

# RATTLER REVIEW

MAY 2024

## IMPORTANT LINKS

[VVCM Website](#)

[BUSD Website](#)

[PTO Website](#)

[Spirit Wear](#)

[2023-24 Student Calendar](#)

[2024-25 Student Calendar](#)

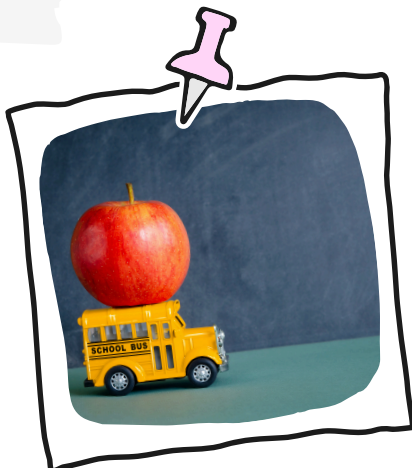
## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 5/1/24 7:00 pm BUSD Board Meeting
- 5/2/24 Kona Ice after school
- 5/3/24 Sprit Day: Star Wars Day!
- 5/3/24 PTO Movie Night @ 6:30pm
- 5/6/24-5/10/24 Staff Appreciation Week
- 5/7/24 2:15 pm GATE in STEAM lab
- 5/9/24 Kona Ice after school
- 5/9/24 6pm Spring Band Concert
- 5/13/24 Bike to School Day
- 5/13/24 2:30 pm PTO Meeting in the Library
- 5/16/24 Kona Ice after school
- 5/21/24 2:15 pm GATE in STEAM Lab
- 5/21/24 5:30-7:00 pm 3rd-5th grade Open House
- 5/23/24 Kona Ice after school
- 5/23/24 5:30-7:00 pm TK-2nd grade Open House
- 5/28/24 MS Field Day
- 5/31/24 Elementary Field Day.
- 5/31/24 6:00-8:00 pm 8th Grade Promotion Dance
- 6/4/24 9:00 am 8th Grade Promotion



## STAFF APPRECIATION

Staff Appreciation Week is coming up on May 6th-10th. This is our annual time to spoil our VVCM teachers and staff members, and to show them how much we appreciate their dedication to our children. Families can help by signing up via this [link](#) to donate food items, or this [link](#) to buy your teacher a coffee!. Also, please write a thank-you card to both your teacher and a favorite staff member, and deliver it on Tuesday, May 7th. Thank you for your support of this fabulous week!



## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



Happy May, Everyone!

May is one of my favorite months at VVCM. Not only does our campus look amazing, but I see so many goals being reached by Rattlers and amazing growth in academics. As we head into May we will focus on the “E” in RISE, Effort.

Effort is the cornerstone of student success, serving as the fuel that propels them toward their academic goals. It's through effort that students develop resilience, determination, and a growth mindset to overcome challenges and mastering new concepts. Effort is the spark for understanding, as it requires active engagement and dedication to learn. In essence, effort is not just about working hard; it's about giving your best to their journey of learning, and unlocking the full potential that lies within.

We have an Effort Assembly this month to explain more to our Rattlers.

If you have any questions, always feel free to make an appointment, call me, email me at [pstewart@buckeyeusd.org](mailto:pstewart@buckeyeusd.org), or just talk with me when we see each other on campus.

Have a great May! Gooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo Rattlers!!!!

Mr. Stewart

# FROM THE DESK OF MRS. ALESSANDRO



Dear Middle School Parents,

It's hard to believe that we're already nearing the end of another incredible school year. May is our final full month, and a month filled with energy, anticipation, and a sense of accomplishment as we prepare to conclude the academic year on a high note.

Throughout May, our school community will be buzzing with a myriad of activities, events, and celebrations that showcase the amazing achievements and talents of our students. From end-of-year performances and showcases to field days and award ceremonies, there's no shortage of reasons to be excited about the final full month of the school year. Please pay close attention to the calendar so that you can stay informed regarding the upcoming events.

