

# Rattler Review

January 2025

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1/6/25 Welcome back, Rattlers!
- 1/10/25 MS Color Clash
- 1/14/25 Promotion Committee Meeting
- 1/15/25 7:00 pm BUSD Board Meeting
- 1/20/25 No school, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 1/24/25 MS Color Clash
- 1/27/25 1:30 PTO meeting in the Library

## HEALTH OFFICE CLOTHES

The health office is in need of clothing donations. If you have any spare 5T or Small (6/7) pants, leggings or shirts, please consider donating them to the health clerk office. Both boys and girls clothes are needed. Thank you!

## YEARBOOK

Valley View's Yearbook vendor for this year is Yearbook Life. You can order a yearbook by clicking [here](#). Our SCHOOL ID is 307294-2501. Yearbooks are selling for only \$30. Don't miss your chance to own this special keepsake! If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email Valerie Bustos, [vbustos@buckeyeusd.org](mailto:vbustos@buckeyeusd.org).

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations Kristina Hilliker and Elvie Absin on being voted 2024-25 staff members of the year! We appreciate your dedication to our VVCM students. Thank you for all you do!



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# Principal's Corner

Dear Valley View Charter Montessori Families,

Happy New Year, Rattlers! We hope this message finds you well and ready for an exciting year ahead.

This year, we focus on learning how to RISE UP as Rattlers. We invite you to click on the [link](#) to explore the principles of **R.I.S.E** with your child. We encourage everyone to think about **Rising Up**, whether at school or elsewhere, and whether in the presence of others or not. Our upcoming Fifth Grade assembly, led by students and teachers, will emphasize the importance of **Integrity**, the "I" in RISE. It is on January 17th at 8:15 if you would like to attend.

In addition to Integrity, we consistently emphasize the "S" in RISE, highlighting **Safety**. At VVCM, our staff regularly reinforces the importance of keeping hands to ourselves and using kind words. **Empathy** lessons are also integrated to help students understand different perspectives. One of our biggest examples was when A Touch of Understanding came to our school.

**Safety** remains our top priority, and we kindly ask for your cooperation in driving cautiously and adhering to the guidelines outlined in our Traffic Brochure. Please remember to **empathize** with fellow drivers and students in the parking lot. We work closely with the Sheriff's Department, DOT, and CHP to ensure a safe environment for all.

We have an upcoming three-day weekend on January 20th as we celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.'s impactful legacy. Our commitment to the RISE values resonates with his profound teachings, exemplifying the principles of standing up for justice, equality, and nonviolence.

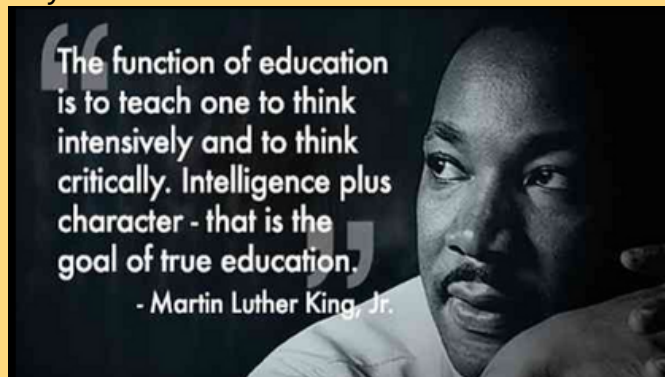
It is key for our students to grasp the essence of Dr. King's vision—a society where individuals are judged on their character rather than skin color. We consistently emphasize the significance of treating everyone with fairness, kindness, and respect, encouraging all to uphold the values of RISE, regardless of their location.

If you ever have thoughts, concerns, or questions, please email me, visit me in the office, or schedule a meeting. Your input is invaluable as we always seek to cultivate an inclusive and positive learning community.

Wishing you a fantastic January, and  
ooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo, Rattlers!!!!

Warm regards,

Paul Stewart



# Oral Interpretation

Oral Interpretation Festival try-outs open to 4th to 8th graders! The 44th annual Festival of Oral Interpretation is hosted by Pioneer Union School. This is an opportunity to build public speaking skills and celebrate a long-standing El Dorado County tradition. However, space is limited. Students can use any written or original piece for their audition. It does not have to be memorized, but they should be familiar with it. Mr. Davis, 6th-7th grade ELA, will host the auditions in early February.



## WHAT'S COOKING?

The students definitely love our Crispy Chicken Sandwiches. They are served on a whole grain bun and offered with lettuce and tomato on the side. They're delicious!

This month we continue to support local California farmers by featuring Kale from Rancho La Familia. Rancho La Familia is a 50 acre family run farm with delicious produce and a passion for delivering the best quality fruits and vegetables to their customers.



