

- **Juice-it-Up** every Thursday after school (\$4)
- **Nov. 6, 9,10,12,13** Minimum days for grades 1-5. 12:07 dismissal

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Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

October has flown by and we are ready to embrace November! The air is turning cooler and children are already feeling the excitement of our Fall Break fast approaching.

- Red Ribbon Week was fantastic thanks to our counselor Rebecca Velasquez. Students were recognized each day for participating in our "theme days". The message of "We are too smart for drugs" was supported by classroom (age appropriate) conversations and activities at lunch.
- Our Harvest Festival was a huge success! I would like to thank Laura Campanile and her awesome team of volunteers for putting on this family event. It was so successful that people didn't want to leave! I can't begin to list the volunteers involved but please know that each of you is appreciated and valued!
- The Life Lab is extremely busy – students are learning many skills thanks to our coordinators Gaynell Tomaszewski and Karla Campbell and our army of volunteers. I want to thank Gaynell and Karla for the time and effort put into writing grants that will keep our program growing. Also, a special thank you to parent Jim Ward for his effort in writing a grant to try and receive funds for three high-powered microscopes for the Life Lab! I will keep you posted on the status of our applications.
- Meet the Masters is also up and running! Thank you Shannon Yoffie for supporting this program and training our volunteers! The lessons and artwork around school are proof that this program is needed and loved by our students. Don't forget to look at www.artsonia.org for your child's work and a possible holiday gift!

Silva Valley is fortunate to have involved families. I hope you all have a wonderful Fall Break. Enjoy your time with family and friends. We have much to be thankful for this year!

Kathy M. Holliman, Principal

Silva Valley PTA!

- **Juice-it-Up** is on campus every Thursday after school with \$4.00 smoothies(\$1.00 of each smoothie goes to the school)! Grocery Store Script from Raley's, Nugget, and Safeway is another "free" way to help raise money. Just sign up today and with each grocery purchase you make a certain percentage of that sale will go to the school!

THANK YOU INTEL! Silva Valley to receive \$21,040.00!

Intel has been a partner to Silva Valley for several years with their matching grant program. Last year we had numerous parents volunteer in classrooms, we had a Dr. Suess Reading Day coordinated by parent Pam Lauck and Mrs. Boggini, and we had our PC Pals program coordinated by parent Angel Miranda, and implemented in Mrs. Alameda's 5th grade class. As a result of Intel's partnership with Silva Valley, Intel is donating \$21,040.00 to the school! This money will be used to pay for software, purchase new computers, and supplement our Reading Intervention Program! We are so appreciative of our partnership with Intel and all of the parents who donate their time!

Cross Country Finals Results!

Congratulations to our Cross Country Finalists! They were: Cole B., Brianna G., Grace G., Zack N., Ellie N., Alan O., Peyton B., Riley L., Jack M., Emma M., Marie S., Henry W., Sophia S., Jordan P., Emma N., Ava N., Tyler N., Paul M., Kyle M., Sophie H., Ashley F., Bryce C., Avery C., Roxie C., Ethan C., Kathryn B., Lance B., Sydney B., Lukas B., Joshua B., Luke B., Margaret K., Marie O., Garrett S.,

The Cross Country girls under age 9 took second place overall in the finals! They are; Marie, Ava, Sydney, Ashley, Alicia & Kathryn. Our under age 9 boys finished third in the county! They are; Lucas, Kyle, Tyler, Jordan, Ethan, Lance, Bryce. Good job Luke who finished 3rd in the county individually and Garrett who finished 6th in the county individually!!

Congratulations to all of our runners! They did a fantastic job! Thanks also to our great coaches, Mrs. Soetaert and Mrs. Fredrichs for their hard work and inspiration!

Fire Prevention !

In November, the El Dorado Hills Fire Department will be here to give their presentation on this year's poster contest theme "Stay Fire Smart— Don't Get Burned."

The presentations will be on November 2nd and 3rd. The posters will be due on Monday, November 9th and mark you calendars for the fire poster award ceremony on November 13th, 9:00am in the gym.

GATE Meetings

Mrs. Sigrist is holding Gate meetings every third Thursday in Room G1 from 2:15-3pm. Lots of fun topics will be discussed, so please attend.