These moments are not just about marking the end of the year; they're about celebrating the growth, learning, and friendships that have blossomed over the past months. It's a time to reflect on the memories we've created together and to look forward to the bright future that lies ahead for each and every one of our students.

As we navigate this special time together, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for your support and partnership throughout the year. Your involvement, whether it's attending school events, volunteering in the classroom, or simply offering a word of encouragement, has been instrumental in creating a nurturing and thriving learning environment for our students.

Together, we have fostered a sense of community and belonging that extends far beyond the walls of our school. Your dedication to your child's education and well-being inspires us every day, and we are truly grateful for the opportunity to work alongside you in shaping the future leaders of tomorrow.

As we embrace the joys and challenges that May brings, let's continue to celebrate each milestone, cherish each moment, and continue to support one another every step of the way. Together, we can make the final full month of the school year one to remember for years to come.

Thank you for your continued partnership, enthusiasm, and commitment to our school community. Here's to a May filled with laughter, learning, and endless possibilities!

Kindly,

Amanda Alessandro

# AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS



In our diverse and inclusive school community, it's essential that we foster an environment of respect, understanding, and empathy. Recently, there have been instances where racial language has been used, whether intentionally or unintentionally, by some of our students. While we understand that children may not always grasp the full impact of their words, it's crucial that we address this issue proactively and sensitively.

As parents and guardians, your role in guiding and educating your child about the importance of respectful language cannot be overstated. I kindly ask for your help in having open and honest conversations with your child about the impact that their words can have on others, especially when it comes to topics related to race and ethnicity.

Encourage your child to be mindful of the words they use and to consider how their language may affect their peers. Emphasize the value of diversity and the importance of treating everyone with kindness, dignity, and respect, regardless of their background or ethnicity.

We are also working to educate students during their character building Focus time on Wednesday mornings. Checking in with your child about the discussions they have had during this time could be a great way to have continual conversations with them about this sensitive topic.

By working together and reinforcing these essential values at home and in school, we can create a safe and inclusive environment where every student feels valued, accepted, and supported.

Thank you for your cooperation and partnership in this important matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to our school administration.



## FIELD DAY

Field day for 1st-5th grade will take place on Friday, May 31st. Mrs. Harris has planned a spectacular event for our students. There will be over 20 different stations that students can rotate to throughout the day. There will also be a hot dog lunch and popsicles for every student! (Vegetarian option available) We need lots of volunteers to make the event a success. Please sign up [here](#). All volunteers must be fingerprinted with BUSD. Thank you for your help to make this event successful!



# RATTLER CAFE

We have been busy menu planning for the 2024-25 school year and are excited by the new freshly prepared recipes we are introducing. These include Hawaiian Meatballs with Coconut Rice, Chicken Panini, Turkey Croissant Sandwiches, Tex-Mex Breakfast Bake, and homemade granola bars just to name a few.

As always, we are committed to providing as many freshly prepared meals using minimally processed ingredients as possible and look forward to serving your students healthy and delicious meals next school year.

This month we are featuring strawberries from JSM Organics. Located in Royal Oaks, CA, this certified organic farm has been growing berries, vegetables and flowers since 2012.



## WORD SEARCH

Complete the movie time word search in this newsletter for a chance to win a prize! Find all of the words, add your first and last name to the top of the paper and return to the office by 5/29 to be entered into a raffle. Winner will be announced on 5/30.



## SPRING CONCERT

We are very happy to announce that the 2023-2024 VVCM Band Program will have its second performance event on Thursday, May 9th 2024. Our Spring Concert will take place inside the MP Room at VVCM beginning promptly at 6pm. Our featured artists will include the Combined VVCM & Silva Valley Beginner Concert Band, the VVCM Intermediate Concert Band, the VVCM Middle School Concert Band, and the VVCM Middle School Jazz Band.

## SPORTS @ VALLEY VIEW

### Rattler Running Club

- May 7th @2:15-3:15
- May 14th @2:15-3:15
- May 21st @2:15-3:15

May 21st will be the annual 5k run.

