

RATTLER REVIEW

WELCOME BACK!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 8/11: Kinder Meet & Greet
- 8/12: First day of School!
- 8/12 @ 5:00 pm Elementary Back to School Night
- 8/13 @ 8:15 am Elementary Welcome Back Assembly
- 8/18 @ 5:30 pm Middle School Back to School Night
- 8/19 @ 7:00 pm BUSD Board Meeting
- 8/21: Spirit Day: Rockstar Day!
- 8/28: No School, Staff Development Day
- 8/31: Maria Montessori's Birthday
- 9/3: Picture Day #1
- 9/4: Picture Day #2

Back to School Night

Welcome back, Rattlers! Mark your calendars for our upcoming back to school nights. Elementary Back to School Night will take place on Wednesday, August 12th. Below is the schedule for the evening.

- 5:00-5:45: TK-2nd grade
- 5:50-6:10: General Session in the MP
- 6:15-7:00: 3rd-5th grade

Back to School Night for middle school will take place on August 18th, from 5:30-7:00.

REMINDER!

The first day of school is an early release day. 1st-8th grade will get out at 1:15 pm.

Teacher Assignments

Teacher assignments will be available to view in Alma on Monday, August 10th, at 4:00 pm. Be sure to login to find out what teacher your student has this year. Please note, changes can and do occur up until that time. Classes will not be finalized until then. Please be sure to login to Alma for the most accurate and up to date teacher assignment.



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



Hello, Rattler Families!!!!

We are thrilled to welcome all of you back for another amazing school year at Valley View Charter Montessori!

This year's theme is "RISE Like a Rockstar!" Throughout the year, we'll encourage our students to live out our four RISE Core Values—Respect, Integrity, Safety, and Effort—while challenging themselves to grow academically, socially, and emotionally. Our goal is for every Rattler to shine by making positive choices, working hard, showing kindness, and being the very best version of themselves. We can't wait to see our students "RISE Like a Rockstar" this year!

A huge thank-you goes out to our dedicated custodians, who have worked incredibly hard this summer to clean every classroom and prepare our campus for day one. I also want to extend a big thank-you to our secretaries for all of their behind-the-scenes work in getting us ready for the 2026–27 school year. Their effort, organization, and care are truly appreciated.

At VVCM, we highlight the different RISE Core Values throughout the school year. You can [click here](#) to read all about our RISE Core Values. Speaking of RISE, if your Rattler can tell one of our secretaries what RISE stands for during the first week of school, they'll earn their very first RISE Ticket of the year!

We'll kick off the year by reviewing what RISE means at VVCM at our Welcome Back Assembly. Our elementary Welcome Back Assembly will take place on Thursday, August 13, at 8:15 a.m. This assembly will introduce our first core value while celebrating the beginning of another great school year. We are also grateful for the respect our staff and parent community have shown by volunteering their time over the summer to help prepare our campus for our students.

As we begin the year, I encourage you to connect with your child's teacher whenever you have questions or concerns. They are your best first point of contact and know your child well. Mrs. Alessandro, our Assistant Principal, and I are also here to support you. We're always happy to meet in person, talk by phone, or correspond by email. To schedule a time with either of us, simply contact our wonderful front office team.

We are so excited to see you and your children. Please take a moment to read our Vision Statement. It reflects what we believe as a staff and the commitment we make every day to provide the very best learning environment for our students.

Gooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo Rattlers!!!!

~Mr. Stewart

SCHOOL VISION

Valley View Charter Montessori is a community of learners where children can reach their full potential and contribute positively to a global society.

GET INVOLVED!

Parent involvement is a major part of VVCM's success and culture. Please refer to the districts website, for the updated 26/27 volunteer process. There are many ways to get involved, including:

- Volunteering in your child's classroom.
- Helping with our PTO
- Serving as a Garden of Learning, Meet the Masters, or STEAM Lab room parent
- Participating on the District Budget Committee
- Serving on our Safety Committee/Site Council
- Participating in Valley View Charter Montessori's LCAP Committee

If you're interested in volunteering or would like more information, please reach out to your child's teacher, Mrs. Alessandro, or Mr. Stewart. We'd love to have you involved!



