

- **GATE** Information meeting Thursday, September 3rd, at 5:00 in the Library
- **Juice-it-Up** every Thursday after school (\$4)
- **Cross Country** begins this week.
- **Entertainment Book Fundraiser** through September 4th.

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## Principal's Corner

Welcome to the 2009-10 school year! We are off to a positive start! Thank you for your partnership in your child's education. Attendance at Back-to-School Night was fantastic and we appreciate your support.

We are pleased to have the Director of Student Services, Nancy Dickerson, on our campus every Tuesday and Thursday! Welcome Mrs. Dickerson!

### Important Notes:

- Thank you for your support of our Early Release Wednesday. All students are released at 1:15 so that teachers can collaborate to make your child's education more successful. We have written school-wide goals based on student data, and we are now ready to write grade-level and classroom goals so that we can be more effective in our teaching. There is no loss of academic time as it is just spread out a little differently!
- The Buckeye Union School District is proud to have worked with our parent community to form the Buckeye Foundation that will support all of the schools in our district. We have parent representation for Silva Valley, but if you would like to serve on this committee, please let the office know. For more information on the foundation and other important information, please check the district website at [www.buckeyeusd.org](http://www.buckeyeusd.org).
- Our new drop-off procedure has been very successful! Thank you for supporting our number one priority at school—student safety.

I look forward to the school year. Your support proves we will have a successful year!

Kathy M. Holliman

## Silva Valley PTA!

Our PTA has been working hard this summer and has organized several exciting ways to help raise money for the school.

- **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!
- Our first PTA sponsored fundraiser is going strong. The Entertainment Book orders are due back September 4th.
- Last Thursday was our first PTA meeting and was well attended. I would like to thank our PTA Board who have worked tirelessly this summer to have things ready for the start of the school year. Please consider joining our PTA and have a voice in the way your money is spent for our children!
- Mark your calendars for our **Harvest Festival on October 3rd!** More information to come!!

## Lunch Program!

Our lunch program is off to a fantastic start! The menu is sent home at the beginning of each month and can also be found on the school and district website. We want to thank Teri Simon for her management of our cafeteria and our newest addition to our team, Crystal Coppin. The lunch ladies are working hard to ensure that students get through the line quickly so that they have plenty of time to eat. To further help with this, please make special note of our lunch payment options:

- Payments can be made online (preferred choice).
- Payments can be sent with your child to give to his/her teacher.
- Payments can be made in the front office.
- We no longer accept payments for lunch in the morning in the cafeteria.

If you would like to set up an online account, please go to [www.buckeyeusd.org](http://www.buckeyeusd.org) and click on the link to "online payments". Also, please consider purchasing more than one lunch at a time, as the individual purchases create an inordinate amount of bookkeeping.

Thank you so much for your help on this. We are enjoying our lunches that are prepared fresh daily at our brand new central kitchen built with our Measure K funds!

## GATE Information

Silva Valley GATE coordinator, Mrs. Sigris, will hold a GATE informational meeting on Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 5:00 in the library. This meeting will inform parents of how students qualify for GATE, the state requirements for GATE students being serviced in their regular education classroom, and the activities that Silva Valley has to offer our GATE students.

Teachers will ask for parent permission if a student qualifies to be tested for GATE.

## September is National Preparedness Month

While we never anticipate disasters, it's always smart to be prepared to face a wildfire, severe winter storm or other emergency that could knock out power, or hamper communication or transportation for an extended time.

The American Red Cross urges families to prepare for disasters or emergencies in three main ways:

- Get an Emergency Supply Kit
- Make an Emergency Plan
- Stay Informed

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (FEMA) "Ready" website, [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov), provides all the tips, checklists and forms you need to make sure your family is prepared.

### Silva Valley's Emergency Plan

Through Buckeye Union School District, Silva Valley has its own site-specific emergency plan, developed in cooperation with local fire, law enforcement and health officials. Staff and students practice evacuation and fire drills several times each year.

In the event of an actual emergency, Silva Valley parents would be notified through the district's phone notification system. Children would only be allowed to go home if there was time for them to safely return to their homes and a parent/guardian had been notified.

For that reason, families should make sure the school office has up to date cell numbers and emergency contact information on their child's emergency card at all times.

In the unlikely event of school-wide evacuation, students would be transported on busses to a predetermined location where their parent or another designated adult could pick them up. Information on this location would be announced on KFBK 1530 AM radio, or KCRA Channel 3 television and posted near the school. Please note: In an emergency, district officials urge parents NOT to come to school campus to pick up their child unless directed, as such an influx could hamper the efforts of emergency responders. If you have any questions about Silva Valley's emergency plan, please call 916-933-3767.

**FOCUS on**  
**Learning: District**  
**and School Theme**  
**2009-2010**

*"All children smile in the same language."  
The Leader in Me by Stephen Covey*

# Physical Education

Hello Parents/Guardians,

I am Jenni Friedrichs, one of the two physical educators your student will have this year. I wanted to send out a letter in hopes to establish a better line of communication. Last year, students had a great year in physical education and I am excited to see what accomplishments they will achieve this year.

