

RATTLER REVIEW

PICTURE DAY



Mark your calendars! Picture day is this Thursday and Friday. Middle School students will take their picture during their regularly scheduled PE class. Thursday is a B day, and Friday is an A day. Please check the schedule below for your elementary student's assigned picture day.

Thursday, 9/3

- Fisher
- Gomes
- Hampton
- Harris
- Hicks
- Holscher
- Miller
- Privott
- Schneider

Friday, 9/4

- Cowen
- Greco
- Hanson
- Hassey
- Hillhouse
- Niccolson
- Rumery
- Saxen
- Uhrik
- Williams

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 9/2 @ 7:00: BUSD Board Meeting
- 9/3: Picture Day #1
- 9/4: Picture Day #2
- 9/7: Labor Day, no school
- 9/11: Patriot Day; wear Red, White and Blue
- 9/16: Kona Ice After School
- 9/16 @ 7:00: BUSD Board Meeting
- 9/18 @ 2:00: Spirit Wear Pop-Up Sale
- 9/21 @ 2:30: PTO Meeting
- 9/23: PTO Dine Out at Chick-Fil-A
- 9/29-10/2: Minimum Days for 1st-8th grade
- 10/2 @ 3:00: PTO Harvest Festival

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



Dear Valley View Families,

We are excited for an incredible month ahead at Valley View Charter Montessori! September is a time to build momentum, and one of our primary goals this year is to continue strengthening the relationships among our staff, students, families, and the greater VVCM community. These connections are essential to both academic success and the overall growth of our students.

In addition to our **PBIS/RISE program** and the **Zones of Regulation** curriculum, we remain focused on equipping students with the tools they need to understand their emotions, build resilience, and thrive both inside and outside the classroom. Say the words “Zones of Regulation” to an office staff member this month for a RISE ticket!

Patriot Day – September 11

On Patriot Day, we encourage our Rattlers to show their school spirit and patriotism by wearing red, white, and blue. Parents are warmly invited to attend our morning assembly as we honor this important day and recognize our nation’s 250th anniversary.

SCHILD Week – September 8–11

SCHILD [Safeguarding Children through Healthy Initiatives, Education, Law Enforcement, and Deterrence] Week will bring El Dorado County Sheriff’s Office personnel to our campus. They will meet with students, answer questions, and share their mission: “to bridge the gap between El Dorado County Schools and the Sheriff’s Office through total care and total professionalism.” This week highlights the strong partnerships within our community and our shared commitment to keeping children safe and supported.

Parent-Teacher Conferences – September 28–October 22

Parent-teacher conferences are a valuable opportunity to strengthen the partnership among students, teachers, and parents, which is at the heart of a successful school experience.

- **Elementary (TK–5th):** Conferences will be scheduled through your teacher, and they will reach out to you with directions on how to sign up for your conferences. If you ever have any questions, please reach out to your teacher or our office.
- **Middle School (6th–8th):** Conferences are available upon request or as needed. If you would like to schedule a conference for your middle schooler, please contact the office.

As always, I encourage you to reach out, whether by email, phone, or stopping by the office, if you have questions or ideas. Thank you for being such an important part of our Valley View community. Together, we can make this a year of growth, joy, and success for every student.

~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.

PTO UPDATES

Important Dates:

- 9/16 - Kona Ice After School, 1:15
- 9/18 - Spirit Wear Pop Up, 2-3pm
- 9/23 - Chick fil-a Dine Out Night, 2-8pm

From the PTO:

Too busy to join PTO during Membership Week? No worries—there's still time to join the Pit Crew and help Fuel the Journey! Join here

Harvest Rock Fest | Friday, October 2, 2026, 3-7p

Grade Basket Donations

- Help build our Grade-Level Raffle Baskets. Families who would like to participate may donate one new item, to their student's classroom, matching their child's grade-level theme; a suggested value is \$10–\$20, or any amount that fits your budget. Donations are completely optional.
- PTO will collect all donations by 09/22/26 and prepare a single basket for each grade to display at the Rock Fest.
- Thank you for helping us create fun themed raffle baskets while supporting our students and school!

