

# RATTLER REVIEW

DECEMBER 2023

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12/1/2023 Giving Tree Tags available in the office
- 12/8/2023 6:30 pm Santa Run at VVCM
- 12/12/23 2:15-3:00 GATE in the STEAM Lab
- 12/13/2023 6:00 pm Winter Band Concert
- 12/13/23 7:00 pm Board Meeting
- 12/15/2023 Giving Tree gifts due to the office
- 12/18/2023 Spirit Week: PJ Day
- 12/19/2023 Spirit Week: Festive Hat or Sock Day
- 12/20/2023 Spirt Week: Ugly Sweater
- 12/21-1/5 Winter Break: No School



## WINTER CONCERT

Valley View is happy to announce that the 2023-2024 VVCM Band Program will have its first performance event on Wednesday, December 13th, 2023. Our Winter Holiday Concert will take place in the MP room at VVCM at 6 pm. Our featured artists will include the Beginner Concert Band, the Intermediate Concert Band, and the Middle School Jazz Band.





## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



Dear Parents,

We hope you had a healthy and happy Thanksgiving! My wife and I traveled to Forrest Grove, Oregon, to visit my sister's family and see my mother. For that, I am very thankful.

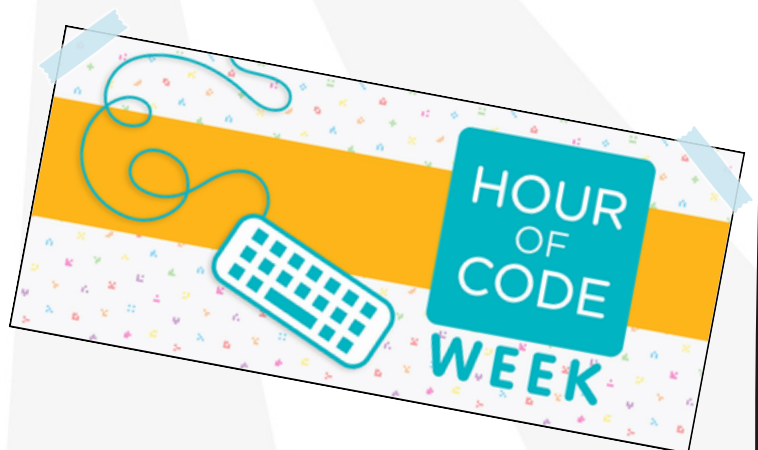
Winter Break will be here before we know it. Before that, we have the Hour of Code from 12/4-12/8/23. Our students will participate in coding that week. Below is a list of some resources for you to use at home. As you know, we are fortunate to have our STEAM lab. We also have Coding robots that give them a start on what coding is all about. Below are resources (there are many, but here are a few) that we use at VVCM.t enjoy at home, and we hope you all learn a thing or two:

- What is Hour of Code? How do you code with your child.
  - [Hour of Code.com](https://www.hourofcode.com)
  - [Hour of Code.org](https://www.hourofcode.org)
    - There are many different levels of coding for all levels
  - Hour of Code at Khan Academy

As a principal, setting goals is a cornerstone for personal and academic growth. At VVCM, we emphasize key elements in the goal-setting process, including ensuring goals are attainable, outlining actionable steps for achievement, setting a timeframe, and encouraging reflection. To further anchor these aspirations, we encourage students to articulate their goals in writing and share them. I invite our Rattlers to establish their goals for 2024. They are more than welcome to email their aspirations to me over the Winter Break. Your commitment to this process will undoubtedly contribute to your personal and academic success.

We hope you have a great three weeks in December, a safe and joyful holiday season, and Gooooooooooooo Rattlers!

Happy Holidays!!!!  
Mr. Stewart



# RATTLER CAFE

## What's Cooking?

We make our Apple-Pie and Cinnamon Crumble pan bread from scratch in our central kitchen. It's made with healthy ingredients such as whole oats, stoned ground whole wheat flour, applesauce and yogurt. It's fresh and delicious and the students love it!

We are featuring red and gold organic kiwis this month from Wild River Fruit in Marysville. This family owned farm located along the Yuba river builds owl-box homes for the local wild owls who in turn help control the gopher and vole population on their land.



