

Rattler Review

November 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11/1/24 No School, Staff Development Day
- 11/7/24 2:00-9:00 Mendocino Farms Dine Out
- 11/8/24 Report Cards sent home
- 11/8/24 Lost & Found cleared out
- 11/11/24 Veteran's Day, no school
- 11/12/24 APEX starts!
- 11/14/24 4:00-5:00 Veteran's Dessert Social
- 11/15/24 MS Color Cash
- 11/19/24 5:00-8:00 Los Pinos Dine Out
- 11/21/24 APEX Fun Run
- 11/25/24-11/29/24 Thanksgiving Break, no school



Oh look!
It's my
jacket!

LOST & FOUND

As we head into the cooler seasons, our lost and found tends to overflow with jackets and sweatshirts. Please be sure to write your student's first and last name inside of their belongings. In the event their things end up in the lost and found, the office will be able to return it to them prior to donating the items. The lost and found will be cleared out on **November 8th**. Please make an effort to check for missing items before then.



Principal's Corner

As our first trimester ends and November begins, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude. I'm especially thankful for our amazing PTO and dedicated parent volunteers who continually enhance our school community. Their efforts, particularly in implementing Meet the Masters program, STEAM Lab, and Garden of Learning, have added immense value to the culture we already enjoy. Thank you all for your commitment and contributions!

I'd also like to extend my appreciation to our hardworking Custodial Crew. Their dedication to maintaining a clean, safe, and well-kept campus does not go unnoticed. A big thank you to the coaches of our after-school sports programs for teaching teamwork and sportsmanship and to our athletic director, Mr. Saura, for his outstanding leadership and positive spirit.

Thanks to the care and attentiveness of our yard supervisors, our lunch and recess are safe and enjoyable, and the Rattler Café staff continues to shine with their service and dedication. Lastly, my deepest thanks go to our secretaries and health clerk—the true heartbeat of our school. They greet our community daily with a smile and keep everything running smoothly. I'm grateful for the entire VVCM staff, whose unwavering commitment to fostering strong relationships with students, upholding academic excellence, and addressing our students' diverse needs is remarkable. As always, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher, Mrs. Alessandro, or me.

RISE-UP Challenge

During Thanksgiving break, I encourage you to reflect on the people, pets, or ideas that bring joy and gratitude into your life. I challenge our students to express their appreciation directly to those who have made a positive impact. They can even share their thoughts with me, Mrs. Alessandro, or their teachers via email during the break if they'd like.

Wishing everyone a joyful November, and goooooo Rattlers!

HOMework HELP

Homework help is available for middle school students on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 2:15-3:00 in B4.



SPORTS AT VALLEY VIEW

Boys Basketball

- 11/5 @ CHSA
- 11/7 vs John Adams
- 11/12 vs Pleasant Grove
- 11/14 @ Markham
- 11/19 vs Golden Sierra
- 11/21 vs Herbert Green

Girls Soccer

- 11/5 @ Pleasant Valley
- 11/7 vs CMP
- 11/12 vs Pleasant Grove
- 11/14 vs Markham
- 11/19 vs Millers Hill
- 11/21 @ Herbert Green



WHATS COOKING?

The Raspberry Granola Bar is our own recipe developed in the Central Kitchen. It features real raspberry crumbles for the topping which helps minimize sugar while maximizing flavor. This unique recipe will be featured at the California School Nutrition Association conference this year!

This month we continue to support local California farmers by featuring pink lady apples from Fresno BIPOC. Founded by Hmong farmer, Keng Vang, Fresno BIPOC is a food hub that distributes produce grown by over 90 small and mid-scale family BIPOC (Black Indigenous and People of Color) farmers in and around Fresno County.

PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Calling all middle school families! We are looking for volunteers to help with our promotion committee this year. Join us as we plan our promotion, dance and end of year festivities. Email Mrs. Alessandro at aalessandro@buckeyeusd.org if you'd like to be involved.





From the desk of Mrs. Alessandro

As the crisp autumn air settles in, we are excited to update you on the latest happenings here at Valley View! November is a month of growth, gratitude, and community building, and we sure have a lot of that to share. We're proud of the steps our students are taking towards becoming informed, empathetic, and safe members of their school and online communities.