Grade Basket Themes:

- Kindergarten — LEGO Builders
- 1st — Baking & Sweet Treats
- 2nd — Star Wars
- 3rd — Minecraft
- 4th — Gamer Zone
- 5th — Creative Studio
- 6th — Harry Potter
- 7th — Sports Fan
- 8th — Spa Day & Skincare



BUCKEYE UNION FOOD SERVICE

Look for farm fresh blackberries in our cafeterias in September!

These delicious berries are pesticide free and come from Medina Berry Farm in Watsonville, CA. The Medina family has been growing blackberries, raspberries and strawberries for over 20 years and credits the success of the crop to growing in the perfect climate.



Middle School NEWSLETTER

September 2026



A Note from Mrs. A

What a wonderful start to the 2026–2027 school year! Our students have done a great job settling into their routines, getting to know their teachers, and adjusting to the expectations of a new school year. It has been great seeing our campus full of energy again, and we appreciate the continued support and partnership of our families as we begin another year together!

Digital Hall Pass

We have implemented a new digital hall pass system in middle school to support campus safety and help us quickly locate students when they are outside of their assigned classrooms, particularly during clubs and other voluntary classes.

Sixth-grade students began using the system last week, and all middle school students began using it this week. We have already found it to be a helpful tool for keeping track of student movement and supporting our campus.

Field Trips are Coming

We are currently exploring field trip opportunities for all three middle school grade levels! Our goal is to have a comprehensive field trip plan in place by the end of September.

We know that field trips are an exciting part of the middle school experience, and we look forward to sharing more information with families once plans are finalized.

Parent Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences will take place September 28th–October 2nd.

Middle school conferences are scheduled by teachers when there are concerns regarding a student's academic or behavioral progress. However, families do not need to wait for a teacher invitation. Any parent or guardian is welcome to request a conference. Please contact the office if you would like a conference scheduled for your child.

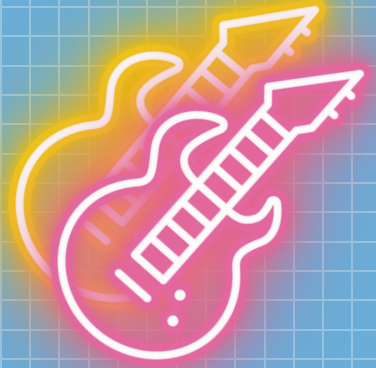
Thank You for Joining Us!

Thank you to all of our families who joined us for Back to School Night! We enjoyed having the opportunity to welcome you to campus, share more about our middle school program, and connect you with your child's teachers.

We truly appreciate your time, involvement, and continued partnership as we work together to support our students throughout the year!

Middle School NEWSLETTER

September 2026



After School Support

Beginning next week, students will have access to several after-school academic support opportunities. Depending on their needs, students can attend Homework Help, Math Help, Spanish Help, or ELA Help for additional assistance.

Students may also utilize Study Hall in the library on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays after school. This is a great option for students who need a quiet place to complete assignments, get organized, or stay on top of their schoolwork.

We encourage families to take advantage of these resources whenever their student could use a little extra support!

Intervention Classes

Our middle school Intervention classes will begin in mid-September. These classes provide additional targeted support for students who may benefit from extra instruction in Math or ELA.

If your child's teacher believes Intervention would be beneficial, their Math or ELA teacher will contact you directly. Intervention will take the place of Art/Design, with the exception of 6th-grade ELA Intervention, which will take the place of History.

Our goal is to provide students with additional support as early as possible so they can continue building the skills and confidence they need to be successful.



Daily Agendas

Looking for homework, assignments, or information about what happened in class? We have created one convenient location where families and students can access links to all Middle School Teacher Daily Agendas.

We encourage families to bookmark this resource and use it regularly to help students stay organized and on track.

[Click here](#) to access the Middle School Daily Agendas.

Tip of the Month!

Middle school is an important time for students to build independence, but they still need our support along the way! Encourage your child to take responsibility for assignments, organization, and communicating with teachers, while establishing regular check-ins to make sure they are staying on track.

We recommend checking Alma together at least once a week for missing assignments or grade concerns and reviewing your child's Daily Agenda each day to ensure homework and other responsibilities are completed.

