

SILVA VALLEY ELEMENTARY

DECEMBER 1, 2020

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Families,

I hope all Silva Valley families had a relaxing, safe, and enjoyable Thanksgiving! Thanks to all the families who supported our virtual Book Fair to support our library and the PTA sponsored Read-a-Thon, which supported our teacher enrichment program.

I would also like to announce that Gıgdem Askin, a teacher associate at Silva Valley Elementary School, has agreed to volunteer as a liaison between the school and any non-English speaking family or family new to the area who is from a foreign country. If you or someone you know in our community is in need of assistance, please feel free to make contact with the office or check the Silva Website for more information. Thank you Gıgdem for supporting our community!

Our annual Silva Valley Book Fair held virtually this school year raised over \$600.

Our two week Winter Break is scheduled from Monday December 21st - Friday January 1st. Students return to school on Monday January 4th.

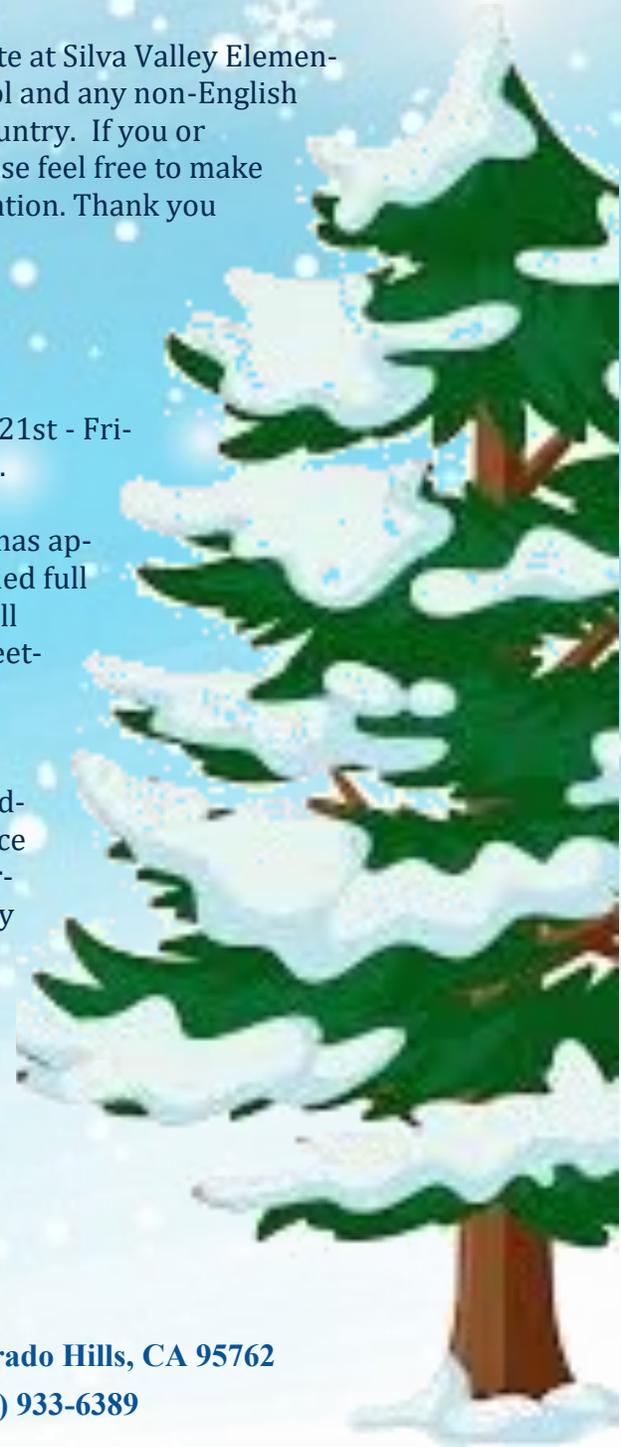
As you are aware the Buckeye Union School District School Board has approved the reopening of Silva Valley Elementary School in a modified full day model beginning on Monday January 4th. The School Board will be revisiting this decision in their December 16th School Board Meeting. If your student is exhibiting any cold or flu-like symptoms or your family has recently (last 2 weeks) been around anyone with COVID-19 or anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms, please keep your students at home and contact the school office for further guidance. Please remind children about the importance of wearing a face covering in a manner that covers both the nose and mouth. Encourage children to practice physical distancing when in the community and at school. Monitor children to ensure they are hand washing frequently

Have a great holiday season!