Counselor Classroom Visits

This past month, our school counselor has been actively visiting middle school classrooms, leading discussions on topics crucial for today's middle schoolers. From cyber safety to understanding microaggressions and navigating peer relationships, students are gaining valuable insights and tools for both their school and online lives. For parents interested in learning more about these lessons, we'll be hosting a **Counseling Parent Information Night on Monday, November 20th, from 5:30 to 7:00 PM** here at Valley View. This will be a great opportunity to discuss these topics and ask questions.

We're also excited to share all the latest news and upcoming events happening in the middle school at Valley View. Thank you for your continued support and involvement as we work together to provide a safe, inclusive, and thriving environment for our students.

End of the First Trimester


November 1st marks the close of the first trimester, and students who maintained all 100 merits will be rewarded with a special treat during school on **Monday, November 4th**. Teachers will also take time to review classroom expectations to help set the tone for the new trimester. We encourage students to use this as a fresh start and an opportunity to stay on track with our school expectations!

Site Safety Review

Next month, we'll be reviewing all **site safety rules** with students to ensure there are no misunderstandings about our school-wide expectations. This review will happen each trimester to keep safety top of mind and provide clarity for everyone on campus.

Thank You for Fundraiser Support

A big thank-you to all our families for your participation in our recent fundraisers—Vertical Raise and Fat Cat Bakery dough sales. These efforts make a huge difference in helping our school community. This month, we're excited to kick off our **APEX Fundraiser**, which will also go towards supporting middle school outdoor education. We appreciate any support you can give to make this a success!





From the desk of Mrs. Alessandro continued

Veterans Dessert Social

We're thrilled to announce that Valley View middle school will be hosting a Veteran Dessert Social on Tuesday, November 14th from 4:00 to 5:00 PM in the MP Room. This is a special opportunity for our students and families to connect with local veterans and show appreciation for their service. We are requesting family donations of baked goods, drinks, and serving items to support this event. Thank you to the families who have already volunteered! Your generosity is what makes these events possible. We hope to see many of you there as we come together to honor the veterans in our community.

Reminder: No Energy Drinks or Soda on Campus

Please remember that students are not allowed to bring energy drinks or soda to school. We encourage healthier drink choices that support focus and well-being throughout the school day. Thank you for helping us maintain a positive and health-conscious environment for all students!

Fall Break

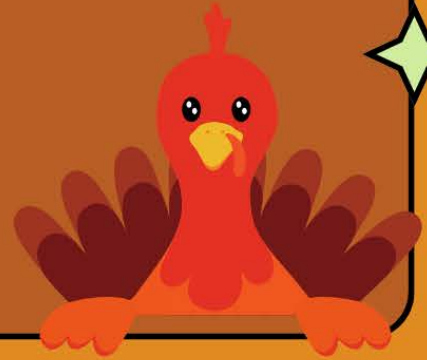
As November winds down, we enter a season of gratitude and family. Valley View will be closed for Fall Break from November 25th through November 29th to allow families meaningful time to spend together. We hope your time off is restful, filled with joy, and a reminder of all there is to be thankful for.

Thank you for being an essential part of our Valley View community! Your support in helping our students succeed—academically, socially, and personally—means the world to us. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or thoughts, and we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Warm regards,

Amanda Alessandro

PTO Events



NOVEMBER



2024

**MON
04**

PTO GENERAL MEETING

⌵ 2:30pm, VVCM Library

**THUR
07**

MENDOCINO FARMS DINE OUT

⌵ 2pm - close - Folsom

**TU
19**

LOS PINOS DINE OUT - 8TH GRADE OUTDOOR ED

⌵ 5pm-8pm - Cameron Park

**NOV
12-
21**

APEX FUNDRAISER

⌵ Fun Run on 11/21 - More Details to Follow



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IB Service as Action Update

I am thrilled to announce Valley View's Service as Action requirements for 2024-2025. As an IB World School we place strong emphasis on helping create internationally minded young people who strive to be caring members of their local community. As such, ALL Middle Years Program (MYP) students are expected to participate in Service as Action.

In Grade 6 (MYP 1), students will learn about Service as Action and work on a service learning project AS A CLASS. No outside of school time will be required in order to complete the requirements.