GATE Testing

The test has been given to students who qualified for testing. Information will be mailed to the parents on the test results and we at the school will be receiving a list of children who qualify to be in the GATE program. If they qualify, students will be invited to participate in our after school GATE program. Parents and students will also be discussing a Differentiated Learning Plan during or around the first Parent/Teacher conference at the end of Trimester 1.

Thank You Cub Scout Pack 454!!

On Saturday, October 10th, Cub Scout Pack 454 had a very successful Service Day at Silva Valley. They spread new bark around all of the fence lines, did a number of projects in the garden, and weeded and replanted a hillside near the baseball diamond steps. The most visible work they did was a very detailed litter pick up all around the schoolyard, lunch area, and playing fields. We appreciate you donating your time to make Silva Valley a beautiful campus!

FOCUS on
Learning: District
and School Theme
2009-2010

"Every child has potential. Every child can be a leader."

Stephen Covey

EARLY RELEASE DAYS

Every Wednesday in Buckeye Union School District is an Early Release Day and Silva Valley students are released at 1:15p.m. The question that comes up is “why”? We have established a Professional Learning Community (PLC) that helps plan our Collaboration on Early Release Wednesday. Here are some ways the 55 minutes is used each Wednesday:

1. School-Wide Collaboration

We work together as a staff to interpret data (State data, trimester assessments, unit tests, chapter tests, etc.). This enables us to provide accurate differentiated instruction.

2. Grade-Level Articulation

Each grade level meets with the team above and beyond them to address areas of growth that need to take place in order for students to be more successful.

3. Professional Development

Utilizing our own talented staff members we share strategies that are research-based to enhance our teaching. Computer Software training on programs that can be used for remediation and acceleration.

4. Grade Level Planning

Teachers meet in grade level teams to plan out the week ahead making sure to account for individual student needs.

5. Intersession Planning

Learning to navigate a new computer program (Skills Tutor) that will be used for remediation during Fall Intersession.

These are just a few things we have done this school year to create a positive and productive learning experience for students.

*“For myself I am
an optimist—it
does not seem to
be much use being
anything else.”*

Winston Churchill

Flyers in the Front

Office

El Dorado Musical

Theatre (Wizard of Oz)

Kidz Art

Girl Scouts

Band

Buckeye Foundation

Family Service Guide

for El Dorado County

Choices for Children

Got Sports?

We do...but our school is in need of help.

Do you know of a Physician or Physician’s Assistant who can volunteer their time for sports physicals?

Please have them contact our District Nurse Jennifer Edwards at 530-677-2261 x 1052.

Community Flu Clinics

The El Dorado County Public Health Department is offering two clinics within the Buckeye Union School District area.

This vaccine has been offered at **NO COST** to children between the ages of 6 months and 18 years of age. **In Cameron Park**, the clinic will be held November 10th from 1:30 PM—3:30 PM at the Cameron Park Fire Department,

3200 Country Club Lane. **In Eldorado Hills**, the clinic will be held November 12th from 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM at the EDH Senior Center at 990 Lassen Lane.

For Flu Clinic Updates call the Flu Hot Line at 530- 621-6188. For other dates, times and locations in El Dorado County: <http://www.co.el-dorado.ca.us/publichealth/pdf/FluClinics2009.pdf>

Library Holiday & Furlough Days

All El Dorado County Library branches will be closed on:
November 11, Wednesday
November 23-28, Mon-Sat
December 21-26, Mon-Sat.

When the libraries are closed you can’t:

Use library computers or WiFi
Check out books
Pick up holds
Request reference help Phone for renewals

You can still:
Access the library catalog online
Place holds online
Renew books online

Use the outside book drop
Keep our books until the date on your due date card or receipt
Check the library’s online calendar for program dates

Facilities Master Plan Committee

Silva Valley School is looking for a parent to represent us on the Facilities Master Plan Committee. The meetings are held once a month on Tuesdays from 4—6 p.m. Information on the role of this committee is listed below. If you are interested in serving in the important capacity, please contact the school office.

