

RATTLER REVIEW

SEPTEMBER 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9/1/23 Staff Development Day, no school
- 9/4/23 Labor Day, no school
- 9/6/23 BUSD Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- 9/11/23 Patriot Day, wear **Red**, **White** & **Blue**
- 9/14/23 Picture Day #1
- 9/14/23 PTO Parent's Night Out: Cloud Bar
- 9/15/23 Picture Day #2
- 9/20/23 BUSD Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- 9/25-9/29 Parent teacher conferences, minimum days for 1st-8th grade (12:07 release time)
- 9/29/23 GATE permission slips due
- 10/17/23 Coffee & Conversation w/Superintendent @ 8:00 in the STEAM lab

IMPORTANT LINKS

[VVCN Website](#)

[BUSD Website](#)

[PTO Website](#)

[Spirit Wear](#)

[2023-24 Student Calendar](#)



PICTURE DAY

Picture day will be September 14th and 15th. Middle school students will take pictures during their PE class. Please refer to the A/B day calendar provided at Rattler Ready Day to know which day your student has PE. Below is the schedule for elementary classes.

Thursday, September 14th Picture Day #1

- Fisher
- Niccolson
- Hanson
- Rumery
- Harris
- Hicks
- Wellman
- Hillhouse
- Hawkins

Friday, September 15th Picture Day #2

- Hampton
- Williams
- Kellogg
- Cowen
- Schneider
- Miller
- Hassey
- Danz





PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



Hello Valley View Parents,

September is upon us, and it will be an amazing month at VVCM. One of our biggest goals is that our staff fosters relationships with students and parents. These relationships are key to academic success and teaching the whole child. Besides PBIS/RISE in elementary and character lessons in our Middle School classrooms, we are also starting a new schoolwide proactive program called, Zones of Regulation. More information will be coming home soon. The whole staff will be trained on it at our in-service day on September 1st. Here is a link to Zones of Regulation.

Get involved at VVCM: Parent involvement is a major part of VVCM's success and culture. You can volunteer in your child's classroom, with the PTO, or be a Garden of Learning, Meet the Masters, or STEAM Lab room parent. Additionally, there is a District Level Budget Committee to be part of. You can be a member of Valley View's Safety Committee/Site Council and Valley View Charter Montessori LCAP.

Parent conferences with teachers will be held from **9/25 to 9/29/23**. 1st-8th grade will have minimum days to allow parents and teachers ample time to meet. I want to encourage all of you to attend this opportunity to meet 1:1 with your child's teacher. At Valley View Charter Montessori, we see relationships and communication as one of the biggest keys to a successful school experience for you and your child. I can't think of a better way to get that Student-Teacher-Parent relationship off on the right step than parent conferences.

Parents of elementary school students will sign up for conferences via our online parent conference scheduler. The scheduling portal will open on **September 18th**, and a link to the scheduler will be on our website. If you have any questions or issues signing up, see your child's teacher, and they will assist you.

Conferences for middle school students are on an as-needed basis or by parent request. If needed, the office will contact middle school parents to schedule a conference for their students. If you are a middle school parent wanting to schedule a conference, please contact the office.

Lastly, Patriot Day is coming up on September 11th. Our Rattlers are encouraged to wear red, white, and blue for our spirit day of the year.

As always, please email, call the office, or see me if you have any questions.

Gooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo Rattlers!!!!!!

Mr. Stewart

STOPit

All sites in our district have contracted with a new anonymous reporting system called STOPit. Students and guardians can use this system to anonymously share information to provide or get help as quickly and efficiently as possible. Reports are immediately sent to the administration for review. Some examples of information to report include bullying, harassment, violence, weapons possession, and/or discrimination. Posters with QR codes are posted in common areas around campus, and there is a link under the "Students" tab on our Valley View website for access to make a report. Please watch for a flyer to come home with this information from your teachers.



PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be September 25th to September 29th. Parents of elementary students (TK-5th grade) can schedule conferences online beginning September 18th through September 24th. The scheduler link can be found on the home page of the website beginning September 18th. Follow the directions on the screen. The password is *rattlers*.

