

- Juice-it-Up every Thursday after school (\$4)
- Cross Country finals Oct. 7th
- Oct. 5-9 Minimum days for middle school only

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Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

Character, community, and cooperation: three words that describe our Silva Valley family so well during the events of September 18th. I am privileged to be part of a community that comes together in a time of need. While we were evacuated for precautionary measures due to the odor of the polyurethane sealant that was put down on the Oak Ridge High School track, the awesome character of our students and staff was unmistakable. Our students were calm and followed their teachers' directions; the staff was reassuring and in control of their surroundings, and you were gracious and willing to support our evacuation efforts in any way possible. Parent Lynn Machon had written an article for my last bulletin that let you know we have emergency procedures in place. Well, Friday proved her right as we were able to evacuate Silva Valley in less than 50 minutes. We learned several valuable lessons from this evacuation. Two of those lessons are: **Emergency cards need to be current at all times** and our Conned Ed call needs to contact parents at work, home, and on cell phones during an emergency. This feature has now been activated so we can do this. We are still debriefing on the evacuation so that our emergency efforts are refined and even better. Safety is our number one priority.

API (Academic Performance Index) = 928!!

I am so proud of our staff, students, and parents for this success. We are a strong team and together we can achieve great things!

Other news at Silva Valley

- Our website is under construction but the new site is functioning! Look for more links to be working soon.
- Our traditional Halloween Parade will be held Friday, October 30th. Look for more details in your teachers' newsletters.
- The PTA continues to work hard to help us raise funds for new computers and other school projects. Don't forget to pick up your script card for Raley's, Safeway, and Nugget. This is a "free" way to support Silva Valley.
- I would like to thank our parents who are working hard to secure donations for our technology and Life Lab needs. We have several staff members writing grants for the Life Lab, No Child Left Inside, and for microscopes! We also have parents making generous cash donations toward our technology goal of 22 new computers!
- Mrs. Brown has been busy spending the money earned from the Walk/Jog-a-Thon. She has purchased over 200 new books for the library, several core literature classroom sets for our 4th and 5th grade students, and new Accelerated Reader materials.

October proves to be a busy and exciting month! I hope to see you all at the Harvest Festival on October 3rd! I'll be judging the chili cook-off, helping with the Kindergarten performance, hosting some of the student events, and just walking around having fun!

I look forward to seeing you on campus!

Kathy Holliman, Principal

Sacramento Shriners Hospital

On Saturday, October 10, 2009, from 9a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ben Ali Shrine Center Hart House, the Sacramento Shriners Hospital for Children will be conducting a free screening clinic to identify children who can benefit from expert orthopedic, spinal cord and burn care provided by the Shriners Hospital for children. Although the emphasis is on orthopedic, burn and spinal cord care, the hospital also offers other services, including plastic surgery for non-burned related scarring and cleft palate repair. All care provided at Shriners Hospitals is absolutely free of charge. The Clinic is held at The Ben Ali Shrine Center Hart House located at 3262 Marysville Blvd., Sacramento, CA. Call or email for more information or with questions: Jason and Dortha Hise 925-766-9960 or email jason_dortha_hise@yahoo.com.

FOCUS on
Learning: District
and School Theme
2009-2010

On the topic of rain from a 4th grade student: "Well, it looks like Mother Nature didn't have her coffee this morning."

Fire Prevention Is Coming!

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 your 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

Gate testing is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20th from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Testing will take place in the library and in Room E3. The schedule will come home with your child along with the permission slip.

BUCKEYE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Come learn about the new Buckeye Education Foundation. What it is, what it does, and how you can help! Monday, October 5, 2009 at 7:00p.m. This will take place at the Buckeye Union District Office, 4560 Buckeye Rd., Shingle Springs, Ca. 95682. Phone 530-677-2261 ext. 1012.

Silva Valley PTA!

- Mark your calendars for our **Harvest Festival on October 3rd!** The hours are 11:00a.m.-4:00p.m. There will be new games, prizes and lots of food being grilled for lunch! The K-2 graders will have sack races and the 3-5 graders who will have a tug of war. The winners will receive tickets to an IMAX movie! There will also be a fireman obstacle course competition!
- **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!

Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week began in 1998 in honor of DEA Agent Enrique Camarena.

Today, Red Ribbon Week brings millions of people together to raise awareness regarding drug and alcohol abuse.

Silva Valley School will be celebrating the week with some fun daily events involving different themes. The celebration will begin on Monday, October 26 and end Friday, October 30.

Monday's Theme: Drugs & I don't mix. Student's to wear mismatched clothes.

Tuesday's Theme: Be proud to be drug free. Student's to wear red.

Wednesday's Theme: Make a goal to be drug free. Student's to dress up in clothes that represent their career in the future.

Thursday's Theme: Team up against drugs. Student's wear their favorite sports jersey.

Friday's Theme: We are too smart for drugs. Student's wear their Silva Valley spirit colors.

Don't be afraid to give up the good to go for the great. *Jim Collins, Good to Great*

Flyers in the Front Office

- Kidz Art
- Girl Scouts
- Band
- Picture Day
- Buckeye Foundation
- Family Service Guide for El Dorado County
- Choices for Children

Walk & Roll

Walk & Roll kick off is scheduled for October 7th.

Cross Country

The following are the names of our top finishers from the last meet.

Boys age 8 category were: Cole, Riley, Zak, Henry, Alan, Peyton, and Jack.

Girls age 8 category were: Emma, Ellie, Brianna, Grace and Maria.

Boys age 9 category were: Lance, Lukas, Kyle, Tyler,

Bryce, Edward and Paul.

