

# Rattler Review

October 2024



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10/2/24 Walk to School Day
- 10/2/24 7:00 pm BUSD Board Meeting
- 10/4/24 MS Color Clash
- 10/4/24 8:15 am Respect Assembly
- 10/7/24 8:00 AM Coffee & Conversation w/Superintendent
- 10/14/24 No School
- 10/15-10/18 Scholastic Book Fair
- 10/16/24 Gate testing
- 10/16/24 7:00 pm BUSD Board Meeting
- 10/18/24 MS Color Clash
- 10/18/24 5:00-8:00 PTO Harvest Festival
- 10/31/24 8:15 Halloween
- 10/31/24 End of First Trimester
- 11/1/24 No School, Staff Development Day



## HALLOWEEN PARADE

Join us for our 8th annual Halloween Parade! The parade will begin at 8:15. Middle schoolers will have the opportunity to participate in the Halloween parade, as well as wrap up the end of the trimester with a Halloween themed rally at the end of the day. Students are allowed to wear costumes, however they may not bring weapons, their costumes MUST follow all dress code guidelines, and they may NOT wear masks to school that cover any portion of their face (this includes face paint).

## BOOK FAIR

The book fair will be October 15th-18th in the library. Elementary students will have a chance to preview the fair to create a wish list. The book fair will be open for families after school until 3:00 and during the Harvest Festival on 10/18 from 5:00-8:00.

**CHECK IT OUT!**  
Village Life wrote an article about our Patriot Day Assembly! Click [here](#) to read the article.

# Principal's Corner

Hello Rattlers and Happy October!!

It's been wonderful to feel the crisp cool air and to watch our VVCM leaves transition into the vibrant colors of fall. We begin the month with Walk to School Day on October 2nd. On that note, I'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our amazing crossing guards who keep us safe and brighten our mornings with their friendly greetings. A special thanks also to our CHP leaders, who will join us on Walk to School Day to help ensure VVCM remains safe.

On October 4th, we will have our 1st-5th grade assembly focusing on the "R" in RISE. The assembly will be held at 8:15 a.m. in the MP Room, and you're welcome to attend. Please be sure to sign in at the office.

Speaking of RISE, it is part of our PBIS program, which stands for Positive Behavior Intervention and Support. PBIS aims to foster a positive social culture in our school, encouraging positive behaviors and interactions while discouraging problem behaviors. Please ask your student(s) what RISE stands for! On October 10th and 11th, I will be attending the State PBIS Conference with our VVCM PBIS team to continue strengthening our school culture.

In addition to RISE, we're excited to continue using the Zones of Regulation at our school this year. This program helps students with emotional regulation, executive functioning, and empowers them to understand their feelings, providing valuable tools for self-management.

On October 8th, A Touch of Understanding will visit our school to promote empathy and respect for all individuals. A big thank you to our PTO for funding this special on-site field trip.

In October we will have Safety Day, during which we will practice three important drills: The Great Shake Out, a fire drill, and a lockdown drill.

We'll wrap up the month with our annual Halloween Parade! Just a reminder: gory costumes, scary masks, and anything resembling a weapon are not allowed. Please refer to the flyer on the following pages for more details.

Gooo Rattlers!

Mr. Stewart



# Coffee & Conversation

You're invited! On Monday, October 7th, at 8:00 am Dr. Roth, our Superintendent, will be on campus to visit with parents and enjoy a cup of coffee. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and have an open conversation. Hope to see you there!



## SPORTS AT VALLEY VIEW

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

- 10/1 @ Sierra Ridge: 4:00/5:00
- 10/2 vs John Adams: 3:30/4:30
- 10/8 @ Golden Sierra: 3:30/4:30
- 10/12 Championship Tournament

### CROSS COUNTRY

- 10/2 @ Union Mine: 4:00
- 10/9 @ Valley View
- 10/15 Cross Country Finals

### FLAG FOOTBALL

- 10/1 @ Sierra Ridge: 4:00/5:00
- 10/3 @ John Adams: 3:30/4:30



## Independent Study Contract

Planning a trip during the school year? Be sure to fill out an Independent Study Contract if you will be missing three or more school days. Contracts are available in the front office and must be filled out at least one week prior to leaving on the trip. For more information, contact the front office.