3 Steps to Become an Approved Volunteer

Thank you for supporting our students!



DOJ/FBI Clearance

[ONE-TIME]

- Pick up a Live Scan form and details from your school office.
- Visit a local fingerprinting agency (Approx. \$70-\$90).
- Return the completed form to the school office.

Action Box



Scan for Live Scan Form Info



Volunteer Statement

[ONCE PER SCHOOL]

- Read the digital agreement.
- Digitally Agree to keep all student academic and disciplinary information strictly confidential.

Action Box



Scan for Digital Agreement



Mandated Reporter

[ANNUALLY]

- Watch a free, 30-minute online course provided by SIA.
- Complete the required quiz at the end.
- No need to print! The District automatically verifies your completion.

Action Box



Scan for Video Guide



Scan for Course Portal

Middle School NEWSLETTER

August 2026



A Note from Mrs. A

Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year! I hope you had a wonderful summer and were able to spend time making memories with family and friends.

We have been busy at Valley View preparing for another great year, and we are excited to welcome our students back to campus! For those who were able to join us for Rattler Ready Day, it was wonderful seeing so many familiar faces and getting the opportunity to meet families who are new to our middle school.

The beginning of a new school year always brings a mix of excitement, new routines, new friendships, and new opportunities. Our staff is looking forward to supporting our students as they settle in, reconnect with their peers, meet their teachers, and begin a successful year together.

Daily Schedule

We will continue with our seven-period schedule this year. Students will attend all of their classes each day, with the exception of PE and Spanish, which alternate days. Check the marquee each day for an A/B Day reminder. Classes are approximately 50 minutes long.

Students will also have a 20-minute Focus period each day. Focus is intended to give students dedicated time during the school day to work on what they need to be successful. Students may use this time for iReady, completing assignments, reading, getting organized, or receiving additional academic support.

Breakfast & Break

There is an important change to our breakfast routine this year. Breakfast will no longer be served during Break. Instead, breakfast will be available to middle school students before school from 7:45–7:55 a.m.

Students who would like breakfast should plan to arrive with enough time to eat before the school day begins.

Break will continue to provide students with an opportunity to use the restroom, have a snack they brought from home, and take a short break before returning to class.

Please speak with your child about their plans for a nutritious breakfast to start each of their school days.



Middle School Band

Does your student play an instrument or want to learn?

Band meets every school day from 7:30–8:20 a.m. Because band continues through the regular Focus period, band students will have a modified Focus schedule.

Middle School NEWSLETTER

August 2026



Back to School Night

Please join us for Back to School Night on Tuesday, August 18, from 5:30–7:00 p.m.

This evening is designed for parents and guardians to learn more about our middle school program and hear directly from their child's teachers about individual classes, expectations, and what students will be learning this year.

Please bring a copy of your child's class schedule with you so you know which classrooms to visit. We look forward to seeing you!

Dress Code Reminder

Our middle school dress code is intentionally straightforward and allows students plenty of freedom to express their individual style while still maintaining an appropriate school environment.

As a general reminder, clothing must adequately cover undergarments and private areas, including the buttocks. Clothing, accessories, or other items displaying or promoting drugs, alcohol, weapons, sexually explicit content, hate speech, or other content inappropriate for a school setting are not permitted.

Middle School Discipline

At the beginning of each trimester, every student starts with 100 merits. Throughout the trimester, we will have incentives and celebrations for students who maintain their 100 merits and consistently demonstrate positive choices.

When students violate school expectations or classroom guidelines, they may receive a referral and lose merits. If a student receives a referral for a major behavior, they will meet with administration and receive a copy of the referral to take home. The referral must be signed by a parent or guardian and returned the following school day.

Students may also receive detention for violations of school or classroom expectations. Detentions may be served during lunch in a teacher's classroom or after school from 2:15–3:00 p.m. Parents and guardians will be notified in advance if their child is assigned an after-school detention.

Students will receive more information about the Merit and Referral Policy during the first week of school so they understand our expectations and how the system works.

Middle School Pick Up

All middle school students are directed to exit the campus through the gates at the bus loop. As a reminder, our first day of school is an early release day. Students will be released at 1:15pm.