Girls age 9 category were: Marie, Ava, Avery, Sophie, Sydney, Ashley, and Sophia

Boys age 10/11 category were: Luke, Garrett, Billy, Joshua

Girls age 10/11 category were: Margaret & Abby.

Hands4Hope Warm & Fuzzy Drive

Hands4Hope and Silva Valley, along with other area schools, will kick off this year's Warm & Fuzzy Drive on Monday, September 28. The drive will run through October 9 and students are asked to bring in new and gently used items to keep those in need warm

throughout the winter. Items needed include, but are not limited to pajamas, slippers, socks, sweatshirts & pants, sleeping bags, blankets, hats, scarves, and gloves for all ages. Please make sure used items are clean and without holes or stains. Tents (w/all parts)

and sleeping pads are also needed. For more information, please call Jennifer at 919-5695 or 484-5873 or email us at info@hands4hopeyouth.org. For more information on Hands4Hope, please visit hands4hopeyouth.org.

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 housing of our students. They will also have a key role in the architectural design and site development of future schools and facilities.

*A quote from a
Silva Valley
First Grade
Student after
P.E. "Wow!
My heart
bleeps fast!"*

Budget Committee

Silva Valley School is looking for a parent to represent us on the Budget Committee. Information on the role of this committee is listed below. If you are interested in serving in this important capacity, please contact the school office.

The District performs multiple tasks which ensure that its financial resources are responsibly allocated and managed and that all groups within the District have the opportunity to be involved. Toward this purpose, the District has established a Budget Advisory Committee. The committee is facilitated by the Assistant Superintendent and is made up of parents, teachers, classified and confidential staff, administrators from each site and two Board members.

The Committee functions to develop an understanding of the District's financial position as well as to serve as an advisory resource to the Superintendent and/or Board of Trustees and a liaison between the District and its stakeholders. Committee meetings are open to all interested parties. Meetings are typically the fourth Tuesday of each month, beginning in September and run through May, and are held at the District Office from 4-6 p.m.

October is National Disability Awareness Month

It is a time to reflect on and celebrate those who have overcome obstacles in life as a result of a disability. Disabilities come in many forms from physical to mental to emotional to medical conditions. Individuals impacted with disabilities are diverse in nature and are first and foremost individuals with their own unique abilities. Most times, individuals with disabilities desire to be treated equally. They welcome relationships with others and prefer to be treated like everyone else. We strive to meet the needs of all students on our school campuses. Our goal is that all students are able to access their curriculum and have a welcoming environment in which to acquire knowledge.

What you can do:

Please consider encouraging your child to engage with all students on campus, to reach out and befriend individuals with disabilities.

Consider volunteering in local programs such as Special Olympics.

Consider donating time and or resources to other charitable organizations that assist individuals with disabilities.

Counselor's Corner

Hello Silva Valley Students,

As I watched each one of you come through those doors last Tuesday, I was so overwhelmed at three things. I want to tell you about each one of those things because I think you just need to know.

1. The first thing that amazed me was how much you had grown in just 8 short weeks! You are all so much taller! You must have been eating your vegetables!! I was amazed at how grown-up you seem.
2. The second thing that made me swell with pride was how polite you were to each other. You were glad to see old friends and you were excited to make new ones. You were kind to the little ones, gently helping them to find their classrooms with your arms around them. You said, "Good morning, Mrs. Velasquez!" to me, and that made me feel so special. There is something about Silva Valley manners that stays with you your whole life and makes you a better person. I was so glad to see it filling our halls!
3. The third and most special thing I noticed about you was the light in your eyes. You were excited to be here. You were looking forward to another year, a new teacher, new friends, and so much to learn! You were excited and I loved seeing you like that. Always keep that special quality. Always look for new things, and always be excited about learning.

When I was walking through the halls on Tuesday a student asked me, "Why do some of my classmates come and see you?" That is a very good question. If you are wondering the same thing here are just a few examples of why some of your friends and classmates might come and visit me.

- "I'm getting picked on at the bus stop and I don't know what to do about it."
- "My best friend isn't talking to me and it makes me feel sad."
- "I want to show you what I just made in art. I'm very proud of it."
- "I'm new to this school and I'm very scared."
- "My dog died over the weekend and I am sad."
- "I just want to talk to someone who will not laugh at me."
- "My mom and dad just told me they are getting divorced."
- "Tim, Sam, and I had a problem at recess. Can you help us work it out?"

I look forward to coming to your classes and being with you. That is the favorite part of my job. We will begin our Guidance Groups the first week in October and I can't wait!! I will be looking for your kind, excited faces. Enjoy your year! See you soon!

Best Wishes,

Miss "V"

School Calendar

October

10/2	Progress Reports Home
10/3	Harvest Festival
10/5	Cross Country Practice (2:15-3:00)
10/6	Kidz Art 2:30-3:30 Room E3, E6
10/7	Early Release Day 1:15 dismissal
10/7	Cross Country Finals EDC Fair Grounds
10/13	Kidz Art 2:30-3:30 Room E3, E6
10/14	Early Release Day 1:15 dismissal
10/16	No School Staff Development Day
10/19	School Site Council 2:45
10/20	Kidz Art 2:30-3:30 Room E3, E6
10/21	BUSD Board Mtg. 7:00
10/27	Kidz Art 2:30-3:30 Room E3, E6
10/28	Early Release Day 1:15 dismissal

November

11/2	Picture make up day
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
11/11	Veteran's Day Holiday
11/12-13	Minimum Days for conferences 12:07 dismissal
11/16-27	Intersession/ Thanksgiving 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 on the Silva Valley school picture
- 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: _____