

RATTLER REVIEW

APRIL 2024



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4/2/24 Welcome back!
- 4/3/24 7 pm BUSD Board Meeting
- 4/4/24 8:00 am Coffee & Conversation w/Dr. Roth
- 4/8-4/12/24 Book Fair with Face in a Book
- 4/8 2:15 GATE in STEAM Lab
- 4/16/24 6:00 pm Middle School Orientation
- 4/19/24 Spirit Day: Sports Day!



BOOK FAIR

Join us from April 8th to 12th for our annual book fair! We are excited to share that we will once again be partnering with Face in A Book. The book fair will be accessible to everyone after school. Come and inspire your child's passion for reading and support a local business. More information can be found in the flyer below.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION W/DR. ROTH

You're cordially invited to join us for Coffee & Conversation with the Superintendent on 4/4 at 8:00 am in the STEAM Lab! Dr. David Roth will be present to meet with parents and share a cup of coffee. It's a wonderful chance to engage in open dialogue, ask questions, and connect. We look forward to seeing you there!

IMPORTANT LINKS

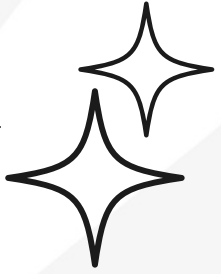
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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



Hello Rattler Families and Happy April!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Spring Break. Our Rattlers have truly exemplified our values of Respect, Integrity, Safety, and Effort throughout this school year. As we transition into April, we are focusing on the "E" for Effort! We encourage all our Rattlers to demonstrate effort and always strive to do their best.

As we look ahead, State Testing is approaching after Spring Break for grades 3rd-8th. Here are sample questions for practice and parent resources. Should you need assistance, we're here to help. The VVCM Testing Window is from May 6th to May 31st. Teachers will provide you with the specific dates.

Additionally, our 5th and 8th grade students will be taking their state science tests this month. 8th grade testing will be from April 15th-19th. 5th grade will be from April 29th-May 1st. If you have any questions regarding state testing, please don't hesitate to reach out to your teacher, Mrs. Alessandro, or myself.

I'd like to highlight some ways to stay connected with our VVCM community. Parents play a vital role in our school community, and we appreciate your involvement:

1. PTO (Parent-Teacher Organization) is an incredible way to engage with the VVCM community and make a positive impact. Here is the link for more information.
2. Volunteering in your child's classroom.
3. Participating in our Meet the Masters Art Program, STEAM Lab, and our Garden of Learning.
4. Parents are also welcome to facilitate our middle school clubs.

Please note that all volunteers must be fingerprinted with BUSD. Your involvement enriches our school environment and strengthens our community spirit. Thank you for your continued support!

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please feel free to reach out.
Gooooooooooooooooooooo Rattlers!!!

Paul Stewart
Valley View Charter Montessori, Principal

RATTLER CAFE

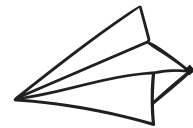
One of our favorite meals is Orange Chicken and Fried Rice. The chicken is whole muscle and tossed in a zesty sauce. We make the fried rice fresh, adding peas, carrots and scrambled eggs. The students love this meal!

This month we are featuring mandarin oranges. Mandarin oranges contain vitamins that support a healthy immune system, good vision and a healthy heart. Make sure you grab one from our garden bar to fuel up and feel great for the rest of the day!



WORD SEARCH

Complete the spring 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 your teacher by the end of school on 4/25 to be entered into a raffle. Winner will be announced on 4/26.



SPRING CONCERT

SPRING IS COMING, AND SO IS OUR 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

- April 2 @2:15-3:15
- April 9 @2:15-3:15
- April 16 @2:15-3:15
- April 23 @2:15-3:15
- April 30 @2:15-3:15

Boys Volleyball

- April 2nd @ Markham
- April 3rd @ Camino

Track and Field

- Practice begins April 8th
- 4/22 meet @ Ponderosa HS
- 4/20 meet @ El Dorado HS

Boys Soccer tryouts begin April 8th.

BOOK FAIR

APRIL 9-12

ELEMENTARY TEACHERS WILL BE SHARING THEIR SHOPPING DAYS
AND TIMES WITH YOU.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS MAY SHOP DURING LUNCH AND AFTER
SCHOOL.

THE BOOK FAIR WILL ALSO BE OPEN TO ALL AFTER SCHOOL.
PAYMENT OPTIONS INCLUDE CASH, CHECKS (PLEASE MAKE CHECKS
OUT TO FACE IN A BOOK) & BOOK BUCKS.