### Boys Soccer

- May 2nd @ Markham
- May 7th vs. Golden Sierra
- May 9th vs CMP




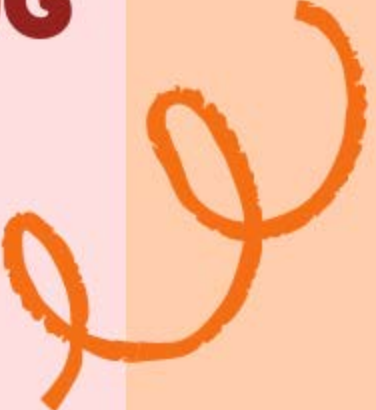

### Track and Field

- May 8th @ Union Mine
- May 14th, trials @ Union Mine
- May 16th, finals @ El Dorado High School



# **PTO GENERAL MEETING**

Last General  
Meeting of the  
23/24 school year!  
May 13th @ 2:30pm  
in the Library



# Upcoming PTO Events



**MAY**  
**2**  
AFTER SCHOOL  
*Kona Ice*

**MAY**  
**3**  
6:30-10PM  
*Movie Night @ VVCM*

**MAY**  
**8**  
AFTER SCHOOL  
*Kona Ice*

**MAY**  
**6-10**  
*Staff Appreciation Week*

**MAY**  
**13**  
2:30-3:30  
*Last PTO Meeting of  
23/24 school year  
-Library*

**MAY**  
**15**  
AFTER SCHOOL  
*Kona Ice*

**MAY**  
**22**  
AFTER SCHOOL  
*Kona Ice*

**MAY**  
**31**  
ALL DAY  
*VVCM Field Day*

**JUNE**  
**4**  
AFTER SCHOOL  
*Kona Ice*





Dear Valley View Students and Families,



Staff Appreciation Week, during which we honor and spoil the countless teachers and staff members who make Valley View such a special school, is happening May 6th-10th, 2024. This year our theme is Taylor Swift! We thought it would make the week extra special if our students and families told our teachers how much they appreciate them. We need your help! **Please fill out the attached letter, or write your own thank-you card, and deliver it to your teacher on Tuesday, May 7th. Also, please consider writing one for another VVCM staff member (librarian, custodian, yard duty, secretary, aide, etc) that you know and appreciate.** Thank you in advance for helping us tell our teachers how much they mean to all of us!

Thank you,  
Your VVCM PTO

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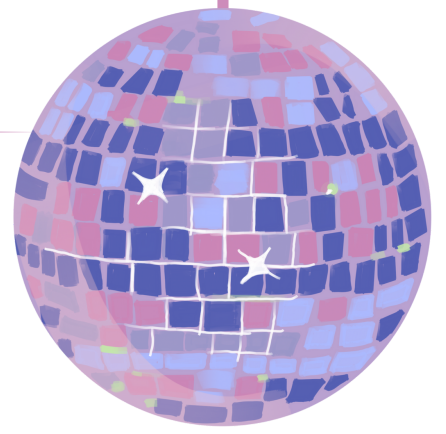