Conferences for middle school students will be on an as needed basis or by parent request. The office will contact you if a conference is needed. To request a conference for your middle school student, contact the office.

SPORTS AT VALLEY VIEW

Flag Football and Girls Volleyball Games

- 9/5 @ Markham
- 9/7 vs Gold Trail
- 9/12 vs Pleasant Grove
- 9/14 @ CMP (8th grade)
- 9/19 vs Herbert Green
- 9/21 vs John Adams
- 9/26 @ Sierra Ridge
- 9/28 @ Camino

Cross Country

All students in grades 2-8 are eligible for the VVCM cross country team. Forms are available in the office. Practices take place on Mondays, with an optional practice on Thursdays. The meet schedule for 2023 is listed below:

- 9/20 @ Valley View @ 3:30
- 9/27 @ EDH CSD @ 3:30
- 10/4 @ Sierra Ridge @ 4:00
- 10/11 @ Blue Oak @ 3:30

RATTLER CAFE

What's Cooking?

New on our lunch menu this year is our house-made fried rice. We make it fresh with peas, carrots, eggs, soy sauce, garlic and ginger. It is served with our Orange Chicken and Pot Sticker entrees or can be served on its own as a vegetarian option. This month we will be offering pluots from Free Spirit Farm in Winters, CA. Pluots are a fun and unique fruit and a new addition to our menu this year.



GATE TESTING

BUSD will be conducting assessments of students to determine GATE (Gifted and Talented Education) eligibility. In order for a student to qualify for GATE they must take the OLSAT, which measures the cognitive skills that relate to a student's ability to learn and succeed in school and examines both verbal and non-verbal abilities. Students in third grade and up are eligible to take the test. Testing will take place at Valley View during the school day on October 24th, and will take approximately 1 hour. Permission slips are due to the office by September 29th. For more information, read this letter from GATE coordinator Melinda Spooner.

SMART WATCHES AT SCHOOL

We have seen an increase in the number of smart watches on campus this school year. When watches or cell phones go off during the school day, it causes a major disruption to the learning environment. Smart watches are permitted on campus, but must be in "School mode" or turned off once a student arrives on campus. Your student will receive any messages sent in "School mode" upon exiting school mode at the end of the school day. If your student needs to contact home during the school day, please have them talk to their teacher. Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook for more information.



VVCM PTO Updates!

After School Activities

- ☒ Parents Night Out @ Cloud Bar 9/14
- ☒ Kona Ice 9/21
- ☒ Harvest Festival 10/20

September News

We hope all Rattlers are off to a wonderful school year! Your PTO is hard at work planning dine outs, family events and bringing you more including:

- September Membership Challenge in homeroom classes!
- Zones of Regulation Presentation at upcoming PTO Meeting
- Next General PTO Meeting: 11/6 @2:30pm

JOIN PTO!

Joining PTO is one of the easiest ways to give back to VVCM! With your PTO donation, you will receive:

- 2 Harvest Festival Wristbands
- 1 Birthday Marquee Message
- Entry to the Family Dance
- Voting rights at PTO General Mtgs

All donations go directly to VVCM PTO!
Contact us @ vvcмпто@gmail.com



WELCOME BACK: Nurse Notes!!



As our health team returns to school sites, we will be catching up email communication, updating immunization records, going through emergency cards and review of medical files to see if students may benefit from a health plan. It is critical for parents to make sure staff is informed of medical concerns and medications. If your child needs a medication while at school (even a prescribed inhaler they carry, or over-the-counter medication like ibuprofen), we have CA Education Code that requires a medication form (see more below). We hope your child had an amazing summer and is ready for the 2023-2024 School Year!!

