Dear Silva Valley Parents / Guardians,

We are off to another exciting school year at Silva Valley Elementary! It is so exciting to start the beginning of the school year with students on campus. Yeah!!!!

Our first fundraiser of the school year - the Fun Run - will kick off on Tuesday, September 7th. The Fun Run will be held on Wednesday September 15th. Due to the COVID-19 Guidelines this event will be held in a modified format. On the day of the event the students will be running under the direction of the PE teacher, Mr. Johnson, and their respective classroom teacher.

Our PBIS Team has organized a rollout of our school-wide rules. Teachers are currently reviewing our school-wide expectations for all areas of the school, such as the lunch area or the library. Each student has a passport which gets stamped once they have completed each lesson. Students will continue to be acknowledged for making good decisions while on campus with weekly drawings every Friday.

As usual, traffic is very busy as you enter the parking lot. Your patience and cooperation is greatly appreciated immediately before and after school. Always pull forward before dropping off or picking up your student. By pulling forward you allow more cars to enter the lane, which reduces the traffic backing up at the intersection. Also, the bus area is a No Parking Zone from 7:30 - 8:00 AM and 2:30 - 3:00 PM.

Have a great Labor Day weekend! Go Golden Eagles!!

Brandon Beadle
Principal
Hello!

My name is Gwendolyn and I am the new full-time secretary at Silva Valley. (I replaced Miss Emma; she took a position at Rolling Hills.) I know my name can be a mouthful, so kids are welcome to call me Miss G or Mrs. Rogers, whichever one they prefer.

We have some wonderful new teachers and staff at Silva Valley this year I would like to introduce to you! In addition, some of our veteran teachers moved to a different grade level and are enjoying the adventure of the 2021/2022 school year in their new positions.

Heidi Goodman - Librarian                          Jill Mangus – Math Intervention
Dr. Justin Hardcastle – Learning Center           Carrie Klass – Reading Intervention
Allison Kee – Speech (EDCOE)                      Grace Passantino – Teaching Assistant
Sydney Chanu – Kindergarten                      Danielle Meyers – Teaching Assistant
Hannah “Ann” Seibel – 1st Grade                  Mandy Thomas – Yard Duty
Victoria Repstad – 2nd Grade (moved from 4th)     Ruben Mullins – Custodian
Amanda Crowson – 3rd Grade (moved from 1st)       Austin Holzer – Custodian
Michael Johnson – PE (returning teacher)         Reina Andreatta – Occupational Therapist
Anthony Carafone – Band                          Jen Bucher – Psychologist Intern

We are all so honored to be employed at this amazing school and to be a part of your children’s lives! We’re here to support both students and their families, so please do not hesitate to reach out if you need anything.

Sincerely,

Gwendolyn Rogers
Secretary/Registrar
Silva Valley Elementary
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916-933-3767 ext. 2700
Congratulations Silva Valley Elementary!

The California PBIS Coalition recently recognized our school for successful PBIS implementation and elevated Silva Valley to Silver level! This award is given to schools that reflect excellence in the implementation and practice of the core features of PBIS.

Silva Valley’s name will be displayed on the California PBIS Coalition webpage and posted at the 6th Annual California PBIS Conference in Sacramento in September. A new seal has also been added to the school’s website, letterhead, and other documents to celebrate our success!

We sincerely appreciate the hard work and commitment of our students, families, teachers, and staff! Together we have created the ideal conditions to maximize academic and social behavioral outcomes for all students. Congratulations again on this outstanding recognition!
Welcome back to school, Silva Valley! We would like to start by thanking everyone who has already signed up to become a member of the Silva Valley PTA, your support means the world to us!

Our annual PTA membership drive will continue through September, so if you have not had a chance to sign up yet, you still have time. There are three membership levels, all include voting rights at our general PTA meetings to help us determine how we utilize the funds from donations and fundraisers. Every dollar raised is used to fund projects and services for Silva Valley Elementary.

Yellow Membership: $30 - Includes voting rights at general PTA meetings.