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IN MY

APPRECIATION ERA



It's me,

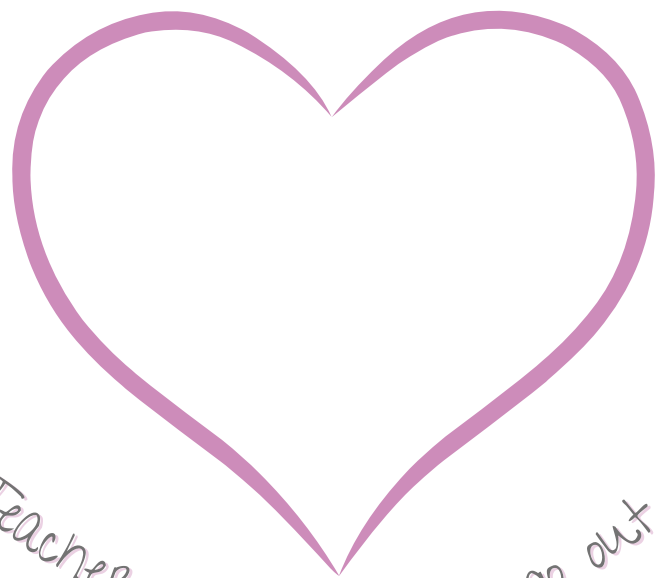
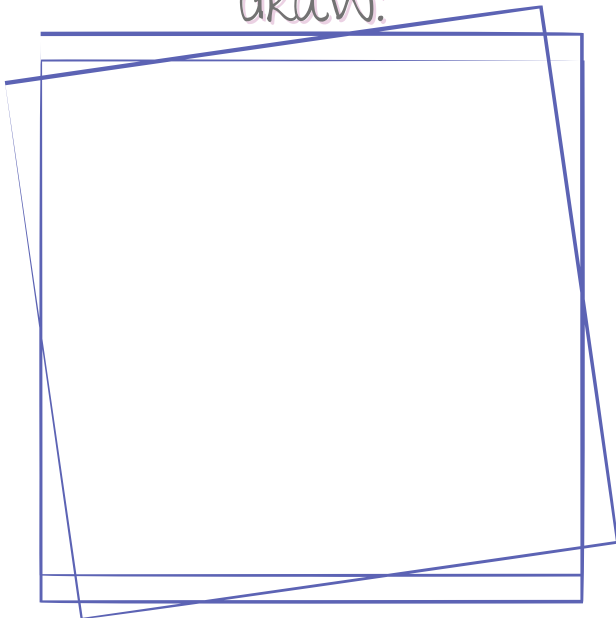
Hi!

Best believe I'm still **BEJEWELED** when I walk in

I know **ALL TOO WELL** that you are really good at

I was **ENCHANTED** when you taught me how to

OH! LOOK WHAT YOU  
MADE ME  
DRAW!