Health plans: If your child has a health plan, it should be rolled over each school year unless their health concerns are resolved. Please reach out to **your child's** school health office or school nurse **if you wish to edit or review your child's plan**. If your child has a health concern that you feel might warrant a health plan, please let us know. If your child has a medication dependent health plan, e.g. epinephrine, albuterol, etc. or if your child needs any medication while at school (anything prescribed or **with an "active ingredient"**) PLEASE complete the medication form with your physician as soon as possible. *A NEW FORM is required every year by CA Education Code for any medications. If you have a print out from your **child's** provider that lists the medication, route, timing (e.g. 9AM, PRN), frequency, diagnosis you can sign and attach it to our permission form.* Our district medication form is found at the district webpage under health services: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HtDbavOdNUxn52IOB8849Oc2OYCe6jkE/view>

Immunizations: In general, kindergarten students, new students or those advancing into 7th grade have requirements for immunizations at these critical grade points that can be found at the document link below. *We must by law exclude students who do not meet the immunization requirement.* Students without immunizations in progress (and not yet due) or missing boosters, incomplete records, expired medical exemptions or belief statements will be excluded from school. For more information about medical exemptions, please review the CAIR-ME site: <https://cair.cdph.ca.gov/exemptions/home>

What's required: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/Immunization/IMM-231.pdf>

If you receive an email or letter about missing immunizations, review these materials carefully especially *IF your child has immunizations in PROGRESS. Review page two of the IMM-231 for spacing. If your child is OVERDUE, your child will be excluded.*

WHAT ELSE? The first months of school tend to be WARM. Make sure your child is ready for school and has a water bottle to stay hydrated, is well-rested and is wearing sunscreen and has appropriate clothing for an active, warm **school day...**

Our health office loves donations to keep things healthier and happier – consider donating cleansing wipes, zip style plastic baggies and we can also use sport shorts or stretchy pants and sweats or hoodies and sweaters (gently used items for elementary grades, especially in small to medium). Thank you for your support!

Best regards from your Buckeye Union School District School Nurses: Tristan Kleinknight & Sandy Chavez
tkleinknight@buckeyeusd.org & schavez@buckeyeusd.org

SCHOOL NURSE RESOURCES:

More information on medications in schools: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/documents/medadvisory.pdf>

More information on First Aid standards: https://emsa.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/71/2017/07/EMSC_Interactive_Final.pdf

More information on school health services can be found here: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/>

Here's the health team:

Tristan Kleinknight, MSN RN PHN: School Nurse for:

Blue Oak Elementary: Health Clerk I, Carmela Bucci

530-676-0164 x1830, Fax: 530-676-0758

Buckeye Elementary: Health Clerk II Rachel Kelly, LVN

530-677-2277 x1230, Fax: 530-672-1483

Camerado Springs: Health Clerk Tammy Collins

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

Valley View Montessori: Health Clerk Sarah Lester, LVN

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

Sandy Chavez, MSN RN PHN: School Nurse for:

Oak Meadow Elementary: Health Clerk I, Luz Shaw

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

Rolling Hills: Health Clerk I, Bertha Chau

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

Silva Valley Elementary: Health Clerk I, Tara Nakano

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

William Brooks Elementary: Health Clerk I, Raffaella Avina

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

ALL medications (including Over-The-Counter medicine OR prescriptions) require a new permission form **EVERY year**. New dosage requires an updated form. A parent can terminate medications at any time. **A physician's order is accepted if details are complete and parent signs this form.** For more information: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/documents/medadvisory.pdf>

Student: _____ Birthdate: _____ Grade: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN: Please review and sign AND provide a physician statement for medications at school (below or attach):

- **Medications** must be brought in original container AND **student family** is responsible for replacing expired or empty meds
- **This form authorizes school nurse or health clerk to communicate with ordering physician regarding medications**
- **Please note: A credentialed school nurse IS NOT on campus daily. Designated school personnel will administer medication per written authorization.** Your signature will allow school personnel, pursuant to CA Education Code, Section 49423, to assist your child with medication administration at school per physician statement (below or attached).
- **I release BUSD and personnel from civil liability if the student suffers adverse reactions by medications.**
- **I understand that MEDICATIONS THAT ARE NOT CLAIMED ON LAST DAY OF SCHOOL WILL BE DISCARDED**

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

School Nurse Signature (order reviewed): _____ Date: _____

PHYSICIAN'S STATEMENT: This student should be given these medication(s) **Please complete additional form for additional meds:**

