Dear Silva Valley Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the Silva Valley Elementary School 2021-2022 school year! I am honored to be the principal of such an outstanding elementary school and look forward to a year full of fun filled events, positive experiences, and academic challenges for your children. In order to make the return to school as smooth as possible, here is some important information about life on our campus. Please see our 2021 - 2022 Student Handbook on our website for more detailed information or feel free to contact the school office.

COVID-19 Updates

At this time, the Buckeye Union School District will be following the most recent COVID-19 guidelines from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). The Buckeye Union School District School Board has scheduled a special meeting on Thursday August 5, 2021 to provide clarification on how some of the CDPH guidelines will be implemented in the Buckeye Union School District.

Start and Dismissal

School begins on Wednesday, August 11, 2021. This is an Early Release Day. On this day, the first bell rings at 7:55 AM and school begins at 8:00 AM. Students are dismissed at 2:12 PM every day except every Early Release Days when they are released at 1:15 PM. Please see the bell schedule below.

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Students are required to arrive at school on time. Each school day is carefully structured by the teacher. When a student is late to school, not only is important instruction missed, but also class is disrupted. All students arriving late must check into the office before going to class. Students who walk, receive rides or ride their bikes to school should arrive no earlier than 7:45 a.m. There is no supervision on campus before 7:45 a.m. Students should be picked up no later than 2:25 p.m.
**Back-to-School Night**

Back-to-School Night will be **Thursday, August 12, 2021**. Due to the positive response from last school year, we will be offering Back-to-School Night virtually. Your student’s classroom teacher will be sending you a Zoom link for the event. Scheduled times will be as follows: 5:30 – 6:15 PM for Grades K - 2 and 6:15 - 7:00 PM for Grades 3 - 5.

**Classroom Placement**

This school year the District will be emailing a communication to all parents on how to access the Home Access Center (HAC) called eSchoolPLUS. Please follow the directions on the email to log on to the Home Access Center. Beginning Monday, August 9th at 4:00 PM you will be able to see your student’s teacher for the 2021 - 2022 school year.

**Monthly Bulletins**

On the first day of each month, a parent bulletin will be emailed to each student’s home. This bulletin will also be posted on the [Silva Valley School Website](#). Parents are encouraged to check the school website and school bulletins online on a regular basis to keep up on school activities and upcoming events.

**Arrival / Dismissal Procedures**

Arrival of Students - Please instruct your children about safely walking to and from bus stops, waiting at bus stops, and when walking or biking to and from Silva Valley Elementary School. Always use marked crosswalks when crossing streets. It is recommended that adults walk with their children to and from school whenever possible. Many parents choose to drive their children to school in the morning and the intersection of Serrano Parkway and Golden Eagle Lane gets very congested. In order to make the morning drop-off as timely and safe as possible, please allow extra time for the traffic. Please drive slowly and cautiously through the parking lot. Please drop your student off in the parking lot in front of the office and continue moving forward. Students should have backpacks ready and exit as quickly as possible. Students will be directed to the blacktop to line up on their designated class lines which are painted on the blacktop. Teachers will meet their class at the blacktop when school begins. Parents of kindergarten students will be allowed to walk their students to the kindergarten area for drop off. Parents of grade 1 students will be allowed to enter campus and walk their students to the lunch tables near the blacktop area and may wait with their students until school begins.

Dismissal of Students - Parents of kindergarten students will be allowed to meet their students in the kindergarten area and parents of first graders will be able to meet their students at the front of the school by the kindergarten area. Parents who wish to pick up their students by vehicle at the end of the school day will need to proceed into the parking lot pick up area in front of the school. Students who walk and ride their bikes home will be dismissed from school as usual. **Parents who want to meet their students at the end of the day will need to meet them in front of the school for pick up.**
**Closed Campus**

Parents, guardians or other adults taking students from school before the regular dismissal time must come to the office and sign out their student. Students will not be released to anyone not listed on the student’s emergency card. If the adult requesting to check a child out of school is unknown to the office staff, identification will be required. All visitors to campus must sign-in at the office and wear a badge/sticker identifying them as a visitor to campus. Parents, guardians or other adults may not linger on campus once school is in session and should not arrive at campus for pick-up more than 15 minutes prior to the end of the school day.

**Lunch / Second Chance Breakfast**

Important changes have occurred in our food services program this school year. A wide variety of healthy and delicious items are offered through our Lunch and Second Chance Breakfast program. Breakfast/Lunch options vary each day and you can find the menus on the school and/or district website. We have moved from Heartland payments to Titan payments and you will need to re-register your children in the family portal to utilize this system. Any food service student balances will be transferred automatically to our new system.

For the 2021-2022 school year the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has allowed school districts to continue to feed all children breakfast and lunch meals at no cost. Since meals are free for all our students, families will not need to fill out the typical meal application to receive those meals. All student’s benefit by having access to nutritious breakfast and lunch meals. We are asking families to please fill out the Education Benefit Form, at the following link


If a student has forgotten his/her lunch at home, parents may drop the lunch off in the office. Students need to check the office before going to lunch and may pick up his/her lunch then. Please be sure your child’s name is on the lunch.

**School-Wide Expectations**

We will continue implementing the positive behavior intervention support (PBIS) system that was developed by parents, teachers, support staff, and administration for all students. PBIS is the application of evidence-based strategies and systems to assist schools to increase academic performance, increase school-wide safety, decrease problem behavior, and establish positive school cultures. At the beginning of the school year the Silva Valley staff will be providing explicit instruction to students on school-wide expectations. Problem behaviors will be monitored throughout the school year and reteaching opportunities will be provided for students as needed. We believe that it is important for children to have clear expectations for their behavior and be acknowledged for their positive behavior. Students will be expected to:

- Be Safe
- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
**Parent Involvement / Classroom Volunteers**

Further details regarding parent involvement or volunteering in the classroom will be provided soon.

In the meantime, we strongly encourage you to be in regular contact with your child’s teacher. We have found that the best way to contact your teacher is through email. Working as a team we know that your child will be successful in school. Please see your child’s teacher if you are interested in volunteering in the classroom.

Buckeye Union School District (BUSD) policy requires that all volunteers who are on campus on a regularly scheduled basis and those who attend any field trips must be fingerprinted through BUSD. In addition, current TB clearance, (good for four years from the date issued), can be submitted to the school site. Volunteers must be cleared by the school and/or District prior to participating in school activities. Parents who volunteer must coordinate times and duties with the classroom teacher and make child care arrangements for siblings. Siblings and non-enrolled children are not allowed in classrooms, in the office workroom or on field trips.

**PTA (Parent Teacher Association)**

Silva Valley has an outstanding and active Parent Teacher Association that supports our students in a variety of ways. PTA sponsors educational programs, educational assemblies, social activities, and fundraisers throughout the school year. Fundraisers provide the students and teachers of Silva Valley Elementary School with teaching supplies, scholarships for field trips, educational equipment, PE equipment, and building/grounds improvements. We strongly encourage you to be active at Silva Valley and be a member of the PTA. For the 2021-2022 school year, Sarah Smyth is our PTA president.

**Bus Schedule**

Please visit the district website for bus schedule & route information.

We are very excited to start the new school year and look forward to a successful and positive time together. We are committed to providing a quality learning experience for everyone. We know that with a shared partnership in your child’s education and open communication the 2021-22 school year will be a success! Please feel free to contact us anytime if you have questions or concerns (916-933-3767).

Sincerely,

**Brandon Beadle**
Principal, Silva Valley Elementary School