## Middle School Volunteering

If your child is looking for volunteer hours, either for IB or CJSF, the Harvest Festival and Book Fair are both great opportunities to earn those hours! Volunteer hours for the Book Fair are reserved for members of the Battle of the Books team, but will be opened to others if more volunteers are needed. Have your child see Ms. Samantha in the library if they are interested.





# From the desk of Mrs. Alessandro

As we transition into October, we want to take a moment to reflect on last month and share some highlights and important updates that will help us continue to foster a vibrant learning community.

## A Month of Growth and Discovery

September has been filled with enriching experiences for our students as they dive deeper into their studies and embrace new challenges. We are proud of their enthusiasm and dedication as they adapt to the school year and develop their skills in the classroom.


## Academic Highlights

- **Project-Based Learning:** Our students have engaged in exciting project-based learning activities across various subjects. From collaborative science experiments to creative presentations in the arts, students have had the opportunity to apply their knowledge in practical ways. These projects have not only enhanced their understanding but also encouraged teamwork and critical thinking.
- **Interdisciplinary Connections:** Teachers have been working collaboratively to create interdisciplinary lessons that connect subjects. For instance, our departments teamed up to explore different lessons related to Calaveras Big Trees in order to help prepare eighth grade students for their field trip. This approach helps students see the relevance of their learning and makes it more meaningful.

## Eighth Grade Highlights

Speaking of the Calaveras Big Trees National Park field trip, we are thrilled to share that our eighth graders had a wonderful time and were praised by both chaperones as well as the Park for their respectful behavior and clear engagement while experiencing all that the Park had to offer. This trip offered students a chance to explore the natural beauty and ecological significance of our local environment. It was a wonderful opportunity for hands-on learning outside the classroom, and we hope it inspired a deeper appreciation for nature and conservation. We are currently working on the details for our seventh graders to attend this field trip in the Spring!

In addition to their field trip, our eighth graders have been actively participating in a fundraiser for Vertical Raise. We are proud to announce that they met their goal and raised over \$10,000! These funds will directly support their overnight Outdoor Education field trip to Aptos, CA, scheduled for January. Thank you to all the families who contributed and supported this initiative—your generosity makes a significant impact on our students' educational experiences. Our next fundraiser is set to begin soon! Be on the lookout for information regarding how your child can participate in Fat Cat Bakery sales and share a love of cookie dough and baking with friends and family.



# From the Desk of Mrs. Alessandro continued

## Important Reminders

- **Homework and Study Habits:** As we settle into the school year, it's essential to reinforce good study habits at home. Encourage your child to set aside specific times for homework and review. Our teachers are available for extra help if needed, so please encourage your child to reach out if they are struggling.
- **Safety Protocols:** Your child's safety is our top priority. We ask that you continue to remind them about following our rules regarding bicycles and scooters. Bicycles and scooters are not allowed on campus. If your student rides their bike or scooter to school, please remind them to walk anything with wheels while on campus to the bike rack and always wear a helmet when riding to and from school. Together, we can ensure a safe environment for everyone.

## Parent Involvement Opportunities

We appreciate the involvement of our parents in school activities. If you're interested in volunteering for upcoming events, such as the Fall Festival on October 18th or in our Book Fair during the week of October 15th, or serving on one of our school committees, please contact our front office. Your support makes a significant difference in our school community! Also, thank you to all of you who attended conferences last week. The partnership we have with you is one of the best ways to support our students with their academic and behavioral growth.

## Stay Informed

Make sure to stay connected with us through our school website and social media channels for the latest news and announcements. We encourage you to check your email regularly for updates on events, schedules, and important information.

As we reflect on September, we are grateful for the partnership and support of our families. Together, we are creating a positive learning environment where every student can thrive. Thank you for being an essential part of our school community!

Wishing you a wonderful October!