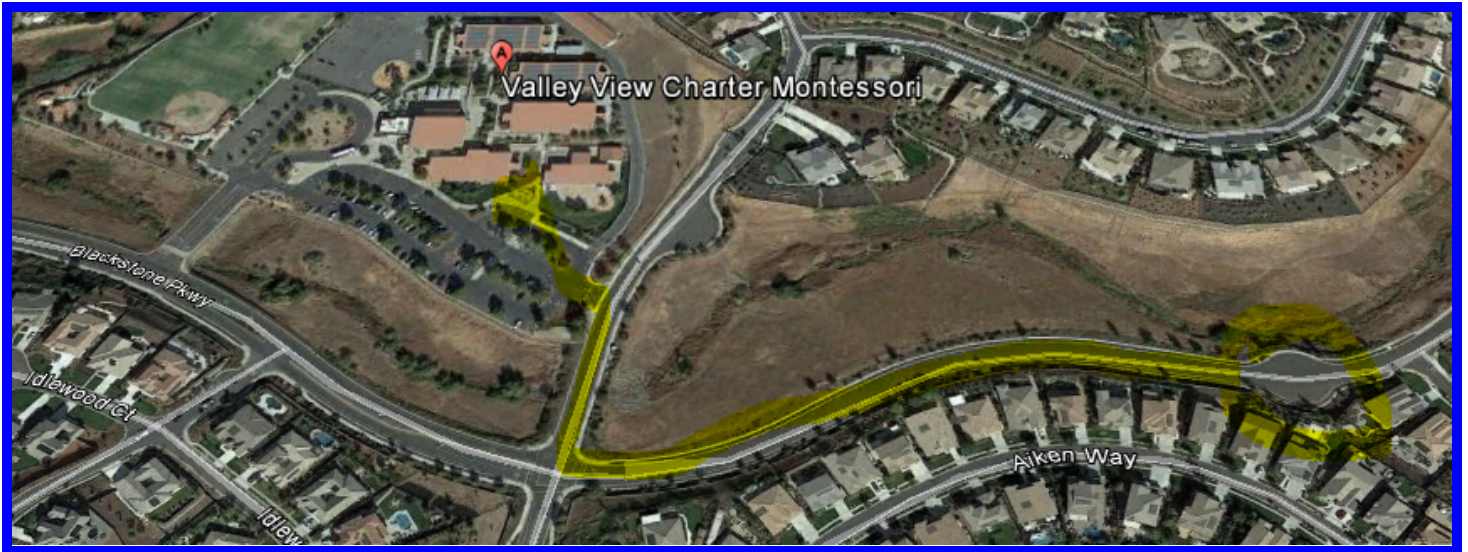
Teacher, you will never go out of

**STYLE!**





## Rattler Bike and Roll to School Day



*Wednesday 5/13/2024*

### TK-8th Grade BIKE AND ROLL TO SCHOOL Day

In honor of the [National Bike and Roll to School Day](#). We will meet at the above pullout just past Royal Oaks and Blackstone at 7:20am and ride to VVCM with Mr. Stewart and the Rattler Staff. We will leave at **7:30-ish** to ride to Valley View and park our bikes and scooters in our bike parking area. Staff, parents, and the CHP will be assisting students along the way. See map above for our route.

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The Bike Ride is Optional.

Push scooter and bikes only, NO *electric* powered bikes or scooters.

Students **MUST** wear a helmet at **all times**.

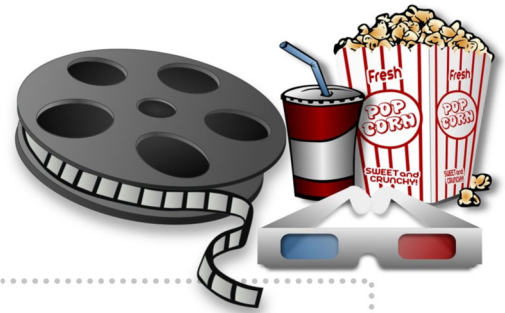
Parents are welcome to ride with our Rattlers. If you would like to be part of the ride,

Please email Mr. Stewart at [pstewart@buckeyeusd.org](mailto:pstewart@buckeyeusd.org)

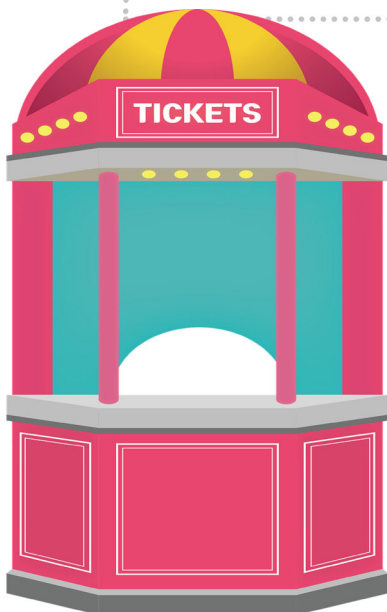


# Movie Time

## Word Search Puzzle



T	I	C	K	E	T	B	O	O	T	H	P	X	J	X	H	V
C	E	K	G	G	A	F	Z	J	D	C	O	V	F	X	U	S
R	G	B	W	O	S	C	R	X	F	U	S	X	N	C	S	I
E	A	X	R	K	A	B	T	T	T	H	T	E	T	O	H	Q
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P	J	P	C	A	X	V	G	O	M	O	I	E	W	S	S	K
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X	O	X	D	A	T	T	R	A	C	T	I	O	N	S	O	S
M	A	C	T	O	R	S	E	A	W	G	S	V	K	K	R	C
C	A	N	D	Y	G	N	C	R	G	E	I	I	Y	P	N	M
D	R	I	N	K	S	S	B	P	R	O	J	E	C	T	O	R



ACTORS	CONCESSIONS	POSTERS
ACTRESSES	CREDITS	PREVIEWS
AISLE	CURTAIN	PROJECTOR
ATTRACTIONS	DRINKS	SEATS
AUDIENCE	HOT DOGS	SNACKS
BALCONY	LIGHTS	THEATER
BIG SCREEN	MOVIE	TICKET BOOTH
CANDY	POPCORN	USHERS

# ONLINE SAFETY NIGHT --- FOR PARENTS



**Sponsored By:**

**Oak Ridge High School  
and  
El Dorado County  
Sheriff's Department**

**THURSDAY  
2  
MAY**

The El Dorado County Sheriff's Office and Oak Ridge High School are partnering to bring parent awareness of dangers our students face online. The Deputies want to share the dangers of the online world, and strategies for how to keep our kids safe. We also have a guest speaker to share how to connect with teens and have conversations about the issues they are facing.