Middle School NEWSLETTER

August 2026



School Supplies

All materials required for students to participate in their classes will be provided by the school. Families are not required to purchase school supplies. For families who would like to purchase additional items to help their student stay organized and prepared, a list of suggested supplies is available on our school website. These items are completely optional. Chromebooks used by students during the school day will remain at school rather than being checked out and transported back and forth each day. This helps ensure that every student has access to a charged Chromebook when they arrive at school.

Students are responsible for bringing home and returning any workbooks, consumable materials, or other items assigned by their teachers. Because some of these materials can be fairly large, we encourage families to periodically help students clean out their backpacks and remove unnecessary items. Middle school backpacks can become surprisingly heavy very quickly!

Mrs. A Contact Info

aalessandro@buckeyeusd.org
(916) 939-9640 ext. 3315

Alma & Alma Start

Alma will continue to be our student information system this year. Students and parents can use Alma to access important information, including class schedules, attendance records, and grades.

If your student did not receive their schedule during Rattler Ready Day, their schedule will be available through Alma after 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 10.

Please also remember to complete all required beginning-of-year forms in Alma Start. If you have not yet completed these forms for your student, please log in to Alma Start and complete any outstanding forms as soon as possible. Keeping this information current helps ensure that we have the necessary information and permissions for your student throughout the school year.

We encourage families to check Alma regularly throughout the year. Staying informed about grades and attendance is one of the easiest ways to identify concerns early and help students stay on track.

THANK YOU

Thank you for trusting us with your children and for your continued partnership and support. We are excited about what this year will bring and cannot wait to welcome our Rattlers back to campus.

Here's to a wonderful 2026-2027 school year!



3 Steps to Volunteer in Buckeye

New Requirements as of July 1, 2026

1



DOJ/FBI Fingerprint Clearance

A one-time requirement involving a Live Scan form and a local fingerprinting agency. **Return completed form to school office**



One Time

2



Volunteer Statement

A digital agreement regarding student confidentiality that must be completed once per school.



Once per School

Current Volunteers
Start HERE

3

NEW

Mandated Reporter Training

Beginning July 1, 2026, SB 848 requires this 30-minute online course to be completed **annually by ALL volunteers**. No need to print certificate, just complete the course.

Annually



Video Guide



Course Portal

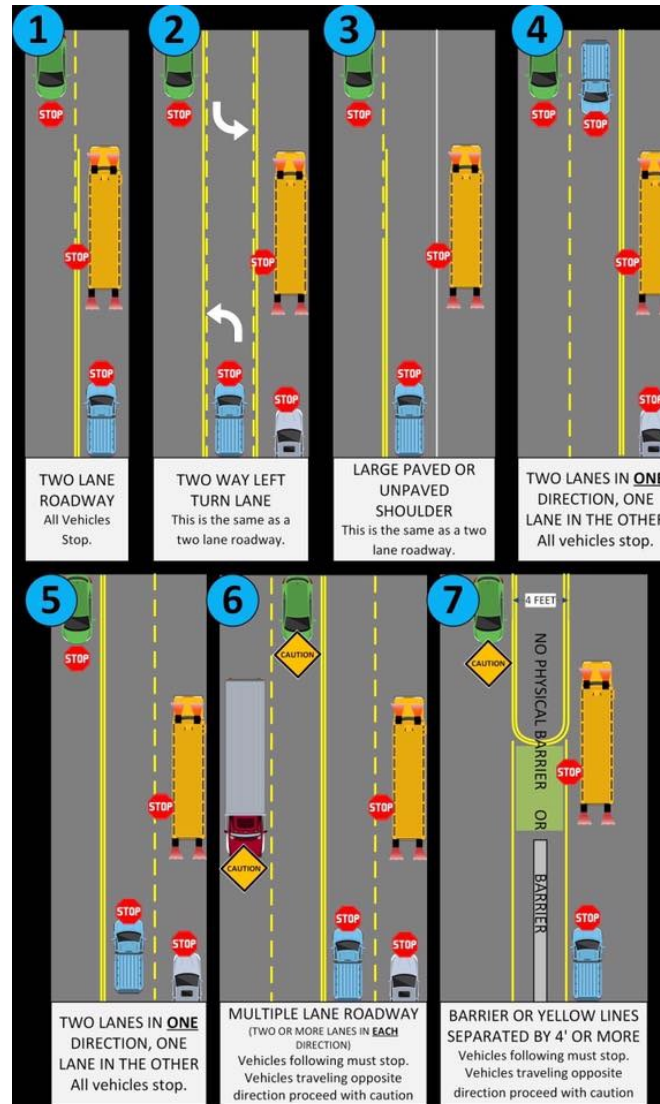
Once cleared, present your ID to the school office to receive your volunteer badge to wear every time you visit.