Last year there were a lot of students whom received the Presidential and National fitness awards. We will still be giving the students opportunities to achieve the Presidential and National requirements but we will also be adding our own fitness award called the Golden Eagle Fitness Award. We are in the process of establishing the requirements for this award. Sportsmanship is even a bigger focus of the program this year. There

will be a drawing for those students whom have earned sportsmanship tickets at the end of every trimester. An award will be presented at the end of the year. The recipient of the award will be chosen by their classmates.

Again, I am excited about this school year. In order to help your students have a great year in P.E. please review these reminders.

-Please send your students with notes if they cannot participate in P.E. that day.

-Students must wear appropriate shoes in order to participate.\*Shoes must cover the whole foot and socks are encouraged to be worn with them to prevent blisters. Heals

and shoes that fall off easily are not good for P.E.

Thank you for taking your time to read this letter. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to email me at [jfriedrichs@buckeyeusd.org](mailto:jfriedrichs@buckeyeusd.org) or call my extension, 2775.

Thank you,  
Jenni Friedrichs  
Matt Kimura

Please welcome our returning P.E. teacher, Matt Kimura to our staff. Mr. Kimura works with our students on Monday and Tuesday each week.

*“Never mind what others do; do better than yourself, beat your own record from day to day, and you are a success.”*

Flyers in the Front Office

- Kidz Art
- Boy Scouts
- Girl Scouts
- Public Library
- Cross Country
- Buckeye Foundation
- Family Service Guide for El Dorado County
- Gold Rush Days
- Choices for Children

## Sports Physicals

New Policy for 2009-2010

Beginning with the 2009-2010 school year, students participating in all extracurricular school sports need to have a sports physical, completed by a licensed physician prior to the start of the spot, including tryouts.

Forms are located on the District website at [www.buckeyeusd.org](http://www.buckeyeusd.org).

## Walk & Roll Month

October is Walk & Roll Month! Look for more information coming soon!

## Walking Wednesday

Every Wednesday the entire school walks around the school from 8:10—8:40a.m. This is just another way to promote fitness for life. Students are allowed to run on the blacktop and walk on the cement areas. Staff is out monitoring students at all times. Please be sure you child wears appropriate shoes to walk/run in on this day.

# School Site Council News

The School Site Council (SSC) is a working group composed of the Principal, staff members, parents and community members. Its purpose is to oversee the School Safety Plan and the Single Plan for Student Achievement and the related budget, monitor

the program objectives, provide modifications to reflect changing needs and priorities, and maintain effective communication between school and community. We are a body whose goal is to support students who are not meeting state standards. Our first SSC

meeting is **Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, at 2:45 p.m. in room E-3.** You are welcome to join us as we review the purpose of the School Site Council, elect officers, and begin to review our Parent Surveys and Single Plan for Student Achievement.

# 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  
Kindergarten  
Student: “The  
principal’s job  
is to keep me  
safe!” 2009*

## 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.

## School Nurse Reminder:

Just a reminder from your School Nurse: When is your child too sick for school?

Remember the “Four B’s”

- **Burning**—Fever over 100 degrees within a 24 hour period.
- **Barfing**—Any vomiting within a 24 hour period or prolonged nausea.
- **Bleeding**—Any bleeding that could require medical attention, this includes blood in stool, sputum or vomit. Cuts that fail to completely stop bleeding or look deep should be evaluated.
- **Broken**—Suspected fractures, sprains or strains that haven’t been assessed. Prolonged pain after an injury should be evaluated by medical personnel...

Questions? Contact our school nurse, Jennifer Edwards, RN

## School Calendar

### September

9/1	Kidz Art 2:30—3:30 E-3, E-6
9/2	Early Release Wednesday (1:15)
9/2	Cross Country Practice (2:15-3:00)
9/2	Board meeting @ District Office (7:00 p.m.)
9/7	Labor Day Holiday—No School
9/8	Kidz Art 2:30—3:30 E-3, E-6
9/9	Early Release Wednesday (1:15)
9/9	Cross Country Meet @ Silva Valley (1-3)
9/14	Cross County Practice (2:15-3:00)
9/15	Kidz Art 2:30—3:30 E-3, E-6
9/16	Early Release Wednesday (1:15)
9/16	Board Meeting @ District Office (7:00 p.m.)
9/16	Cross Country Meet @ Blue Oak
9/21	Cross Country Practice (2:15-3:00)
9/22	Kidz Art 2:30—3:30 E-3, E-6
9/23	Early Release Wednesday (1:15)
9/23	Cross Country Meet @ Holy Trinity
9/24	Vision Screening
9/28	Cross Country Practice (2:15-3:00)
9/29	School Picture Day
9/29	Kidz Art 2:30—3:30 E-3, E-6
9/30	Early Release Wednesday (1:15)
9/30	Cross Country Meet @ Folsom Point

### October

10/2	Progress Reports Home
10/3	Harvest Festival!!
10/5	Cross Country Practice (2:15-3:00)
10/7	Cross Country Finals EDC Fair Grounds
10/16	No School Staff Development Day

## 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](http://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: \_\_\_\_\_