The goal is not to manage everything for them, but to provide the structure and accountability they need while they develop the skills to manage it for themselves.

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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★ VALLEY VIEW CHARTER MONTESSORI PTO ★



★ HELP BUILD OUR GRADE BASKETS! ★



HOW YOU CAN HELP

Donations are not needed, but if you would like to contribute, please donate **ONE** new item that matches themes listed by your child's grade.

Suggested value:

\$10-20

(or any amount that fits your budget.)



★ GRADE BASKET THEMES ★

 KINDERGARTEN LEGO BUILDERS	 3 RD GRADE MINECRAFT	 6 TH GRADE HARRY POTTER
 1 ST GRADE BAKING & SWEET TREATS	 4 TH GRADE GAMER ZONE	 7 TH GRADE SPORTS FAN
 2 ND GRADE STAR WARS	 5 TH GRADE CREATIVE STUDIO	 8 TH GRADE SPA DAY & SKINCARE



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS
AND OUR SCHOOL!

Sponsored by **VVCM** Rattlers PTO



Community Care Event

Valley View Montessori School
September 23rd 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!





MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

\$15 TEACHER/STAFF MEMBER		✓ VVCN Calendar Magnet ✓ Voting Rights ✓ 1 Virtual Raffle Ticket for Prize Basket
\$25 RATTLER FRIEND		✓ VVCN Calendar Magnet ✓ Voting Rights ✓ 1 Virtual Raffle Ticket for Prize Basket
\$150 RATTLER SUPPORTER		✓ VVCN Calendar Magnet ✓ Voting Rights ✓ Entry to all PTO Family Events ✓ 2 Virtual Raffle Tickets for Prize Basket
\$250 PROUD RATTLER		✓ VVCN Calendar Magnet ✓ Voting Rights ✓ Entry to all PTO Family Events ✓ Generous Donation to VVCN PTO ✓ 3 Virtual Raffle Tickets for Prize Basket

➤ **JOIN TODAY!**

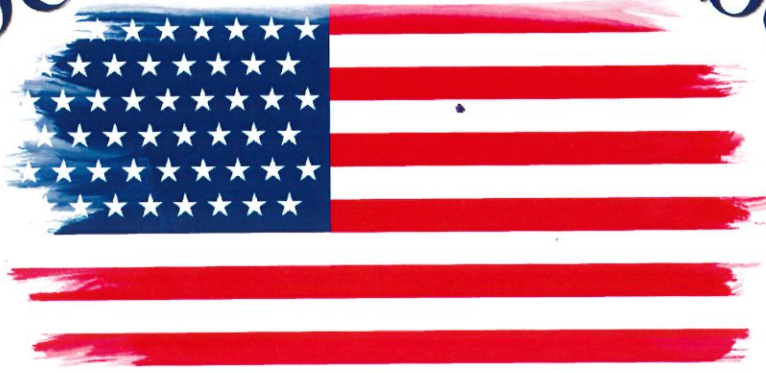


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TO JOIN!





El Dorado Remembers



9/11 after 25 years

★ HONORING ★ LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE FIGHTERS

250 Years of Liberty, Guarded by Local Heroes

SEPT 11 | 5-8 PM

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FREE Community Event

- COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES
- FIRST RESPONDER INTERACTIONS
- FOOD TRUCKS
- FREEDOM CONCERT -**BRING
LAWN CHAIRS/BLANKETS**
- TUNNEL OF HONOR
FIELD CEREMONY



more info

**Bring a bag of candy or snack
donations to support our first
responder care packages!**

Ponderosa High School Baseball Field
3661 Ponderosa Rd, Shingle Springs





SPRING REC REGISTRATION INFO

We are excited to have your player registered with Foothill Girls Softball League. Visit our Spring Recreation Program by scanning the QR code for more information, required equipment and important dates.



Early Bird Registration:

Tuesday, Sep 15, 2026 - Wednesday, Sept 30, 2026

Regular Registration:

Thursday, October 1, 2026 - Monday, November 30, 2026

Late Registration:

Tuesday, December 1, 2026 - Thursday, December 31, 2026



FGSL.ORG FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER
FOOTHILL GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION