



**SILVA VALLEY  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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# JANUARY NEWSLETTER

## Dates of Interest

- 12/23—1/3—NO SCHOOL—  
Winter Break**
- 1/6—Classes Resume**
- 1/7—PTA Meeting @ 3pm**
- 1/10—PTA Sponsored Family  
Glow Dance @ 6:00pm**
- 1/17—100th Day of School**
- 1/14—1/17— Book Fair**
- 1/20—NO SCHOOL—Martin  
Luther King Jr. Day**
- 1/23—Mad Science Assembly**

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# SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Hello Silva Valley Families!

It's that time of the year when the secretaries get to take over the newsletter message so Mr. Beadle can have a well-earned break!

Many of you have probably noticed a fresh face in the office this school year. Caitlin Brooks was hired this summer as the new part-time secretary. Our previous powerhouse secretary, Cheryl Zaksorn, officially retired from the Buckeye district after over 20 years of service! We all love and miss Cheryl, but Caitlin is doing a phenomenal job in her new role and we are all so happy to have her as part of the Silva Valley team! Caitlin is your go-to person for all things attendance, whether that be calling your student out, obtaining an independent study contract, or clearing up any absences that are outstanding.


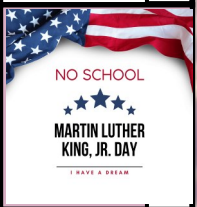
Speaking of independent study contracts, we would like to give a shout out to the families who have been so diligent about getting a contract for when your student(s) will miss 3 or more days of school. We have been so impressed and Silva Valley's attendance is among the top 2 schools in the district! (We're in a back-and-forth competition with the Mandarin Immersion school for 1st place - we can do this!) Thank you for ensuring you get work for your student and helping them stay caught up on their lessons during their absences. A couple of reminders: please be sure you submit the paperwork **to the office** at least one week prior to your first planned absence. Also, **ALL** of the work provided by your student's teacher must be completed to receive credit and have the absences excused. Incomplete assignments may result in some or all absences being unexcused and the risk of your student being truant and/or chronically absent. We don't want that!

Registration opens on Monday, February 3rd! All enrollment applications will be submitted online via Alma. The age parameters for TK in the 2025-26 school year are that the student must turn 5 between September 2, 2025 and September 1, 2026. More information will be available as the registration opening date approaches but, in the meantime, please contact Gwendolyn Rogers if you have any questions about the enrollment process.

That's all from us for now. We hope you have a safe and happy holiday break! We'll see you on January 6th!

-Gwendolyn and Caitlin  
School Secretaries

# January

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break		Winter Break	Winter Break	Winter Break
5	6	PTA Meeting 3pm 7	8	2 9	3 10 <i>let's party!</i> <b>FAMILY GLOW DANCE</b> 6:00pm	4 11
12	13	<b>BOOK FAIR</b>			100th Day of School	18
19	 NO SCHOOL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY I HAVE A DREAM	21	22	Mad Science Assembly 23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

# January Counselor's Corner

Happy Winter!!!

I'm hoping you all had a wonderful holiday season, filled with lots of laughter and quality family time.

## Counseling small groups-

I'm in the process of wrapping up my first round of counseling groups and will be starting my second round in the very near future. If you're interested in your child participating in one, just fill out the parent [referral form](#) (you can pick one up at the office) or reach out to me directly at [spencer-long@buckeyeusd.org](mailto:spencer-long@buckeyeusd.org).

## Classroom Lessons-

With December being a short month and action-packed, I held off on classroom lessons but will be back at it in January. Now that students have been introduced to the new [Superflex and the Unthinkabots Social Thinking Curriculum](#), we'll be breaking down each character and discovering tools to defeat them.

## Team Eagle

Team Eagle peer mediators continue to work diligently helping students with recess conflicts, being friend-finders, and helping yard duty staff make sure students are following our school rules of being respectful, responsible and safe. Go Eagles!

## Winter Wish 2024-

A heartfelt thank you to all who helped some of our Silva Families have a warm and wish-filled winter. The outpouring of generosity is always amazing and so appreciated.