Green Membership: $40 - Includes Name in Lights for one Silva Valley Student (normally $20 per student) and voting rights at general PTA meetings

(Name in Lights – On your student(s) birthday their name will appear on the Marquee at the front of the school.)

Gold Membership: $65.00 – Includes Name in Lights (normally $20 per student) for all students at Silva Valley and voting rights at general PTA meetings.

(Name in Lights – On your student(s) birthday their name will appear on the Marquee at the front of the school. Please visit the school website and click on the Name In Lights link to fill out the form.)

How do you sign up? You can pick up a form in the office or print it from the Silva Valley Website. Please return the completed form to the office or your student may bring it to their teacher.

Looking for ways to help? We get a lot of questions this time of year as to how you can help the SVPTA. In addition to becoming a member, it is important to stay informed about upcoming fundraisers and events. While the future of some of our fundraisers are yet to be determined, it is imperative to get support for the fundraising events that we are currently allowed to do. Please take a minute to read our Eblasts and flyers sent home with your student(s), get sponsorships for and/or attend fundraising events (as allowed).

Like/Follow us on social media.

Sign up for AmazonSmile and select “Silva Valley Elementary PTA” as your designated charity so that 0.5% of your eligible purchases will be donated to the SVPTA at no cost to you.

Upcoming Events and Dates

Chick-Fil-A Dine Out for Dollars – Please join us on September 8th between 2pm - 8pm for our first Dine Out for Dollars of the school year! (Make sure to mention you are there to support your Silva Valley PTA.)

Silva Valley Fun Run – The 2021 Silva Valley Fun Run Fundraiser kick off date is September 7th, your student(s) will receive a flyer in their Friday folders with instructions on how to sign up. The students will run on September 15th, unfortunately due to COVID-19 guidelines parents will not be allowed on campus. Our students will still get the fun run experience with a t-shirt and will run the field with their fellow classmates to music. Each student will run 34 laps so there will be no need to tally laps. Our goal is to raise 20K to update the security system and school marquee to make it easier to read.

General PTA Meeting – September 23, 2021 at 7:00pm
(A zoom link will be sent closer to the date)

Spirit Wear Store – We are excited to announce that we are working on opening a Spirit Wear website. We anticipate the website to be available in October – We will announce opening dates soon!

We would like to introduce your 2021-2022 PTA Board Members and Committee Chairs

President – Sara Smyth
Vice President – Jennell Courville
Secretary - Krissie Hutchins
Treasurer - David Ross
Parliamentarian - Shelley Volponesta
Historian - Kristy Redpath

Hospitality Co-Chairs – Megan Montes de Oca/Kristen Siebert
Events Coordinator Chair – Shelley Volponesta
Garden Chair – Greg Gill
Assemblies – Kim Buckmaster

Should you have any questions or if you would like to volunteer, please email us at silvavalleyptaedh@gmail.com

Thank you to our Silva Valley community for all your support, we could not do this without you!

Sara Smyth
Silva Valley PTA President
The counseling department is off and running already. I’ve been busy introducing myself and the counseling program to classrooms, collecting names for small groups, planning monthly classroom guidance lessons, and selecting peer mediators.

Coping with Back to School Anxiety
Returning to school can bring up some big emotions and it can be a lot for kids to handle. When kids get anxious it’s important to validate their feelings. It’s also important to give them alternatives to their anxious thoughts, calling on their Inner Coach. Here are some mindful mantras to read together so that these positive statements are planted in your child’s mind, replacing their anxious thoughts.

Back to School Mantras
Things can be hard but I can do hard things.
I will always choose kindness, I will be kind to myself too.
It’s ok if I’m not the best at something. I will focus on being my best self.
I will stay curious and ask lots of questions.
And most importantly…
I will be myself, make good friends and have fun!

If you’re interested in counseling services for your child, please send a message to lspencer-long@buckeyeusd.org. You can also find a parent permission form on the school website.

Make your student feel like a star on their birthday!

For just $20 we can program your child’s name into the Silva Valley marquee to celebrate their birthday Golden Eagles style!

Visit the Silva Valley school website and click on the Name In Lights link on the homepage to fill out a form.
Welcome to the Silva Valley Library!