In Grade 7 (MYP 2), students will need **three (3) VOLUNTEER hours** throughout the course of the year - in a community/activity/event of their choosing. This volunteer opportunity will take place outside of school hours (with the support of families). When students have completed their hours, they will be asked to complete the documentation by filling out this [Google Form](#) (also on the VVCM Middle School website under the IB Tab). By participating as a volunteer, we hope your student is inspired to create a Community Project during their 8th Grade year.

In Grade 8 (MYP 3), students will need **five (5) VOLUNTEER hours** throughout the course of the year - in a community/activity/event of their choosing. This volunteer opportunity will take place outside of school hours (with the support of families). When students have completed their hours, they will be asked to complete the documentation by filling out this [Google Form](#) (also on the VVCM Middle School website under the IB Tab).

Some great questions were asked about how we (teachers) will know students really did the work. As an IB School we place strong value on Academic Integrity. We recognize students will be self-reporting their work and we expect students to be Principled and report accurate representations of their work. Falsified documents will be considered Academic Dishonesty and will be noted as such.

Should you have questions, please feel free to reach out. I look forward to working with your students as they learn more about Service as Action and possibilities in our community.

Regards,
Amy Gargani
IB Coordinator

2025-2026 Student Calendar

AUG				
M	T	W	T	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

4-5 Teachers Only (Non-Student Day)
6 ***FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**
29 Staff Development Day—All Staff (Non-Student Day)

DEC				
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
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12/22 Winter Break (Non-Student Days)

APR				
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1-6 Spring Break (Non-Student Days)

SEPT				
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22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

1 Labor Day Holiday
22-26 Minimum Days—Parent Conferences ALL SCHOOLS

JAN				
M	T	W	T	F
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12	13	14	15	16
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26	27	28	29	30

1-2 Winter Break Cont. (Non-Student Days)
19 M. Luther King Jr. Day
23 Minimum Day—Only RH and CSMS

MAY				
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25 Memorial Day Holiday

OCT				
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13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

13 Staff Development Day—Teachers Only (Non-Student Day)
31 End of 1st Trimester

FEB				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27

13 End of 2nd Trimester
13 Non-Teacher Work Day (Non-Student Day)
16-20 Mid-Winter Break
16 Presidents' Day and Washington's Birthday
20 Lincoln's Birthday (Observed)

JUNE				
M	T	W	T	F
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15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

1 CSMS Minimum Day (Noon Dismissal)
1 RHMS Late Start (10:00 a.m. Student Start)
2 ****LAST DAY OF SCHOOL—MINIMUM DAY—ALL SCHOOLS**
19 Juneteenth (ESY Staff Will Observe on Alternate Day 7/2/26)

NOV				
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17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

10 Non-Teacher Work Day (Non-Student Day)
11 Veterans Day
24-28 Thanksgiving Break (Non-Student Days)

MAR				
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9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

5-6 Minimum Days—Only Elementary Parent Conferences
16 Staff Development Day—All Staff (Non-Student Day)
30-31 Spring Break (Non-Student Days)

- First Day/Last Day of Classes
- Staff Development Day (Non-Student Day)
- Minimum Days
- Holidays or Breaks
- Early Release Days
- Per Site: Emergency School Closure Days, If Needed

please **JOIN US** IN CELEBRATING OUR LOCAL **VETERANS**



VALLEY VIEW CHARTER MONTESSORI
MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

are hosting a

DESSERT SOCIAL

NOVEMBER 14TH

4:00-5:00 PM

RSVP
HERE



All veterans and their families welcome!

VVCM MP ROOM

1665 BLACKSTONE PKWY, EDH 95762

When is sick too sick for school?

A regular attendance routine is important for your child's well-being and learning. These tips can help you decide when to keep your child home when they don't feel well.



Send me to school if

- I have a runny nose or just a little cough, but no other symptoms.
- I haven't had a fever overnight and haven't taken fever reducing medicine during that time.
- I have a mild stomach ache.
- I haven't thrown up overnight and can drink liquids without throwing up.
- I have a mild rash and no other symptoms.
- I have eye drainage without fever, eye pain or eyelid redness.