## Buckeye Union Food Service

### 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.



**HAPPY NEW YEAR  
SILVA VALLEY FAMILIES!**

We hope you and your family enjoyed the Holiday Season! 2024 was such a great year for the Silva Valley PTA. In November, we celebrated the official unveiling of the **Silva Valley outdoor learning space**. This newly-constructed outdoor classroom, which features tables with umbrellas and a beautiful October Glory Maple, was proudly donated by the 2023-2024 Silva Valley PTA, and is a peaceful space for all Silva Valley students, teachers, and staff to enjoy. Our ribbon-cutting event was featured in both **Village Life** and **Mountain Democrat!**

**Upcoming Silva Valley PTA Sponsored Events**

- January 7, 2025: General PTA Meeting via Zoom
  - January 10, 2025: Family Glow Dance ([Buy Tickets](#))
  - January 14-17, 2025: Silva Valley Book Fair
  - January 21, 2025: Gala tickets go on sale!
- (More details to follow.)

Please contact any of us with questions or comments at [silvavalleyptaedh@gmail.com](mailto:silvavalleyptaedh@gmail.com).

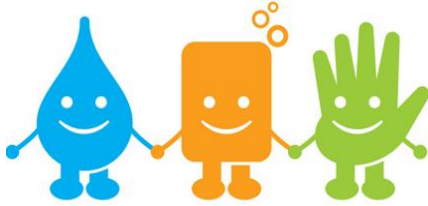
Sincerely,

Teresa Abney – President | Heidi Hogan – Vice President  
Megan Bledsoe – Secretary | Cherice Struve – Treasurer  
Janelle Armer – Historian/Events Coordinator  
Katherine Copeland – Parliamentarian

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## 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!!**



FACE IN A BOOK & SVPTA PRESENTS



# BOOK FAIR

JANUARY 14-17

**PREVIEW DAYS**

**JANUARY**

**14TH & 15TH**

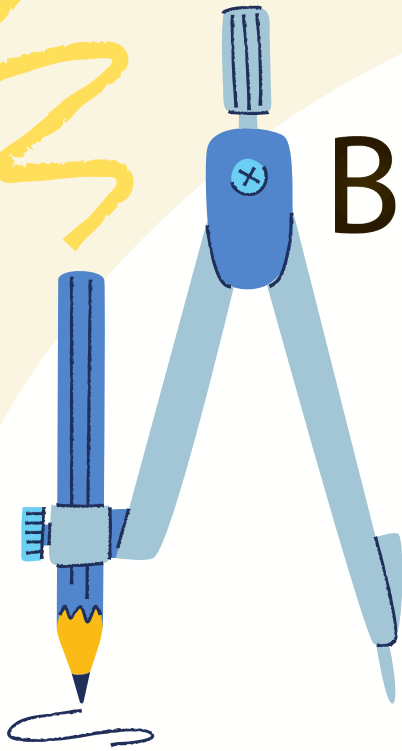


**SHOPPING DAYS**

**JANUARY**

**16TH & 17TH**





**BUCKEYE UNION**  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**TIME TO ENROLL**

**BEGINNING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025  
2025/2026 REGISTRATION BEGINS VIA  
ONLINE ENROLLMENT**



### **TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN**

Children who will be **four** years of age on or before September 1, 2025

### **KINDERGARTEN**

Children who will be **five** years of age on or before September 1, 2025

### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

- BLUE OAK ELEMENTARY, Cameron Park
- BUCKEYE ELEMENTARY, Shingle Springs
- OAK MEADOW ELEMENTARY, El Dorado Hills
- SILVA VALLEY ELEMENTARY, El Dorado Hills
- WILLIAM BROOKS ELEMENTARY, El Dorado Hills
- BUCKEYE UNION MANDARIN IMMERSION CHARTER SCHOOL, El Dorado Hills
- VALLEY VIEW CHARTER MONTESSORI, El Dorado Hills

### **MIDDLE SCHOOLS**

- CAMERADO SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL INT'L BACCALAUREATE WORLD SCHOOL, Cameron Park
- ROLLING HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL, El Dorado Hills
- VALLEY VIEW - MIDDLE SCHOOL INT'L BACCALAUREATE WORLD SCHOOL, El Dorado Hills

*CURRENT BUSD STUDENTS DO NOT NEED TO REENROLL*