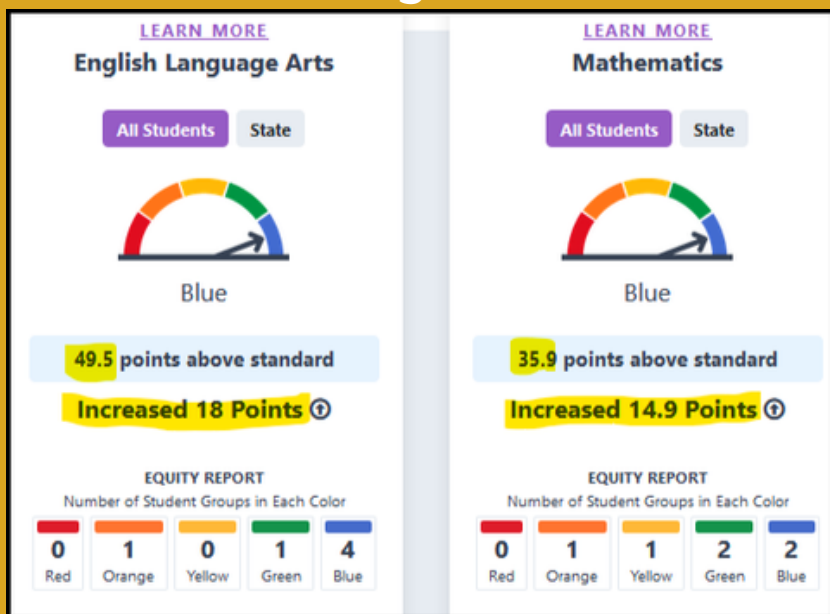
## PROMOTION COMMITTEE

Interested in helping to plan this year's 8th grade promotion? We are looking for volunteers to help plan all end of year activities for our 8th graders. This includes events such as the 8th grade promotion dance and the promotion. The promotion committee will be meeting on the below dates in the conference room at 11:00 am.

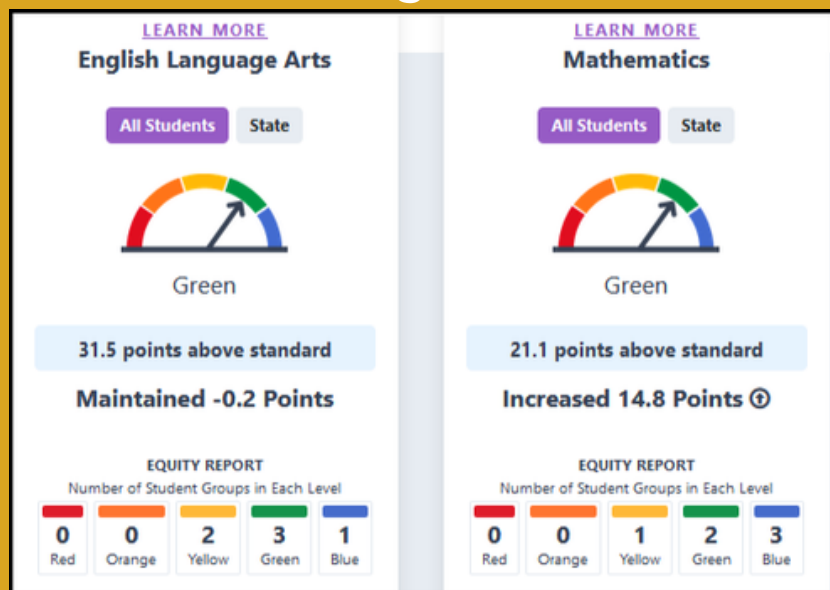
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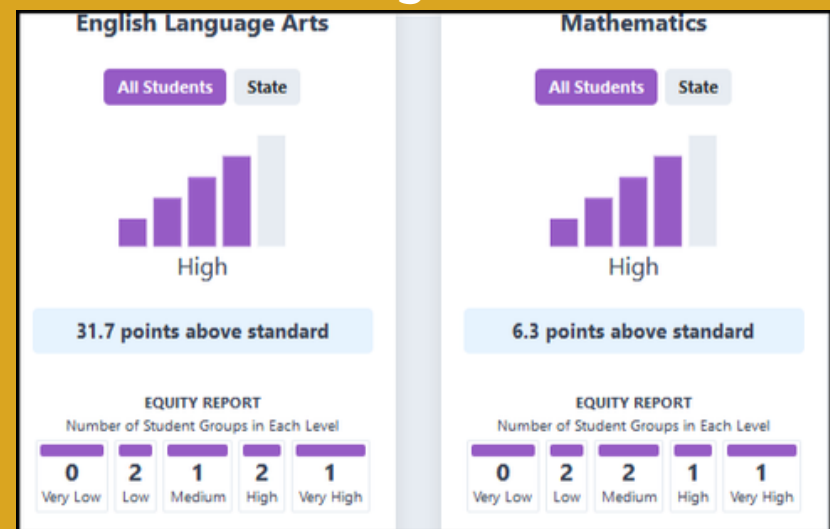
## 2024 State Testing Results