## **Sheriff Deputies will discuss:**

- Online Safety (Dangerous Online Trends)
- Current Drug Trends

## **Guest Speaker: Lori Lara**

- How to Have Conversations with Teens About Hard Topics

**RSVP BY  
CLICKING HERE!**

**6:30-7:30  
Oak Ridge High  
School Theater**



## ART CAMP



Ages 5-12

You have won the Golden ticket to explore Mr. Fantastic's Candy Factory! We've got bubbles, shaving cream, paint, papier-mâché, and glitter watercolor; all the makings of messy camp! We hope you can join us for the SWEETEST camp this summer!



What's better than a scoop of ice cream? Three scoops! We'll mold our delicious scoops of ice cream from clay, cover them in felt chocolate syrup, and top with a cherry pom-pom. Tons of creativity and 0 grams of sugar!

## MINECRAFT CAMP



Ages 7-12

Harness your kid's love for Minecraft into fun-filled learning this summer. Kids become the ruler of their own worlds, control their mobs and creatures, and learn to change, customize and edit their tools and weapons using coding.



Automate processes inside Minecraft, such as farming and mining using code. Campers can create circuits, switches to control objects, create fun explosions with TNT, and so much more!

## MINECRAFT MovieMaker Camp



Ages 8-12

Using animation software, Mine-imator, kids create animated videos with Minecraft-style characters, blocks, and environments. Learn basic features of the software and its capabilities, including keyframe animation, timing, movement, and more.



Write your script, plot your thrills, and create animated videos using familiar blocks, items and characters from the Minecraft inventory. Learn how to make these creations pop using special effects, particles, sounds, lights and camera effects.

## BUILDING CAMP



Ages 5-12

Spy school is in session. Sharpen your super sleuth skills! Laser beam avoidance training, inventing many gadgets with LEGOs, K'Nex, and circuits, are all part of the training! Grab your magnifying glass and join us at camp!



Using LittleBits circuitry pieces, create a gadget that's able to buzz and flash if it detects a shift in weight. Perfect for catching those rascally thieves in their tracks! What else can we make with LittleBits???

## STOP-MOTION CAMP



Ages 7-12

Use LEGOs and special video-capture software to bring your LEGO dreams to life. Get creative by developing stories, versatile backgrounds, and sounds! Make characters move and add breathtaking backgrounds, artificial sounds, and overlay explosions.



Write and produce your own stop-motion animation LEGO movie using minifigures, bricks, and changeable backgrounds. Use ideas and techniques related to green screening to open up our LEGO movie up to even bigger and better effects!

## ROBOTICS CAMP



Ages 7-12

Build and program LEGO robots to *think, move, and react* through a series of automation challenges. Campers use dedicated laptops and LEGO WEDO kits to learn several aspects of engineering: automation, problem-solving, and programming.



Kids bring their creations to life while sharpening their pattern-recognition and modeling skills. The Wedo software also features a colorful drag-and-drop interface that is easy for students to use and understand.

This is our 3rd summer using Dream Enrichment Camps, and I am always so blown away!! My kids have done the Engineering, Firefly Art and Honeycoding camps in the past. This summer, my son will also try out the Stop Motion Animation camp. This is the first website I look at when planning our summer activities. They are professional, the teachers are exceptional, their customer service is outstanding.... but more than that, the content they cover at each camp is truly amazing! They connect with each child, and they understand the power of making learning FUN. I recommend these camps to other parents all the time. They are worth every penny!! Heather G, El Dorado Hills



*new!* **RESERVE YOUR SPOT FOR ONLY \$50!**

**EARLY BIRD PRICING ends May 3rd**

- ▶ Early bird pricing can be combined with multi-session discounts!
- ▶ We also offer terrific no-interest payment plans at no cost!