MEDICATION(s); EXACT NAME & route of administration	DOSE	TIME (daily meds)	FREQUENCY (PRN Meds)	DURATION	DIAGNOSIS OR PLEASE include SYMPTOMS when to use medication
1		<input type="checkbox"/> ____ AM <input type="checkbox"/> ____ PM	<input type="checkbox"/> PRN <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	<input type="checkbox"/> school year <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	DX: SYMPTOMS:
2		<input type="checkbox"/> ____ AM <input type="checkbox"/> ____ PM	<input type="checkbox"/> PRN <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	<input type="checkbox"/> school year <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	DX: SYMPTOMS:
3		<input type="checkbox"/> ____ AM <input type="checkbox"/> ____ PM	<input type="checkbox"/> PRN <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	<input type="checkbox"/> school year <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	DX: SYMPTOMS:

Is student able to carry **permissible** medication (inhaler, epinephrine, insulin/glucagon): If YES, which one(s): Circle 1 2 3

Possible side effects or additional concerns: _____

PHYSICIAN'S SIGNATURE: _____ Date: _____

MD PRINT Name & Office:

♦ Blue Oak, 530-676-0164 x1830 Fax: 530-676-0758
H. Clerk Carmela Bucci cbucci@buckeyeusd.org, Nurse Tristan
♦ Buckeye, 530-677-2277 x1230 Fax: 530-672-1483
HCII Rachel Kelly LVN rkelly@buckeyeusd.org, Nurse Tristan
♦ Camerado, 530-677-1658 x1530, Fax: 530-677-9537
HCI Tammy Collins tcollins@buckeyeusd.org, Nurse Tristan
♦ Oak Meadow, 916-933-9746 x2130, Fax: 916-933-9784
Health Clerk Luz Shaw lshaw@buckeyeusd.org, Nurse Sandy

♦ Rolling Hills, 916-933-9290 x3030, Fax: 916-939-7454
Health Clerk Bertha Chau bchau@buckeyeusd.org, Nurse Sandy
♦ Silva Valley, 916-933-3767 x2730, Fax: 916-933-6389:
H. Clerk Tara Nakano tnakano@buckeyeusd.org, Nurse Sandy
♦ Valley View, 916-939-9640 x3330, Fax: 916-939-5015
HCII Sarah Lester LVN slester@buckeyeusd.org, Nurse Tristan
♦ William Brooks, 916-933-6618 x2430, Fax: 916-933-3910
H. Clerk Raffaella Avina ravina@buckeyeusd.org, Nurse Sandy

BUSD MEDICATION FORM IS Based on California Education Code Section 49423: Administration of Prescribed Medication for Pupil: *Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 49422, any pupil who is required to take ANY medication while at school may be assisted by school personnel however, they must provide a written physician's statement detailing use of the medication (including OTC), and include the method, amount, timing, of the medication to be taken. Parental or guardian permission on our district form is also required. The written statement MUST be renewed annually OR if there are any changes to the given medication as initially prescribed.*

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PTO MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

FIRST PLACE EARNS A VIP LUNCH
FOR THEIR FOCUS CLASS!

**The focus class with the highest
percentage of
PTO Memberships
by the end of September
will earn a VIP lunch!**

2nd place earns a root beer float party!

3rd place earns a popsicle party!



PTO MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

1st place earns a pizza
party for their
class!

**The class with the highest percentage of
PTO Memberships
by the end of September
will earn a pizza party!**

**2nd place earns a popsicle party!
3rd place earns a popcorn party!**



SAVE THE DATE

 **VVCM PTO PRESENTS** 

HARVEST FEST 2023

OCTOBER 20TH

5 - 8 PM

VALLEY VIEW CHARTER MONTESSORI

HARVEST FEST SPONSORSHIP

→ SIGN UP BY OCTOBER 9TH! ←

\$300 LEVEL - HAPPY FALL Y'ALL

- Business logo on INDIVIDUAL banner displayed in front of the school the week of 10/16-10/20.
- Business logo on individual yard sign (18x24, color, double sided) placed in front on Harvest Fest activity.
- "Thank you" recognition on school marquee for one week.
- Business logo with link to business website on VVCM PTO Facebook page.
- Business logo printed on Harvest Fest wristband order form and will be sent to ALL VVCM students.
- Unlimited wristbands and a free popcorn at the event.