## SPORTS @ VALLEY VIEW

### Girls Soccer

- 12/4 vs Charter U Prep @ 3:30
- 12/5 @ Pleasant Valley @ 4:00
- 12/7 vs John Adams @ 3:30

### Boys Basketball

- 12/1-12/2 8th Grade Tournament @ Camerado
- 12/5 vs Pleasant Valley @ 4:00/5:00
- 12/7 vs Marble Valley @ 4:00/5:00
- 12/8-12/9 7th Grade Tournament @ Camerado
- 12/12 vs EAS (8th grade only) @ 4:00

Rattler Running Club will take place from 2:15-3:15 on December 5th, 12th and 19th.

Hiking Club Meeting will be on December 7th from 2:15-3:00

## IMPORTANT LINKS

[VVCM Website](#)

[BUSD Website](#)

[PTO Website](#)

[Spirit Wear](#)

[2023-24 Student Calendar](#)



# VVCM PTO NEWSLETTER

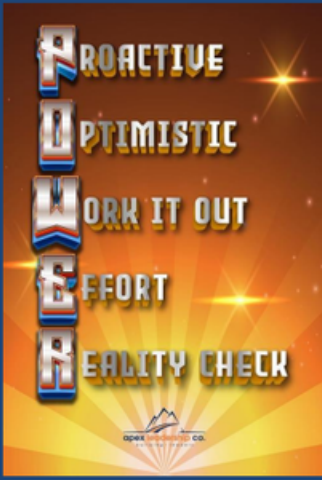
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WHAT'S  
NEW?

APEX WAS  
A  
SUCCESS!

Thank you for your AMAZING participation in our school-wide APEX Fun Run Fundraiser. Together we raised funds for Valley View and the students had a great time doing so! We appreciate the support of Valley View staff and our volunteers as well as those who donated!

## FITNESS – LEADERSHIP – SERVICE – FUNDRAISING

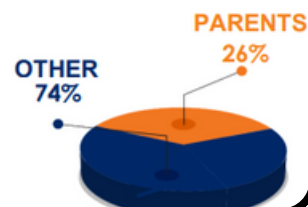
SCHOOL PROFIT	NUMBER OF PLEDGES	THEME & LESSONS
<b>\$42,063.33</b>	<b>1552</b>	
STUDENT PARTICIPATION	FUNDS TO BE USED FOR	
<b>69%</b>	Outdoor Education, Leadership, and Steam Lab	
LEADERSHIP LESSONS TAUGHT	APEX HOURS	
<b>120</b> <small>20 classes X 6 LESSONS</small>	<b>300</b> <small># of hours Apex athletes spent running the program and making a positive impact at the school</small>	
TOTAL LAPS <b>23,718</b> = TOTAL MILES RUN <b>1,482.38</b>	APEX GIVEBACK CHALLENGE! <b>64</b> STUDENTS REACHED \$10/lap <small>For every student that reaches \$10/lap in pledges, Apex makes a donation to Feeding America to help provide up to 20 meals to those in need.</small>	



Pledges from  
42 States

## DONORS

MADE UP OF:





# SANTA RUN IS BACK!

The El Dorado Hills Fire Department's Annual Santa Run is back again this year and they will be making a stop at VVCM on Friday, 12/8/23, at approximately 6:30 PM! We would love to make this a fun community event for our VVCM families! The PTO will be setting up cookies and hot chocolate for families to enjoy while waiting for Santa, Mrs. Claus, their Elves and even the Grinch to arrive. We would love help from our VVCM families with some cookie and hot chocolate donations. Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up if you are able to donate. Please no cookies with nuts. Please bring all donations to the office by end of school day on Thursday, 12/7.

