

Thank you for helping to make the Cinco de Mayo Trail Run a huge success!

12th ANNUAL CINCO DE MAYO TRAIL RUN

10K • 5K • KIDS RACE
LAKE POWAY

Saturday

**May
5**



GREAT FAMILY EVENT!

HELP SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS

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Expires 5/1/2018

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Trail Run Registration
Bib & Race Shirt Pickup
Volunteer Shirt Pickup
Demos/Samples from vendors

CincoDeMayoTrailRun.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.