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DECEMBER COUNSELOR'S CORNER

This year our holiday giving campaign will look a little different but will hopefully be just as special for some of our very own Silva Valley families. We are asking anyone who wishes to participate to donate gift cards from December 2nd-16th. Look for a virtual flyer with more details soon.

If you are a family in need or know of a family in need, please send an email message to lspencer-long@buckeyeusd.org

TIPS FOR MAKING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON MEMORABLE

Health and Parenting | Ellen Greenlaw

TALK IT OUT

The holidays are traditionally a time to come together with loved ones. For those who look forward to celebrating, this year might feel particularly hard. If your kids are having a tough time adjusting to changes in your plans, let them know you understand and that you feel disappointed, too. Encourage them to share their thoughts and feelings and help them appreciate why things have to be different.

FOCUS ON WHAT YOU CAN DO

Whatever holidays your family celebrates, focusing on the rituals you can continue to do together — rather than focusing on what you can't do this year.

Think about which holiday rituals are most meaningful to you, and then come up with some ideas for how to continue those traditions in a new way. For example, if your extended family is used to gathering together for a meal, plan a meal over Zoom or FaceTime. Have everyone prepare the same meal, or just one special or favorite dish, so it's truly a shared experience.

Other rituals you can recreate include getting together online for whatever holiday you normally celebrate with family and friends. Whether it's Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or Christmas, plan a time to light your menorah or kinara candles together, or set up a time to simultaneously decorate or light up your Christmas trees.

CREATE NEW TRADITIONS

Think of this year as an opportunity to start new traditions and think creatively. Talk with your children and extended friends and family about new ways to make this holiday season special, and how to stay connected, despite the challenges of the pandemic.

SOME IDEAS INCLUDE:

Take turns hosting mini holiday celebrations. Spread out your holiday celebrations with several short, online celebrations. For example, one family could host a time to sing holiday songs, another could host a dance party, and another could host a time for storytelling or prayer.

Send each other care packages. Send your favorite holiday treats, special mementoes, or small gifts and open them together over Zoom or Facetime. The packages don't need to be big or expensive, but are a tangible way to reach out and tell each other we care.

Work together on a shared project. Start a crafting chain for a holiday-related project and share with other families or friends. You could make a holiday ornament or treat, and send it to another family, and then have them add to it and send to the next house. Or you could make a holiday decoration for one household, they can make one for the next family, and so on. Collectively working on a project can help us feel closer to one another when we're physically apart.

Enjoy some friendly competition. Have your family or kids make holiday treats, and then vote for the best over FaceTime or Zoom. Or put up holiday decorations outside, so you can drive or walk by, and then cast your votes.

Document what you're doing. Whether you're creating new traditions or celebrating in the ways you always have, keep a journal or take photos or videos to document this year's experience. Though things will be different for most people this year, it could be really special to look back years from now and remember this time.





Silva Valley

GIFT CARD DRIVE

ACCEPTING DONATIONS BETWEEN
DECEMBER 2ND - 16TH

We will be collecting gift cards for some of our very own Silva Valley families who may be struggling to make ends meet around the holidays. Any clothing, food, or gasoline cards would be greatly appreciated. Let's all pull together to help bring some light and goodwill to the end of a very challenging year. If you choose to participate, just send in a gift card with your child to give to their teacher between December 2nd-16th.

Please let me know if you are a family or know of a family who should be included.
Leslee Long/Silva Valley Counselor - Lspencer-long@buckeyeusd.org



DECEMBER PTA NEWS

Happy Holidays everyone!! We hope everyone enjoyed a nice and relaxing Thanksgiving break and are ready to finish off 2020 strong.

As we close out the first half of our school year, we would like to thank everyone who participated in the first Silva Valley Read-a-Thon. We had about 30% of our students participate and raised \$7,680 for Silva Valley. Our class winners, individual grade level winners and Silva Valley winners will be rewarded in the next two weeks. We sincerely appreciate all the efforts of everyone who participated and worked hard to raise funds to keep our programs up and running the best we can during the 2020-2021 school year. Our next fundraiser is the Boosterthon Dance-a-Thon scheduled for February.

So far this year, the Silva Valley PTA has paid for 36 new chromebooks, to replace non-functioning older units, provided Fall staff enrichment stipends, money used for items needed in the classroom, and provided Silva Valley with subscriptions for Scholastic magazine and RazzKids.

The next Silva Valley general board meeting will be on Wednesday, Dec. 2nd at 6pm via zoom. The agenda will be posted on the Silva Valley website.

SVPTA General Meeting

Meeting ID: [752 2907 5452](#)

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