Keep me at home if

- I have a temperature higher than 100.4
- I have thrown up two or more times in the past 24 hours.
- My stool is watery and I may not make it to the bathroom in time.



Seek medical care if

- I have a temperature higher than 100.4 and any of the following: ear pain, sore throat, rash, stomachache, headache or tooth pain.
- I have stomach pain and fever, I have bloody or black stool, or I am dehydrated (tired and sleepy, dry mouth) and/or I have not urinated in the last 8 hours.
- I have a persistent cough or trouble breathing, or have a fever with the cough.
- I have eye swelling, eye pain or an eye injury.
- I have a rash that has blisters, is draining, is painful, looks like bruises, and/or I have a fever with the rash.

If you don't know whether to send your child to school, have specific concerns regarding your child's physical or mental health, or are worried your child will spread illness, contact your child's health care provider, a local urgent care or the school nurse.

Please note: These tips are not meant to take the place of local health department/school district health guidance including about contagious illnesses such as Covid-19 and the flu.

Find tips about how to keep your child healthy and in school on the Attendance Works website:

<https://www.attendanceworks.org/resources/health-handouts-for-families/>


Mendocino Farms

Sponsored by
VVCMT PTO

EAT HAPPY. GIVE BACK.



Fundraiser for
Valley View Charter Montessori PTO

November 7, 2024 | 2PM - close

165 Placerville Rd, Folsom, CA 95630 Order online for pickup or

delivery using the
promo code or show this flyer in restaurant,
and we'll donate **30%** back to your cause.

promo code:

GIVEBACK

Discounts, coupons or offers are not valid during the fundraiser. For orders to count towards fundraiser, supporters must show flyer at register or enter code at checkout for online orders at order.mendocinofarms.com. Gift cards, catering, and 3rd party delivery orders are not eligible. Tax, tip, and delivery fee will not be included in donation. \$250 minimum event net sales required to receive any donation. All orders must be placed for pickup between 2PM - close on event date.



LOS PINOS



Mexican Restaurant & Bar

FUNDRAISER!



Tuesday
11/19/24
5-8pm!

Sponsored by VVCM PTO

Present flyer or show digitally

Come support Valley View School at Los Pinos,
Cameron Park. A portion of all sales will be
donated to help support the school.

Dine-in or Pick up

(530) 672-1403
3420 Palmer Dr, Cameron Park



RISE AND SHINE **have** **Breakfast with BUCKEYE USD!**



Join us in your school cafeteria! See below for times.

Blue Oak Elementary: 7:30 - 7:55 am OR After the Bell breakfast at Recess

Buckeye Elementary: 8:35 - 8:55 am OR After the Bell breakfast at Recess

Oak Meadow Elementary: After the Bell breakfast at recess

Wm Brooks Elementary: 8:30 - 8:55 am

Silva Valley Elementary: After the Bell breakfast at Recess

Valley View Charter Montessori: After the Bell breakfast at recess, Middle School breakfast at break

Camerado Middle: 7:25-7:50 am

Rolling Hills Middle: 7:25-7:50 am

FREE!
For Students





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Beginning Suzuki Cello

2024-2025 Season

Registration Is Now Open

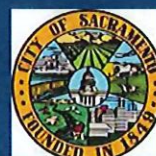
- Fun curriculum with Ear training, note reading, theory, scales, etudes, symphonic repertoire
- Opportunity to perform with the Sac. Philharmonic & Opera's Music Move 2025 Educational Outreach
- Opportunity to perform with SPAC's Youth Orchestras
- In-house subsidized instrumental lending program
- Location: Rancho Cordova
- Program length: Nov. 2024 - May 2025

Email: clara.spac@live.com

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Beginning Suzuki Harp

2024-2025 Season

Registration Is Now Open

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- Opportunity to perform with the Sac. Philharmonic & Opera's Music Move 2025 Educational Outreach
- Opportunity to perform with SPAC's Youth Orchestras
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Beginning Suzuki Violin

2024-2025 Season

Registration Is Now Open

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- Opportunity to perform with the Sac. Philharmonic & Opera's Music Move 2025 Educational Outreach
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Beginning Suzuki Piano

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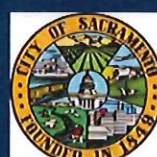
- Fun curriculum with Ear training, note reading , theory, scales, etudes, symphonic repertoire
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Beginning Suzuki Percussion

2024-2025 Season

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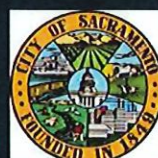
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EL DORADO HILLS
FIRE DEPARTMENT



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

SANTA RUN

HOLIDAY HEROES Food and Toy Drive

DECEMBER 7 & 10-13, 2024

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

Keeping the Magic Alive for Over 60 Years!