Cookie Donations Sign Ups



## Join the Auction Committee!

Do you like to plan events? PTO is forming an Auction Committee for the Silent Auction Dinner. We need your help to make this a night to remember and fantastic fundraiser for Valley View! Email us at: [vvcмпто@gmail.com](mailto:vvcмпто@gmail.com)

# CALIFORNIA JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIP FEDERATION

**Membership drive**  
**Now until Dec. 8**

*based on trimester 1 grades*

*applications in the library or E4*

*Turn in application to Mrs. Hilliker*

*Turn in the application by Dec. 8!!!*

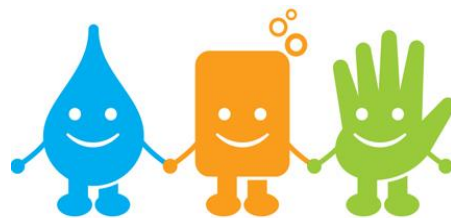


## Nurse's Notes: It's December— *Ready for winter break?*

While October & November mark the beginning of Influenza season, we typically begin to see cases rise in December. ***Both school staff and parents alike should set aside time now to chat about handwashing and preventing disease!!***

***The most obvious means of disease prevention is washing of hands.***

- WET – preferably with warm water
- LATHER – use soap
- SCRUB – get all surfaces of hands up to the wrists, under the nails
- RINSE – thoroughly to mechanically remove germs
- DRY – well to prevent an environment where germs can flourish



**HEALTH CHECK** – Winter break is a great time to check in with your pediatrician. Seek care when your child is ill, but also consider a well-child exam if their office recommends it. Ask if they are up to date on vaccinations. Be sure to call the school health office to obtain a permission form if your child needs medicine at school (even OTCs like cough drops or ibuprofen). If there are barriers to care, let your school nurse know so we can help connect you with resources. If your child has been out ill and has a note – please bring it in. Thanks!

**FIFTH/SIXTH GRADERS:** Now is the time to get boosted for Pertussis. Not sure if your child is up-to-date? Please reach out to your health office team to confirm. Students may also need a 2<sup>nd</sup> immunization for Varicella. Winter break is a great time to obtain any vaccines required for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade advancement.

**KINDER/FIRST GRADERS:** Did you complete the oral health examination for your kindergarten child? Or CDPH health examination for your 1<sup>st</sup> Grade child? If in doubt, please reach out to your child's health office team. For more information online about the requirements, follow the links.

Oral health: <https://www.cda.org/Home/Public-Health/Kindergarten-Oral-Health-Requirement>

For more about CDPH: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/chdp/Pages/SchoolEntry.aspx>



**WHAT ELSE TO KNOW?** *We provide a variety of care and first aid and see many students daily. We try to call home for concerns that may need to be monitored, head bumps, etc. **Our health office would love donations** – consider donating wipes, Ziploc baggies, sport shorts, sweats or stretch pants (*gently used items for the elementary grades are perfect, NO JEANS*). **Thank you so much for your support!***



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**Buckeye Elementary:** Health Clerk II, Rachel Kelly, LVN

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**Camorado Springs:** Health Clerk I, Tammy Collins

530-677-1658 x1530, Fax: 530-677-9537

**Valley View Montessori:** Health Clerk II, Sarah Lester, LVN

916-939-9640 x3330, Fax 916-939-5015

**Sandy Chavez, MSN RN PHN: School Nurse for:**

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916-933-9746 x2130 Fax: 916-933-9784

**Rolling Hills:** Health Clerk I, Bertha Chau

916-933-9290 x3030 Fax: 916-939-7454

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916-933-3767 x2730 Fax: 916-933-6389

**William Brooks Elementary:** Health Clerk I, Raffaella Avina

916-933-6618 x2430 Fax: 916-933-3910

**REMINDER: MEDICATIONS**—ALL medications require a permission form to be at school

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HtDBaVOdNUxn52IQB8849Qc2OYCe6jKE/view>

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## CAPTURE YOUR MEMORIES IN THIS YEAR'S

# VALLEY VIEW CHARTER MONTESSORI YEARBOOK!

### Customize Your 2 Free Pages

Add photos from your computer, Facebook, Instagram, Google Drive & more.

Answer fun Memory Questions to help remember the year.

The 2 Custom Pages are FREE and are printed ONLY in your book. Want more pages? Each additional 2 pages is just \$0.99.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Keeping the Magic Alive for **60** Years!

*Join us in Welcoming  
Santa Claus and Friends to El Dorado Hills*

# SANTA RUN

## HOLIDAY HEROES Food and Toy Drive

**DECEMBER 5 - 8, 2023**

*Bringing Sirens, Lights, and Santa's Elves out at  
Night & Making Spirits Bright!*

**ACCEPTING NEW  
& UNWRAPPED TOYS,  
NON-PERISHABLE FOOD,  
& LETTERS TO SANTA**

Collections will be accepted at each Santa stop  
and personal deliveries can be made to any  
of our five Fire Stations.