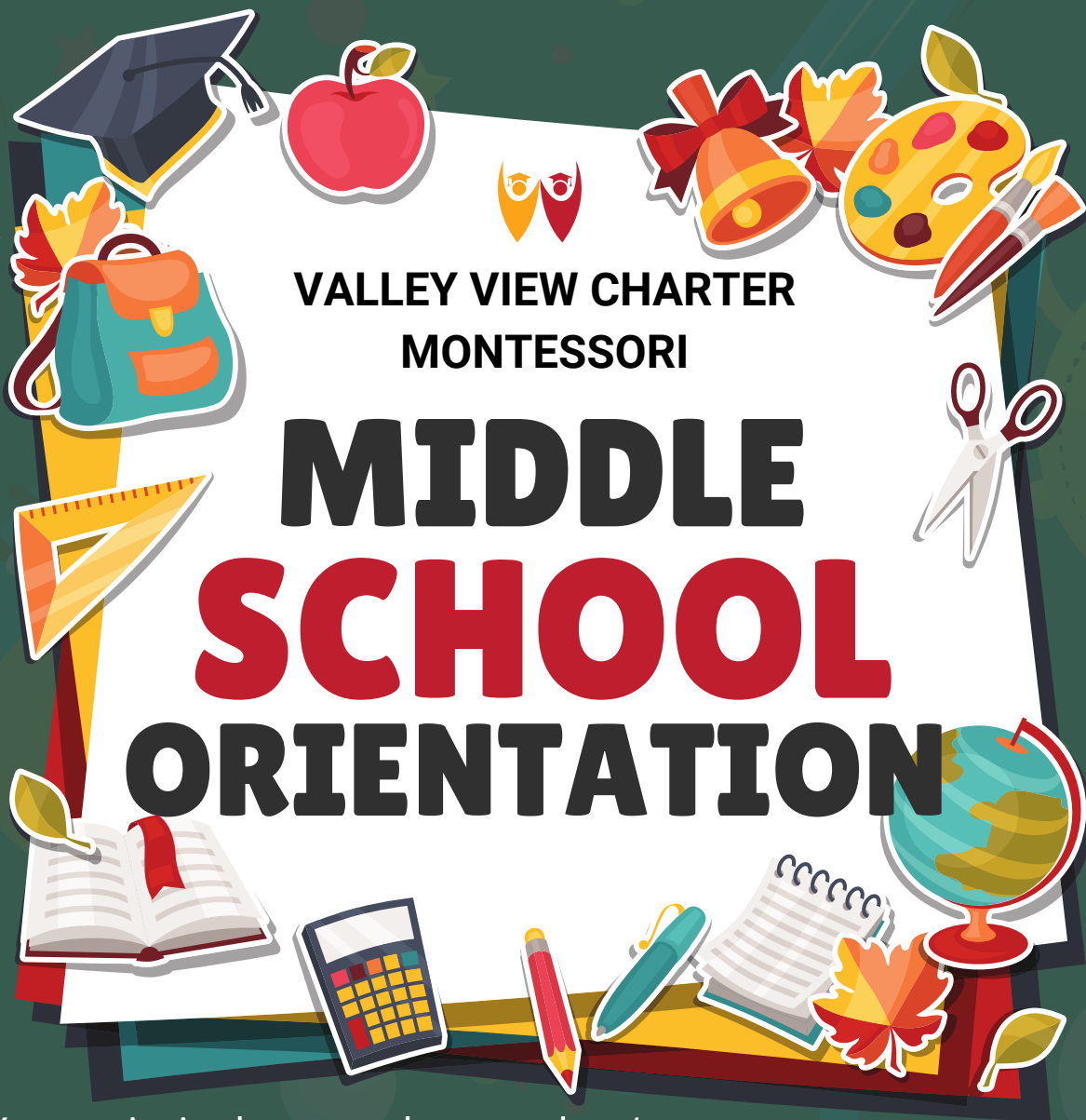
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PRESENT.



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MIDDLE SCHOOL ORIENTATION

You are invited to attend our student/parent Middle School Orientation. You will have the opportunity to meet some of our middle school staff, view sample schedules, review the IB program, and have an opportunity to ask questions.



TUESDAY, 16 APRIL

At 6 PM



VALLEY VIEW MP ROOM

1665 Blackstone Pkwy, EDH

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Yearbook ANNOUNCEMENT



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Enter VVCM's school passcode: 101496965233502

Regular price: \$39.06

FINAL DATE OF PURCHASE:
May 9th, 2024

8th Grade

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Due April 30th!

