Dear Parents / Guardians,

Another new year and decade begins … I think we can all say good riddance to 2020!

I hope everyone has had a chance to relax and enjoy some quality time with family over the holiday season. With social distancing and stay at home orders from the state of California this was probably a most unique holiday season. Hopefully, your family was able to participate in a new outdoor activity or you enjoyed a good book next to a warm fire with hot cocoa. Maybe when we reflect upon the year of 2020 we will be able to find some joyous events such as a time when you learned something new or rekindled a forgotten passion. The start of school, after the holiday break, always provides a good opportunity to re-establish a focus on learning.

As you know the Buckeye Union School District School Board decided in their December 16th meeting to delay the opening of Silva Valley to the 5 hour day. This means Silva Valley Elementary will continue to remain open in the AM / PM Hybrid Schedule. The BUSD School Board will be revisiting the decision to reopen the schools at their January 20th board meeting.

Upcoming Events I would like to highlight:
Monday January 18, 2021 = no school (Dr. King Holiday)  
Friday February 12, 2021 = no school (Lincoln’s Birthday)  
Monday February 15, 2021 = no school (Presidents’ Day)

Please continue to wear face coverings, practice social distancing, wash your hands frequently, and keep your student home if they are feeling ill. Be sure to communicate to the office if your student will not be attending school.

Stay healthy and be well!

Brandon Beadle  
Principal Silva Valley Elementary
January Counselor's Corner

Silva Valley Gift Card Drive

With the challenging days of Covid, and its effect on so many families, I wasn’t sure what to anticipate from this year’s gift card drive. To be expected, the need was great, but the outpouring of generosity matched it by far. I’m humbled and grateful for all the support from teachers, students, and families who came together to brighten the holidays for many of our Silva Valley families.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

New Year’s Resolutions for Families

Individual resolutions are easy to give up on because they’re all about you in a world where you’re focused on taking care of everyone else. So families, why not try making resolutions as a group this year? They can be fun, painless, and are sure to benefit your entire household. Some ideas include:

• **UNPLUG MORE.** Set a goal of spending one day a week, or even one day a month, together totally unplugged from television, cell phones, video games, etc.

• **EAT WELL.** Involve the whole family with making thoughtful, healthy meals. Make it fun by trying new recipes and making it a goal to eat out less and do more at home.

• **ADD MORE ACTIVITY TO YOUR FAMILY TIME.** Exercise is easier to do with a group, so participate in some fun activities outside as a family, even if it just means taking a family walk after dinner.

• **READ.** When was the last time you went to the library or read together? Pull out old books you haven’t read in awhile. Make it a contest who can read the most books in a week.

• **CREATE A CHORE CHART.** Make your own lives easier by spreading the responsibility of household chores among your family members.

• **BE GOOD TO OTHERS.** Have a refresher on manners and lead by example. Participate in community outreach at a homeless shelter, animal shelter, or other organization.

• **GET MORE SLEEP.** Set a well structured and organized bedtime routine and stick to it. Everyone will be happier and healthier.

New Counseling Groups starting soon

If you’re interested in your child participating in a group, feel free to contact me at lspencer-long@buckeyeusd.org
The El Dorado County Office of Education is actively recruiting for substitutes for Buckeye Union School District. Some positions do not require any experience. You can work specifically for your school district/ or a specific school or substitute for all of the 14 Districts within El Dorado County.

Here’s an example of some of the positions available:

- Substitute Teacher
- Instructional Assistant
- Classroom Assistant
- Playground Monitor
- Custodian
- Clerical
- Health Clerk
- Campus Monitor

Click on the QR Code or go to [www.edjoin.org/edcoe](http://www.edjoin.org/edcoe) to apply.

Have more questions? Contact Beth Reynolds at (530) 295-2237