\$150 LEVEL - PUMPKIN SPICE

- Business logo on multi-logo Harvest Fest banner displayed in front of the school the week of 10/16-10/20.
- Business logo on individual yard sign (18x24, color, double sided) placed in front on Harvest Fest activity.
- "Thank you" recognition on school marquee for one week.
- Business logo with link to business website on VVCM PTO Facebook page.

\$75 LEVEL - HOCUS POCUS

- Business logo on individual yard sign (18x24, color, double sided) placed in front on Harvest Fest activity.
- "Thank you" recognition on school marquee for one week.



↖ **SCAN TO SIGN UP & DONATE
TODAY!**

SPONSORED BY VVCM PTO

FREE

Cub Scouts Pack 550 Presents

Kids Bike Rodeo

A free community event **promoting bike safety** for kindergarten to 3rd grade.

Saturday, September 2, 2023

10 am-11 am: Kindergarten-1st Grade

11 am-12 pm: 2nd – 3rd Grade

Blue Oak Elementary

2391 Merrychase Dr

Cameron Park, CA 95682



Bring your Bike, helmet and Parent/guardian



Safety Stations
Learn ABC Bike Check
Helmet Fitting
Bike hand signals
Obstacle Course

Bikes/helmets available-Tier 1 families

Free raffles
And much more!



More Info!