Warm regards,

Mrs. Alessandro



# OCTOBER



## PTO Events



### Harvest Festival Volunteers Needed!

**9**

Wednesday

#### CHICK-FIL-A DINE OUT

4:00-8:00pm, Folsom - Mobile Order Only

**14-18**

Tuesday - Friday

#### HARVEST FEST BASKETS ON DISPLAY IN THE LIBRARY DURING THE BOOK FAIR

**18**

Thursday

#### HARVEST FESTIVAL

5:00pm-8:00pm

**31**

Friday

#### BASKET RAFFLE @ COSTUME PARADE

Harvest Festival Wristbands and Raffle Tickets

On Sale until October 11th



VVCMPTO@GMAIL.COM

VVCM PTO PRESENTS

# HARVEST FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 18TH | 5-8 PM

BOUNCE HOUSES - FOOD TRUCKS - GAMES -  
HARVEST BASKETS

PRE-ORDER WRIST  
BANDS

**\$10 NOW**

\$15 AT THE DOOR

RAFFLE BASKET  
TICKETS  
\$1 EACH



**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!!**  
VOLUNTEERS GET A FREE  
MEAL



VOLUNTEER SIGNUP

VVCM BLACKTOP



## Community Care Event

Valley View Montessori  
October 9th 2pm to 8pm

Mobile Only

Use the App and your organization will  
receive a 20% donation!

### Here's what you need to do:

- Download the Chick-fil-A App
- Select "pick up at the restaurant"
- Select the Folsom, CA location and "start your order"
- Place a drive-thru, dine in, or carry-out order
- Enter organization code **"SPIRIT"**
- Enjoy your meal while supporting your organization!



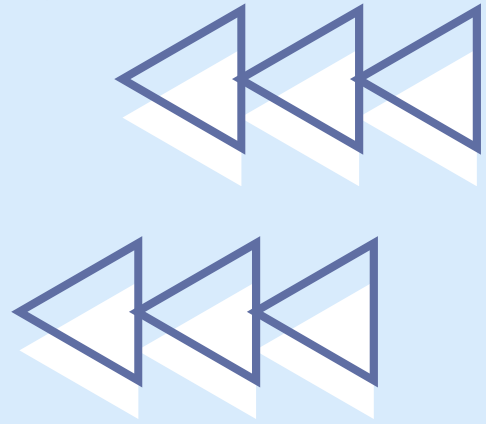
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Valley View's

**YEAR  
BOOK  
24/25**



**PRICE-  
\$25.00  
PLUS TAX**

**IF YOU ORDER  
BY 12/31/24**

**HOW TO PURCHASE:**

**BUYTHEYEARBOOK.COM**

**ENTER SCHOOL ID:**

**307294-2501**



If you have any questions, please call the office.

# BOOK FAIR

EXPLORE THE WORLD OF WORDS

OCTOBER 15-18 | VALLEY VIEW CHARTER MONTESSORI

SET YOUR CHILD UP TO PURCHASE ITEMS WITH EWALLET!

FAMILY SHOPPING AVAILABILITY

- AFTER SCHOOL UNTIL 3PM
- DURING THE HARVEST FESTIVAL FRIDAY 5PM - 8PM



SCAN OR  
CLICK HERE



INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?



SCAN OR CLICK HERE





# VVCM

## Halloween Parade

31 October, 2024

8:15am

Please head to the blacktop  
between 8:00-8:15 and stand  
behind the caution taped off area.





## October Check-in: Nurse Notes!!

As our health team has returned to school sites and learned two new computer systems, we continue to catch up auditing of immunization records and going through our new system health alerts 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 or cough drops), CA Education Code requires we obtain a medication form (see more below). We hope your child has had an excellent return to school!!

**Health plans:** If your child has a health plan, it was 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://docs.google.com/document/d/1tGwETMJoaUeAcCXvuZVIZkEzlvMpBsH3sGUT1q0\\_hyY/edit#heading=h.gjdgxs](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tGwETMJoaUeAcCXvuZVIZkEzlvMpBsH3sGUT1q0_hyY/edit#heading=h.gjdgxs)

**Immunizations:** In general, kindergarten students, new students or those advancing into 7<sup>th</sup> 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. 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.*

For more information about medical exemptions, please review the CAIR-ME site: <https://cair-me.cdph.ca.gov/>

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

**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...

Illness Guidance can be found here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Pp7x3zFxBcXBifd9gzwgOgYwS2sq4NBt/view>

*In general – anyone with a fever or vomiting should stay home 24 hours fever/vomiting free without use of medications.*

**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](mailto:tkleinknight@buckeyeusd.org) & [schavez@buckeyeusd.org](mailto: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](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 II, Joy Clark MA

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

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

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

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

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

**Valley View Montessori:** Health Clerk I, Carmela Bucci

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

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

**Oak Meadow & BUMI:** 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