Please Remember

- The speed limit in front of school when children are present is 25 MPH and **5 MPH in the driveway.**
- Please review the Drop-Off and Pick-Up Procedures with your children.
- Set a good example for children by following the procedures.
- Remind others in a courteous manner if they are not aware of the procedures or if they forget them.
- Grace and Courtesy is one the strongest tenets of Montessori, let's practice it while dropping off and picking up our children.
- Your input is always appreciated.

When do I STOP for a school bus?



Valley View Charter Montessori

STUDENT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP PROCEDURES



Arrival Traffic at Valley View
Charter Montessori

Valley View Charter Montessori Drop-off / Pick-up Area



Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures

- The drop-off/pick-up lane is the **red curb area only** beginning at the office cross walk. This is marked as the “**Hug and Go**” lane. Students should enter and exit vehicles from the **passenger side**.
- Pedestrians should cross the driveway in the painted crosswalks only.
 - The thru-traffic lane, to the left of the drop-off/pick-up lane, is for exiting traffic only, **not for drop-off or pick-up**.
- Drivers must remain in their vehicles while waiting in the drop-off/pick-up lane.
- Parking is permitted in the parking lot or street only, not in the drop-off or pick-up lanes.
- Vehicles entering the drop-off/pick-up area should pull forward as far as possible and continue to do so as the traffic moves forward.
- If you are not able to immediately pick-up your child, please exit and make a second try.
- Enter the school from Royal Oaks or the main entrance.
- Only Kindergarten parents enter Kindergarten drop-off area.
- The Round About area is for buses only.
- Please no parking in the VIP parking spot unless you are the PTO dinner auction parking spot winner or in any designated staff

PTO MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



Help make this school year **AMAZING!**
Your membership fuels field trips, classroom support,
enrichment programs, teacher grants and so much more!



EVERY MEMBERSHIP HELPS POWER OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.
Join the PTO today!

AUGUST 17TH – 20TH

FUEL THE FUN ALL WEEK LONG!

17
MONDAY



AM COFFEE & MUFFINS

We will see you bright & early
with energy to get your week
started right!



18
TUESDAY

**POPCORN
GIVEAWAY!**

Grab an afterschool snack
in the pick up line



19
WEDNESDAY



**FINGERPRINTING
& ICE CREAM**

1:00pm – 3:00pm
in the lunch area



20
THURSDAY



**KONA ICE, MUSIC &
MEMBERSHIP**

Treats, tunes and the chance to win!



*Scan Here
to join!*





JOIN THE
VVCM PTO
TODAY!

TOGETHER, WE FUEL AN
AMAZING SCHOOL YEAR!



Join the PTO & Help Our Programs Grow!

The more families who get involved, the more we can fund amazing programs like the **Garden of Learning**, **STEAM Lab**, **field trips**, and **more**. Your membership makes a real difference for our students and teachers!



Join today and be part of what makes Valley View shine!



MEMBERSHIP LEVELS



\$15

**TEACHER/STAFF
MEMBER**

- ✓ VVCM Calendar Magnet
- ✓ Voting Rights
- ✓ 1 Virtual Raffle Ticket for Prize Basket



\$25

RATTLER FRIEND

- ✓ VVCM Calendar Magnet
- ✓ Voting Rights
- ✓ 1 Virtual Raffle Ticket for Prize Basket



\$150

**RATTLER
SUPPORTER**

- ✓ VVCM Calendar Magnet
- ✓ Voting Rights
- ✓ Entry to all PTO Family Events
- ✓ 2 Virtual Raffle Tickets for Prize Basket



\$250

PROUD RATTLER

- ✓ VVCM Calendar Magnet
- ✓ Voting Rights
- ✓ Entry to all PTO Family Events
- ✓ Generous Donation to VVCM PTO
- ✓ 3 Virtual Raffle Tickets for Prize Basket



Please email
vvcmpto@gmail.com
if you would like to pay
via cash or check.