**ROBOTICS**  
\$374 **\$350**



**ART**  
\$269 **\$254**



**STOP-MOTION**  
\$374 **\$350**



**BUILDING**  
\$269 **\$254**



**CODING**  
\$374 **\$350**



**MOVIE-MAKER**  
\$374 **\$350**

## DISCOUNTS

- 2 Camp Registrations/child: **\$10 off**
- 3 Camp Registrations/child: **\$20 off**
- 4 Camp Registrations/child: **\$30 off**
- 5 Camp Registrations/child: **\$40 off**

**Hurry!**  
**Early Bird pricing ends May 3rd**

## CAMP HOURS

**9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**REGISTER** ONLINE TODAY @ [dreamclasses.org](http://dreamclasses.org)

## CAMP AREAS

**SACRAMENTO NATOMAS**

**ROSEVILLE ROCKLIN**

**FOLSOM EL DORADO HILLS CAMERON PARK**

Week	Art		Building		Minecraft Animation	Robotics	Stop Motion		Minecraft Coding
June 3-7					Bridge Comm. Church FOLSOM				
June 10-14	Lutheran Church ARDEN		Oak Meadow Elem EDH		St. Matthews Church, ROSEVILLE	NP3 Elementary NATOMAS			Bridge Comm. Church FOLSOM
June 17-21	Oak Meadow EDH	E Sac TBD Church	Lutheran Church ARDEN	St. Matthew Church, ROSEVILLE	Centennial United Methodist Church Land Park	Bridge Comm. Church FOLSOM	First United Methodist, E Sac	Foothills Church, EDH	NP3 Elementary SAC (NATOMAS)
June 24-28	Centennial Church LandPark	Phoebe Hearst, ESac	Bridge Comm Church, FOLSOM	E Sac TBD Church	Foothills Church, EDH	First United Methodist East SAC	St. Matthew Roseville	Rivers Edge Church, Pocket	Lutheran Church ARDEN
July 1-5	St. Matthews ROSEVILLE	Foothills Church, EDH	NP3 Natomas	Phoebe Hearst, ESac	East SAC TBD Church	Centennial Church Landpark	Lutheran Church ARDEN		First United Methodist East SAC
July 8-12	NP3 Elem NATOMAS		Centennial United Methodist Church Landpark		First United Methodist East SAC	Lutheran Church ARDEN	Bridge Comm. Church FOLSOM	E Sac TBD Church	Foothills Church EDH
July 15-19	Bridge Comm. Church Folsom	Rivers Edge Church Pocket	First United Methodist, ESac		Lutheran Church ARDEN	Foothills Church EDH	NP3 Natomas	Phoebe Hearst, ESac	East SAC TBD Church
July 22-26	First United Methodist ESac		Foothills Chuch, EDH	Lutheran Church ARDEN	NP3 Elem NATOMAS	Esac TBD Church	Oak Meadow EDH	Centennial Church Landpark	St. Matthews Church, Roseville
July 29 -Aug 2	E Sac TBD Church		Rivers Edge Landpark	First United Methodist ESac		Phoebe Hearst Elem, E Sac			Centennial United Methodist Church Landpark

- ▶ Camp locations subject to change.
- ▶ Register for Oak Meadow camps at [www.edhcsd.org](http://www.edhcsd.org)
- ▶ Register for Roseville camps at [www.sunriseparks.com/dream-enrichment-summer-camps](http://www.sunriseparks.com/dream-enrichment-summer-camps)
- ▶ Camp Policies: [www.dreamclasses.org/policy](http://www.dreamclasses.org/policy)

“My daughter just attended a five day art camp, and It. Was. AWESOME! The instructors were friendly and fun, and the curriculum was outstanding. Quite honestly, I didn't think they would be able to keep my daughter's attention for 5 hours a day for five straight days doing art, but they did. The projects were varied, interesting, and very entertaining to make, and the final pieces- showcased at an "art gallery" the last day- were adorable. One of the best things was that they got to do a bunch of messy art (like paper mache), and the mess was theirs to clean up. There are daily emails informing parents of the day's happenings and other tidbits, such as which artist they studied, etc. | Kelly H • Sacramento