## 2023 State Testing Results



## 2022 State Testing Results



# VVCM and the California Dashboard



The California School Dashboard is an online tool that helps parents and communities understand how well schools and districts are meeting the needs of students

**VVCM's Dashboard**

### What am I looking at?

To the left is Valley View's state testing results in English Language Arts and Math from the past three years. Below are our science scores for our 5th and 8th grade students. State testing is done annually in May by our 3rd-8th grade students. At VVCM, we have multiple measures of assessment for TK-8th grade that happen daily, weekly, monthly, at each trimester, and yearly. We view assessment data as a window into our Rattler's learning and how our instruction, teaching style, and curriculum can best support our students. This information will be gone over at the PTO meeting on January 27th. With such good growth, it is important to thank our VVCM Staff, our students, and all of you for your support and dedication to your children and VVCM.

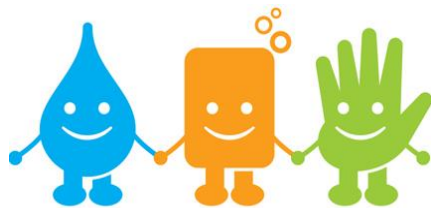
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| Year      | Rate At or Above Standard |
|-----------|---------------------------|
| 2022-2023 | 57.5%                     |
| 2023-2024 | 66.5%                     |



## Nurse's Notes: It's Winter – *Let's talk about handwashing?*

Winter typically marks the beginning of Influenza season. We usually see cases rise by January. ***Set aside time to chat with your child about handwashing!! The most obvious means of 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

### **Do you know... about Type 1 Diabetes (T1D)?**

During the winter months, BUSD typically has had one or more students diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes. The T1D symptoms can often be mistaken for common illnesses such as flu or a cold. Misdiagnosis can have tragic consequences, so learning the warning signs can save a life. Early diagnosis is critical to treatment. ***PLEASE, get to know the warning signs for T1D in children and young adults... Knowing these signs (which may occur suddenly) can save a life:***

|                                  |                             |                         |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Extreme thirst                   | Frequent urination          | Increased appetite      |
| Sudden weight loss               | Sudden vision changes       | Drowsiness, lethargy    |
| Heavy, labored breathing         | Fruity or sweet breath odor | Nighttime bedwetting    |
| Altered or loss of consciousness | EXTREME FATIGUE             | Hunger with weight loss |

If your child or someone else you know begins to experience these symptoms, contact your pediatrician immediately. ***Please share what you've learned with others you know.*** For more information about T1D, basics, myths, and support

**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/leggings (gently used items for the elementary grades are perfect, NO JEANS). **Thank you so much for your support!***



**REMINDER:** ALL medications require a permission form every year, whether *prescription inhalers or over the counter creams, even cough drops – consider sending lifesavers, peppermints or lemon drops instead of these!!!* BUSD medication permission form link is on the district website and listed below – please print, sign and attach to a physician's order or have your pediatrician complete:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kFCKzfSisDwrkRv5mXuAx4LS0dDDXAY/view>



***HAPPY NEW YEAR!! Looking forward to a healthy 2025!!***

----- order your

# YEAR BOOK

**\$30**

don't miss your chance to  
own this special keepsake!

Go to [buytheyearbook.com](http://buytheyearbook.com)  
School ID: 307294-2501

# Interested in joining the National Charity League (NCL) El Dorado Hills Chapter?



## Join us for a Mandatory Prospective Member Information Meeting (Mothers only)

*Attendance is required at one of the following meetings in order to submit an application:*

★ **In-Person: Wednesday, February 5, 6:30-8:00 pm**

★ **By Zoom: Monday, February 10, 7:00-8:00 pm**

**Please RSVP via email to:**

**Ashley Austerman:** [membershipeldoradohills@nclonline.org](mailto:membershipeldoradohills@nclonline.org)

(Please include mother & daughter's name, current grade level, school, phone number & email)

We are currently **accepting applications for girls graduating High School in 2031** (current 6<sup>th</sup> graders) and we have a very limited number of openings for our 2029 and 2030 classes. All prospective applicants must attend a meeting in order to receive an application for membership. Incoming 9th grade (current 8th graders) is the last year we accept applications.

## Our Mission

To foster mother-daughter relationships in a philanthropic organization committed to community service, leadership development and cultural experiences. Through the mother-daughter relationship, it is our vision to develop strong women leaders serving and impacting communities today and for generations to come.

## Our Core Values

Honoring the mother-daughter bond by learning and growing together  
Empowering women with the skills and confidence to lead  
Nurturing through mentorship  
Inspiring a legacy of social awareness and compassion  
Providing depth of support in local communities  
Integrity and excellence in all actions

<https://eldoradohills.nationalcharityleague.org>

**NOTE: We are a non-profit organization and not affiliated with the school districts.**