The role of the Facilities Master Plan Committee is to study and advise the Superintendent and the Board in all areas related to growth, development and the facilities needed to provide an optimal learning environment for students. The Committee is composed of a parent, teacher, classified staff and administration from each site/department in the district. A Board member and the Superintendent attend meetings as non voting members. Meetings are facilitated by the Director of Facilities.

This committee reviews growth and development in the district and recommends any boundary changes needed to balance our schools. They recently completed a comprehensive review of the learning options at each site. This resulted in the recommendation of a series of projects to be completed in order for each site to offer equitable programs for learning. This recommendation led to the pursuit and passage of a local bond. They will continue to work on the changing demographics of the district and how to best respond in the hous-

*A quote from a
Silva Valley 1st
grade student:
Teacher: "What
sense do we use
when we are
looking for
patterns?"
Student: "Our
sense of humor?"*

TRAFFIC UPDATE

There have been many people expressing concern regarding traffic at Silva Valley over the years. To address these concerns we have had a Traffic Committee comprised of parents from Silva Valley and surrounding schools, community members, representatives from the district office and from the Department of Transportation (D.O.T.). Here are some action items that have taken place:

1. We have asked the D.O.T. to paint the curb red across from school on Golden Eagle Lane close to the stop sign. We asked to have this done several years ago and we were denied.
2. We investigated putting in a sidewalk on the west side of the gas enclosure to connect to the existing sidewalk on Golden Eagle Lane. This has proven to be cost prohibitive as we must comply with ADA code.
3. We are currently working with Serrano to provide a sidewalk that runs by our electronic sign and merges into the crosswalk in our parking lot. This requires Serrano to grant us an easement along with some sidewalk revisions to our property.
4. We are slated for a light on the corner of Golden Eagle Lane and Serrano Parkway, however we do not have control as to how long this will take. A rough estimate is that we are three to five years out from having a light installed.
5. Once a light is installed, we will no longer be allowed to have a crossing guard (this is the same at Harvard and Serrano Parkway).
6. We wrote a grant in 2008-2009 to expedite the light installation and to relocate our bus turn around, but we did not win the grant.
7. We have considered moving the bus drop-off to the front of the school but can't do this as they can't turn out of the parking lot with cars parked on the street.

These are the major things we have looked into to address our traffic/safety concerns. As we navigate our traffic here are some options for you as parents:

1. Have your child walk or ride their bike/scooter to school.
2. Form a group and have your child walk from the library.
3. Remind your child that when they cross Serrano Parkway they must wait for the crossing guard to blow the whistle and walk all the way out to the middle of the street before they cross.
4. Carpool
5. Follow our traffic rules in the parking lot by pulling forward.
6. Only drop your child off at the curb.

Thank you for helping keep our children safe by being PATIENT and COURTEOUS during drop-off and pick-up.

School Calendar

November

- 11/2 Picture make up day
- 11/2-11/3 Fire Prevention Days
- 11/3 Kidz Art 2:30-3:30 Room E3,E6
- 11/4 Early Release Day 1:15 dismissal
- 11/6-10 Minimum Days for conferences
12:07 dismissal
- 11/9 Fire Posters picked up
- 11/11 Veteran's Day Holiday
- 11/12-13 Minimum Days for conferences
12:07 dismissal
- 11/13 Fire Prevention Assembly 9-9:30
- 11/16-27 Intersession/Thanksgiving Break

December

- 12/1 Kidz Art 2:30-3:30 Rm E3,E6
- 12/2 Early Release Day 1:15 dismissal
- 12/8 Kidz Art 2:30-3:30 Rm. E3,E6
- 12/9 Early Release Day 1:15 dismissal
- 12/21-1/4 Winter Break

Electronic Parent Bulletin

In an effort to recycle and reduce paper usage, and provide better communication, we have implemented sending home our bulletin electronically. If you would like to receive your bulletin via e-mail, please follow these directions:

- Go to www.buckeyeusd.org and click "Schools" and choose Silva Valley
- From Silva Valley's home page click on "Bulletin"
- Click the link and complete the online form to sign up and receive Silva Valley's parent bulletin electronically.

To request a paper bulletin please send the bottom portion of this form to the school office.

Name of child to receive printed bulletin: _____

Teacher: _____

Date: _____