**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 4,700 toys and \$632 in cash
donations benefitting Shriner's Hospitals for Children of Northern California.
We also collected 2,200 pounds of food for the Food Bank of El Dorado County.

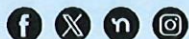
Together we can Exceed that This Year!

DONATE TODAY!



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of our website for more information

EDHFire.com



Shriners Hospitals
for Children®—Northern California

SANTA RUN

HOLIDAY HEROES

Food and Toy Drive



EL DORADO HILLS
FIRE DEPARTMENT



As Santa, Mrs. Claus, the Grinch, our elves, and the El Dorado Hills Fire Department team visit local neighborhoods and establishments, we'll be spreading holiday cheer by passing out candy canes to children and inviting everyone to join in our cherished Holiday Hero Food and Toy Drive tradition benefiting Shriners Hospitals for Children and the El Dorado County Food Bank.

Our donation trailer will be available at each Santa stop listed below to collect new, unwrapped toys and non-perishable food items. Donations can also be dropped off at any of the five El Dorado Hills Fire Department stations through Friday, December 13th. Monetary donations can also be made securely online through the donation page. For more information, to view wish lists, or to make a monetary donation, please visit the Santa Run page in the News & Events section of our website at edhfire.com.

Your generosity brings hope to families in need and helps brighten the holiday season. For any questions, please contact us at santarun@edhfire.com. Thank you for your support!

SANTA STOPS

SANTA RUN KICK-OFF AND TOWN CENTER TREE LIGHTING (SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024)

STOP #	EST. ARRIVAL	NAME	LOCATION
1	6:30 pm	TOWN CENTER	THEATER PLAZA 2085 VINE STREET

NIGHT 1 (TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024)

STOP #	EST. ARRIVAL	NAME	LOCATION
1	5:30 pm	OAK KNOLL PARK	3371 ALYSSUM CIRCLE
2	6:10 pm	LAUREL OAKS PARK	WHISTLERS BEND AND SAMUEL WAY
3	7:00 pm	SUNSET ESTATES	1130 WHITE ROCK ROAD
4	7:40 pm	HILLS CHURCH	800 WHITE ROCK ROAD

NIGHT 2 (WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2024)

STOP #	EST. ARRIVAL	NAME	LOCATION
1	5:30 pm	WILLIAM BROOKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	3610 PARK DRIVE
2	6:10 pm	PARKVIEW HEIGHTS PARK	2925 RIDGEVIEW DRIVE
3	6:50 pm	EDH COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT (CSD)	1021 HARVARD WAY
4	7:40 pm	SERRANO VISITORS CENTER	4525 SERRANO PARKWAY

NIGHT 3 (THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024)

STOP #	EST. ARRIVAL	NAME	LOCATION
1	5:25 pm	LAKE FOREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	2240 SALISBURY DRIVE
2	6:20 pm	LAKEVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	3371 BRITTANY WAY
3	7:00 pm	JACKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	2561 FRANCISCO DRIVE
4	7:45 pm	FAIRCHILD NEIGHBORHOOD	FALKIRK/KESWICK

NIGHT 4 (FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2024)

STOP #	EST. ARRIVAL	NAME	LOCATION
1	5:15 pm	FOUR SEASON'S VISITOR'S CENTER	3186 FOUR SEASONS DRIVE
2	5:50 pm	HERITAGE	7000 PISMO DRIVE
3	6:45 pm	VALLEY VIEW CHARTER MONTESSORI	1665 BLACKSTONE PARKWAY
4	7:45 pm	DISTRICT CHURCH	7000 ROSSMORE LANE

Throw away holiday light strands with frayed or pinched wires.