Dear Parents,

My name is Heidi Goodman and I am happy to be here to serve the library needs of your children, and to support their classroom teacher this year. I look forward to storytime during your child’s weekly visit to the library, and hope they will discover new authors and find many new books to check out and enjoy.

The number of books each student may check out depends on their grade level. Students in TK, Kindergarten and 1st grade may check out one book each week. Students in 2nd grade are allowed to check out two books each week. Students in the upper grades may check out three each visit. Students should bring their books back each week to either exchange for another book, or to renew it if they would like to keep it for additional time.

At the beginning of the school year I will review with your child how a library is set up, and for the upper grades, I will show them the best ways to search the library catalog. Our school participates in the Accelerated Reader program, which offers quizzes for students to take after finishing a book to test their reading comprehension. The books in our library are labeled with an AR reading level. Hopefully we can match a book to your child that is fun to read and at their reading level too.

Please be aware that if your child loses or damages a book, it is our policy to charge for the replacement value of the book. If you note any damage to a book your child has checked out, please have them bring it to my attention so that I can attempt to fix it with the appropriate mending supplies that I have here in the library. If a book is merely overdue, we of course do not charge any late fees. But in all fairness to the other students in the school, please return all books as soon as your child finishes them.

Thank you to all of the families at Silva Valley Elementary for their support of our library!

Happy Reading!

Heidi Goodman
Library Associate
Silva Valley Concert Band Is Back in Town!

Greetings Silva Valley Families!

Band classes began on Monday, August 23rd, though it’s still not too late to join us! Please reach out to me (Anthony Carafone) via email (see below) before 9/3/21, as this will be our closing date.

acarafone@buckeyeusd.org

Please refer to the schedule below for our band classes. Additionally, please be sure that you daughter or son brings their instrument and book to school on their assigned day.

The Silva Valley Combined 4th & 5th grade Elementary Band schedule:

Monday
12:45- 1:15 - all 4th and 5th grade flutes
1:15-1:45- all 4th and 5th grade clarinets

Tuesday
12:45-1:15- all 4th and 5th grade saxophones
1:15-1:45- all 4th and 5th grade trumpets

Friday
12:45-1:15- all 4th and 5th grade trombones
1:15-1:45- all 4th and 5th grade snare drums (percussion)

Instrument Donations are being accepted, and you can help!
Flutes/Clarinets/Alto Saxophones/Trumpets/Trombones/ Snare Drums.

Do you own any of the above instruments (in good working condition) that are not being used anymore? Please consider donating your instrument to the Silva Valley Band Program. The instrument will be cleaned thoroughly (per Covid protocol). It will then have the potential of being used by a student that may not otherwise be able to afford an instrument rental or purchase. You can enrich the life of a child with music with your donation.

Please contact Anthony Carafone at acarafone@buckeyeusd.org

Thank you,

Anthony Carafone
Band Teacher
Picture Day is Thursday, September 2nd!

iCLICK Studios will be onsite to take our school pictures. You should have received an email on Saturday, August 28th with details about the ordering process. No pre-payment is necessary, and photos will be available for viewing and ordering 10-14 days after on their website, www.iclickstudios.com. Pending the air quality, pictures will be taken outdoors. If the AQI is 100 or higher, we will move inside.

IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDER!

Pedestrians have the right-of-way when in a crosswalk. Please be aware of your surroundings when approaching the school; many students walk or bike to school and use the crosswalks at Silva Valley Pkwy and Golden Eagle Lane. We have crossing guards on duty before and after school, but they frequently encounter impatient drivers who will proceed through the intersection despite the crossing guard still being in the crosswalk. Kids often times will trust the safety of the crosswalk when they see the crossing guard and dart into the street, so drivers need to abide by California driving laws and refrain from proceeding through the intersection until the crossing guard and all students are safely back on the sidewalk. Let’s do our part to keep our loved ones safe!
Join us for Silva Valley’s first Dine Out for Dollars of the year! Help support our Silva Valley PTA

Chick-fil-A at 2679 E. Bidwell St. Folsom
Wednesday, September 8th
From 2-8 PM