Donations can be used
as a tax write-off by
using our 501(c)(3)
Federal Tax ID
#82-3009322

JOIN NOW!



VVCM Committee

Dear VVCM Parents / Guardians,

We are looking for 2 parent volunteers to serve on each of the following Buckeye Union School District Committees. If you are interested please contact Mr. Stewart at pstewart@buckeyeusd.org. Meetings are in person.

District Budget Advisory Committee

Annually, the District convenes a Budget Advisory Committee. The District committee is facilitated by the Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Services, and is made up of educational partners from across the District. The committee functions to develop an understanding of the District's financial position as well as to serve as an advisory resource to the Superintendent and/or Board of Trustees. Committee meetings are open to all interested parties. This committee will meet and discuss the District Budget, including the budget development process, State and Federal funding models, and the prioritization of District expenditures. To learn more about the Budget, please visit our [Budget](#) page and our [Budget Advisory Committee](#) page.

- 2026/2027 Meeting Dates: **2/3/27 and 5/26/27** (4 pm-5:30 pm)

VVCM LCAP Advisory Committee

This committee will meet and discuss the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP), including a review of progress, ongoing needs assessment, goal setting, and the funding of activities related to the school's goals, which are aligned with the State's 8 priorities for public education.

- 2026/2027 Meeting Dates: **11/2/26, 2/3/27 and 5/24/ 27** (2:30 to 3:15)

School Site Council (SSC) and Safety Committee

The School Site Council (SSC) is a group of parents, teachers, and classified employees that work with the principal to develop, renew, and evaluate school improvement efforts and develop site plans. The specific plans include but are not limited to, the School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) and the School Safety Plan. Each school site typically has (#) of meetings per school year.

- 2026/2027 Meeting Dates: **11/2/26, 2/3/27 and 5/24/ 27** (2:30 to 3:15)

District Wellness Committee

This District committee will meet and discuss issues related to student nutrition, exercise, and mental health. You may refer to [Board Policy 5030](#) for additional information.

- 2026/2027 Meeting Dates: **NONE** (4:00-5:30pm)
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THE TEENZ CENTER



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

FOR GRADES 6-9

**Program Begins
August 12th**

The TEENZ Center is the place to be! This afterschool program has all the coolest features including video/ computer games, an outdoor patio, pool table, ping pong table, air hockey, arts & crafts, and more. Our Recreation Leaders provide a fun and safe environment for participants to hang out afterschool.

Pre-registration is required. Membership is not prorated. Closed on District Holidays. Open after school, following school district calendars.



MONDAY - FRIDAY
2:15PM - 6:00PM



WEDNESDAY
1:15PM - 6:00PM



\$350 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP
\$45 MONTHLY REGISTRATION

This program is not sponsored by, endorsed by, or affiliated with the Buckeye Union School District.

Leader in Training Program

**School Year Program Begins in
September!**



Grades 6th - 9th



Cost \$100



Applications open August 3rd



*Summer LIT Program registration is separate.
A new application will be required for the
school year program.*

www.edhcsd.org/TEENZ
(916) 933 - 6624 x.0

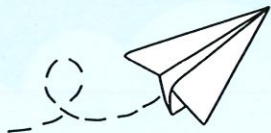


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COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT



Kindergarten Early Release Program

August 12 - September 18
Monday - Friday: 1-2:30pm



For the first six (6) weeks of school, Adventure Zone is offering childcare for kindergarteners who are enrolled in half-day AM kindergarten.

This program is a great introduction to afterschool care in a small group setting.

Cost: \$40 per week

Transportation is not provided.

Pre-registration is required for all programs!

www.edhcsd.org/AZ | (916) 933 - 6624 x.0

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