Last year we collected and delivered over 4,000 toys and \$2,700 in cash donations benefitting Shriner's Hospitals for Children of Northern California. We also collected 3,600 pounds of food for the Food Bank of El Dorado County.

**Together we can Exceed that This Year!**

**DONATE TODAY!**



Visit our website for more information

**EDHFire.com**



**Food Bank**  
El Dorado County



**Shriners Hospitals  
for Children®—Northern California**



# SANTA RUN

## HOLIDAY HEROES Food and Toy Drive



EL DORADO HILLS  
FIRE DEPARTMENT



# SANTA STOPS

### NIGHT 1 (TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023)

STOP #	EST. ARRIVAL	NAME	LOCATION
1	5:20 pm	OAK KNOLL PARK	3371 ALYSSUM CIRCLE
2	6:00 pm	LAUREL OAKS PARK	WHISTLERS BEND AND SAMUEL WAY
3	6:45 pm	FULLER SUNSET MOBILE HOME PARK	1130 WHITE ROCK ROAD
4	7:20 pm	TOWN CENTER	THEATER PLAZA 2085 VINE STREET

### NIGHT 2 (WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023)

STOP #	EST. ARRIVAL	NAME	LOCATION
1	5:25 pm	WILLIAM BROOKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	3610 PARK DRIVE
2	6:05 pm	PARKVIEW HEIGHTS PARK	2925 RIDGEVIEW DRIVE
3	6:40 pm	EDH COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT (CSD)	1021 HARVARD WAY
4	7:30 pm	SERRANO VISITORS CENTER	4525 SERRANO PARKWAY

### NIGHT 3 (THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023)

STOP #	EST. ARRIVAL	NAME	LOCATION
1	5:25 pm	LAKE FOREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	2240 SALISBURY DRIVE
2	6:10 pm	LAKEVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	3371 BRITTANY WAY
3	6:45 pm	JACKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	2561 FRANCISCO DRIVE
4	7:20 pm	FAIRCHILD NEIGHBORHOOD	FALKIRK/KESWICK

### NIGHT 4 (FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023)

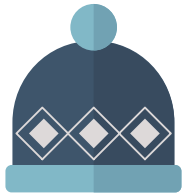
STOP #	EST. ARRIVAL	NAME	LOCATION
1	5:15 pm	FOUR SEASONS VISITORS CENTER	3186 FOUR SEASONS DRIVE
2	5:45 pm	HILLS CHURCH	800 WHITE ROCK ROAD
3	6:35 pm	VALLEY VIEW CHARTER MONTESSORI	1665 BLACKSTONE PARKWAY
4	7:25 pm	DISTRICT CHURCH	7000 ROSSMORE LANE

NOT A PROGRAM OF THE BUCKEYE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Keep things that can catch fire away from heat sources!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# WINTER WORDS

## Word Search Puzzle



r h p x b k g m s n o w f l a k e s f f s d  
 v h f b w y r e i j u m t o n c w t z d h d  
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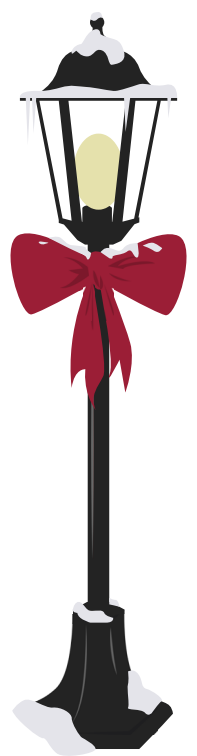
Find these words.

fireplace  
 snowflake  
 blizzard  
 icicle  
 boots  
 parka  
 sledding  
 gloves

hat  
 ice  
 cold  
 slippery  
 chilly  
 snowman  
 December  
 toboggan

hot chocolate  
 slush  
 January  
 freezing  
 skating  
 scarf  
 holidays  
 frost

mittens  
 shovel  
 snow  
 flurries  
 February  
 winter



(The words may be hidden vertically, horizontally or diagonally.)