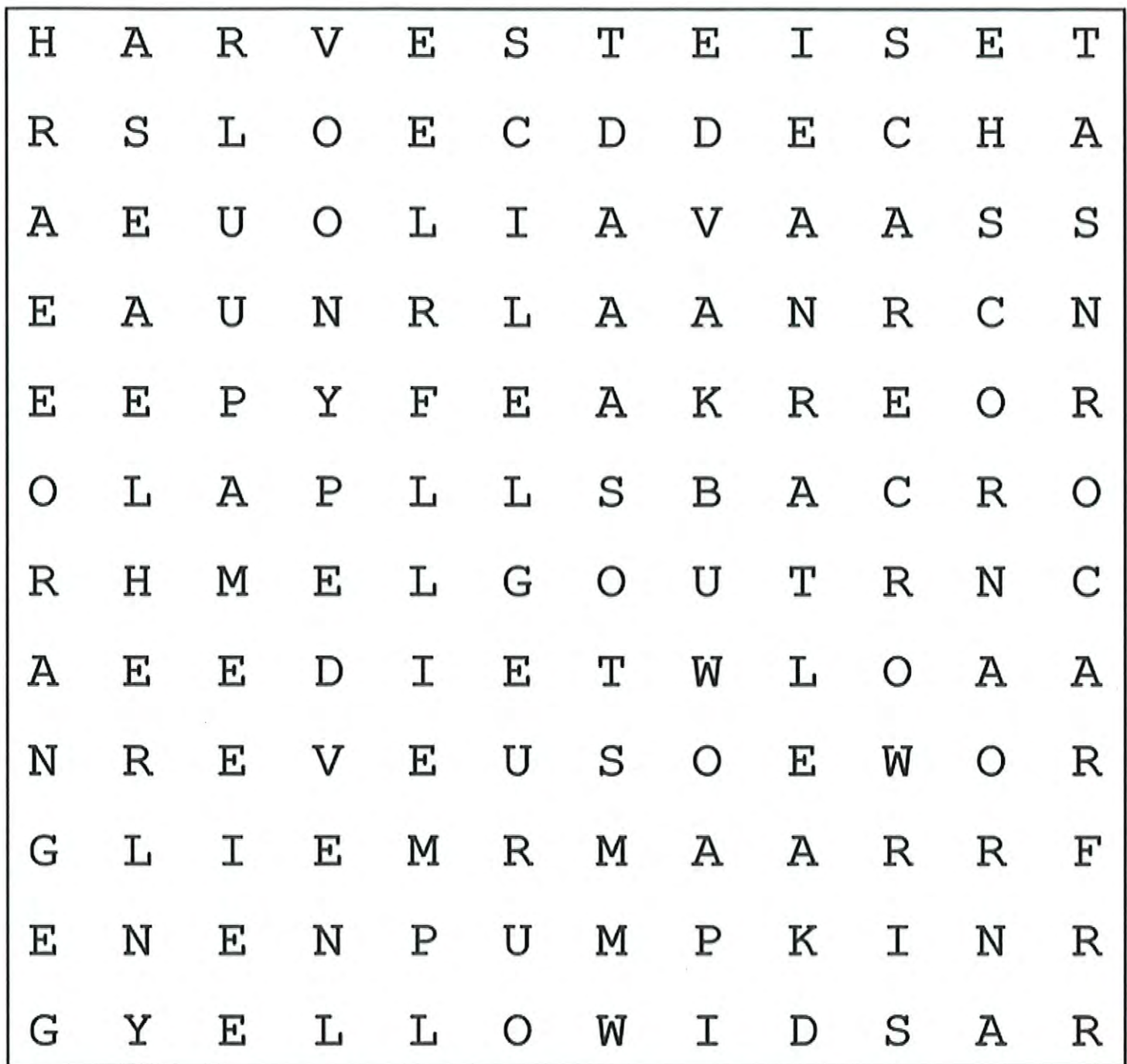


Cameron Park

Would you like to sponsor? Have questions? Please contact us at cubscoutpack550@gmail.com
This is not a program of the Buckeye Union School District.

FUN FALL WORD SEARCH

Find each of the fall words hidden below.



WORDS TO FIND:

pumpkin
yellow
scarecrow
autumn
leaves
sunflower
acorns
corn

harvest
apples
hayride
red
Thanksgiving
football
orange





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September 2023

Dear Valley View Charter Montessori Parents,

The Buckeye Union School District will be conducting assessments of students, in October, to determine GATE (Gifted and Talented Education) eligibility. Although the program opportunities for GATE students are limited as the State provides little funding for GATE, the Buckeye Union School District is continuing its process of identification and, for those that qualify, some opportunities for enrichment/support in and out of the classroom continue to be provided.

In order for a student to qualify for GATE they must take the OLSAT (Otis Lennon School Ability Test) which measures the cognitive skills that relate to a student's ability to learn and succeed in school and examines both verbal and nonverbal abilities. A student needs to score in the 95th percentile on the OLSAT in order to qualify for GATE. This means that only approximately 5 of every 100 students taking the OLSAT will be GATE identified. The OLSAT exam will be offered at Valley View Charter Montessori during the school day on **Tuesday, October 24th** and will take approximately 1 hour.

In the past, students have been qualified to take the OLSAT exam by either a high score in the advanced range of a state standardized test or through a teacher recommendation process. Currently, the OLSAT assessment is open for students to take based on parent recommendation and student interest. When determining whether or not your child should take this rigorous test please consider the following guidelines:

- Does your child appear to have exceptionally strong intellectual skills for a student their age?
- Have teachers previously reported to you that your child demonstrates exceptionally well developed intellectual skills?

If the answer to one or both of these questions is yes, then they may be a good candidate for participating.

If your student participates and performs in the top 5% on the OLSAT, they will be identified as GATE eligible and will receive further communication from your school site regarding enrichments and supports that are offered.

If you would like to have your child (**3rd-8th grade**) take the OLSAT test, please complete the attached permission form and return it to your school office by **September 29th**. If there are any questions about whether to permit your child to participate in the OLSAT exam, please contact your student's teacher or site principal.

Sincerely,
Melinda Spooner
GATE Coordinator



I give permission to have my child evaluated for potential placement in the GATE program. I understand that I will be informed of the assessment results when they are available.

Full Name of Student	Date of Birth	Home Phone
Street Address	City, State, Zip	
School	Teacher Name	CURRENT GRADE
Date	Signature of Parent of Guardian	