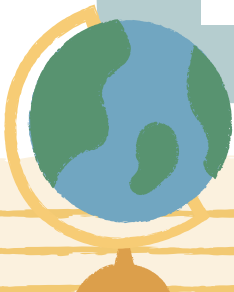


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CLOUDS

MARCH

PUDDLES

SEASON

SUNSHINE

WINDY





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Dear Valley View Families,

April, 2024

Below, you will find detailed information regarding the state testing beginning at the end of April.

CAASPP 2024 State Testing Information

I wanted to inform you of the important dates for our upcoming California Assessment of Student Performance Smarter Balanced Assessment for students in grades third through eighth. As you know, each spring, the 3rd through 8th grade students in the Buckeye Union School District participate in a series of state assessments. These assessments are designed to evaluate student progress toward mastery of the Common Core Content Standards. The results of these assessments serve as the basis of California's educational accountability system. (See www.caaspp.org for more information) The following tests are part of the California Assessments of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) system; these tests will be administered during the time frames listed below:

TEST	GRADES	Testing Dates
Smarter Balanced Assessment: Science	5	April 29- May 3, 2024
Smarter Balanced Assessment: ELA	3-5	May 6- May 10, 2024
Smarter Balanced Assessment: Math	3-5	May 13- May 17, 2024
Smarter Balanced Assessment: Science	8	April 15- April 19, 2024
Smarter Balanced Assessment: ELA/ Math	6-8	May 6- May 16, 2024

Smarter Balanced (SBA)

The Smarter Balanced assessments (English Language Arts and mathematics) will again be administered this spring. These assessments measure critical thinking with questions that ask students to demonstrate their research, writing, and problem solving skills. The tests consist of both Computer Adaptive questions and Performance Tasks which allow students to not only demonstrate skills, but apply their learning. Visit the California Department of Education website to learn more <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/> and/or take a Practice Test at <http://www.caaspp.org>.

California Science Standards Test

Students in grades 5 and 8 will take the SBA Science test this year. Visit the California Department of Education website to learn more <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/>

California Alternate Assessment Test

The CAA is a grade level assessment for students with severe cognitive disabilities in grades three (3) through eight (8) in English Language Arts and mathematics. This test will give students the opportunity to demonstrate their achievement of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) by taking a test commensurate with their abilities. Students with disabilities who are not able to take part in this assessment will take the new California Alternative Assessment (CAA) Test. This online test will be administered during the SBA testing window.

Physical Fitness Test

Students in grades 5 and 7 will take the FITNESSGRAM which is the physical fitness test used in California. The test consists of five performance components: aerobic capacity, abdominal strength, trunk strength, upper body strength and flexibility.

Middle School Schedule during testing

During the first two weeks of testing we have modified the middle school schedule so that all testing occurs during the morning before lunch. Students will still attend each class every day, but some periods will be longer than others during certain days to accommodate the testing schedule. The week of May 20th - May 24th, we are allotting for test make ups, and the schedule will return to normal during this week.

Notice Of Right To Opt Out Of CAASPP SBA Testing

Parents/guardians have the right to “opt out” their student from the California Assessment of Student Performance Smarter Balanced Assessment. The procedure for the parent or legal guardian to request that a student not participate in one or all parts of the CAASPP, is to write a letter to the Principal of the school specifying which sections they are requesting the student not participate in; the Principal then informs the District CAASPP coordinator and the student will be given an alternative local assessment such as in class curriculum based assessments, FastBridge, chapter tests, et cetera, that the teacher is able to gauge the students’ knowledge of the California Content Standards. A letter must be received by the office on or before April 12, 2024. If a family “opts out”, they will not receive a score report unless there was only a portion of the assessment that the student participated in.

I encourage parents to support their children’s effort to do their very best on these important assessments. Parents can help by making sure their child gets plenty of sleep each night, providing a nutritious breakfast each morning, reviewing the practice tests (<https://www.caaspp.org/practice-and-training/index.html>) with their child, and ensuring their child makes it to school on time. It is expected that the district assesses all children. Accordingly, parents are asked not to schedule doctor or dentist appointments during school testing days.

Lastly, our students will be incentivized each day to win prizes for showing the “E” in “RISE”, showing effort each day they are testing. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Goooooooooooo Rattlers!!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul Stewart". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Paul Stewart
Principal