

November 2026

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RATTLER REVIEW

**RISE UP ALWAYS – AT SCHOOL
AND IN OUR COMMUNITY!**



At VVCM, we encourage our students to RISE Up not only during the school day but also when they are out in our community. Our RISE values—Respect, Integrity, Safety, and Effort—should guide our students wherever they go. We remind all Rattlers to be respectful of our neighbors, their homes, and their property, and to make safe, responsible choices when walking or spending time in the neighborhoods surrounding our school. Being a Rattler means demonstrating good character even when no one is watching! Thank you, families, for reinforcing these expectations and helping our students represent VVCM with pride!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11/2/26 @ 2:30:
LCAP/SSC/Safety Committee Meeting
- 11/4/26 @ 7:00 pm BUSD Board Meeting
- 11/6/26: First Trimester Report Cards Sent Home
- 11/11/26: Veteran's Day, No School
- 11/12/26 @ 4:00: Veteran's Day Event & Celebration
- 11/16/26 @ 5:30: PTO Meeting
- 11/19: PTO Dine Out: Dave & Buster's
- 11/20/26: Spirit Day: Neon Day
- 11/23/26-11/27/26: Thanksgiving Break, No School

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



As our first trimester comes to a close and we welcome November, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude to our incredible Valley View Charter Montessori community.

First, a **huge thank-you to our amazing PTO and parent volunteers!** Your time, creativity, and energy make such a difference. From bringing learning to life through the Meet the Masters art program and supporting hands-on exploration in the STEAM Lab to helping our Garden of Learning flourish for students in TK through 5th grade, your contributions are invaluable. And let's not forget the incredible effort that went into making our **Rattler Run** such a success! Your dedication strengthens the sense of community and connection that makes VVCM so special.

I'd also like to recognize our **Custodial Crew** for keeping our campus clean, safe, and welcoming every day. A special thank-you to our **Rattler Café staff** for the kindness, positive energy, and care they bring to serving our students each day. To our **coaches and athletic director, Mr. Saura**, thank you for building teamwork, sportsmanship, and school spirit through our after-school athletics program.

A big shout-out goes to our **yard supervisors**, who help ensure that recess and lunch are fun, safe, and positive experiences for all students. And, of course, my deepest appreciation goes to our **front office team**, including our secretaries, counselor, and health clerk, who truly are the heart of our school. They keep things running smoothly while greeting students, families, and staff with warm smiles each day.

Finally, I'm grateful to our entire **VVCM staff** for their ongoing commitment to building relationships, academic excellence, and every student's well-being. Your care, dedication, and professionalism shine through in everything you do.

RISE-UP Thanksgiving Challenge!

During Thanksgiving break, I encourage our students and families to take a moment to reflect on the people, pets, and experiences that bring joy and gratitude into their lives.

I challenge our students to **RISE-UP and show their appreciation** through kind words, a thoughtful note, or a simple act of kindness for someone who has made a positive difference in their lives. Students are also welcome to email me their reflections at pstewart@buckeyeusd.org over the break. I'd love to read what they're thankful for, and it's a great opportunity to practice their writing skills too!

Wishing everyone a wonderful November filled with gratitude, kindness, and connection!

Gooooooooooooo Rattlers!

Mr. Stewart, Principal

STAFF SHOUT OUT

Have you had a great experience with one of our Rockstar Teachers or Staff Members? Giving a shout-out is a great way to recognize our VVCM staff for their demonstration of our VVCM values- respect, integrity, safety and effort. Please share a bit about it so we can recognize them! Fill out the form [here](#).

BUCKEYE UNION FOOD SERVICE



In November we will be serving JICAMA from Fresno BIPOC. 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 around Fresno County. Their goal is to build a stronger local food system in Central California.

PTO UPDATE

🦩 A huge THANK YOU to our VVCM families! With your generosity and support, we reached our **\$75,000 Rattler Run goal!** 🎉

Whether you donated, shared your student's fundraising page, volunteered, or cheered from the sidelines, you helped make this year's Rattler Run a tremendous success. These funds directly support the programs, resources, and experiences that enrich our students' time at VVCM.

Thank you to our wonderful **teachers and staff** for all their support, and a special thank you to **Mr. Shawn and Mrs. Perez** for helping make Run Day go so smoothly. We also wanted to thank the middle school team, led by **Miss Amy and Mrs. Alessandro**, for planning an incredibly fun middle school dodgeball tournament in place of the Run!

The rain held off, the students had a blast, and it was a beautiful day to celebrate our amazing Rattler community. **Thank you, VVCM!** 💙💛🦩

YEARBOOK

Valley View's Yearbook vendor for the 26/27 school year will be Yearbook Life again! Yearbooks are currently selling for only \$25. Don't wait to order as the price will go up on January 1st. There are two ways to order a yearbook:

-You can order online at www.buytheyearbook.com. Our SCHOOL ID is 736579.

-OR You can complete the yearbook order form [available in the office] this option can only be paid with cash or check. Checks should be made out to VVCM.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email Valerie Bustos, vbustos@buckeyeusd.org.

Thank you, Valerie Bustos



A WONDERFUL FIRST TRIMESTER!

It's hard to believe we've already completed our first trimester! Our students have experienced so much growth over these first few months, and we're proud of the progress they've made as they navigate the opportunities and challenges of middle school.

As we move into November, we're looking forward to building on this momentum, strengthening our school community, and helping students finish the calendar year strong. Thank you, families, for your continued partnership and support!

THANK YOU, RATTLER FAMILIES!

A huge thank you for your generous donations and enthusiastic support of our recent PTO fundraiser! We are grateful for the contributions that make these events possible.

Our middle school students had a blast at the **Rattler Dodgeball Tournament!** Their excitement, teamwork, and school spirit made it clear that changing from the traditional run to dodgeball was a hit with this age group. Thank you to our PTO, volunteers, and families for making this a memorable experience!

Please also support us in giving Ms. Amy a HUGE Thank You for her role in the organization of this tournament. Students requested that we consider it, but she truly took the idea and cultivated it into the memorable experience it was. Her care and thoughtfulness in its planning is truly appreciated.





A NEW TRIMESTER, A FRESH START!

With the first trimester behind us, November is the perfect opportunity for students to reflect, reset, and establish strong habits.

Sit down with your child and review their organizational system. Are assignments recorded in their Daily Agenda? Are completed assignments being turned in? Is their backpack organized? Is there a plan for homework and longer-term projects?

Check Alma together weekly for grades and missing assignments, and review Daily Agendas each evening. Middle school students are developing independence, but still need guidance, encouragement, and accountability.

KEEPING OUR HANDS TO OURSELVES

We've noticed an increase in physical interactions between students, including playful pushing, grabbing, and roughhousing. Even friendly interactions can escalate, cause misunderstandings, or unintentionally hurt someone.

Please remind your child that **keeping hands to themselves is a school expectation, even with friends**. We are reinforcing personal boundaries, recognizing others' discomfort, and appropriate ways to have fun together.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe, respectful, and welcoming campus!



IB LEARNER PROFILE: THINKER

We use our thinking skills to approach problems. We analyze ideas and problems to take action.

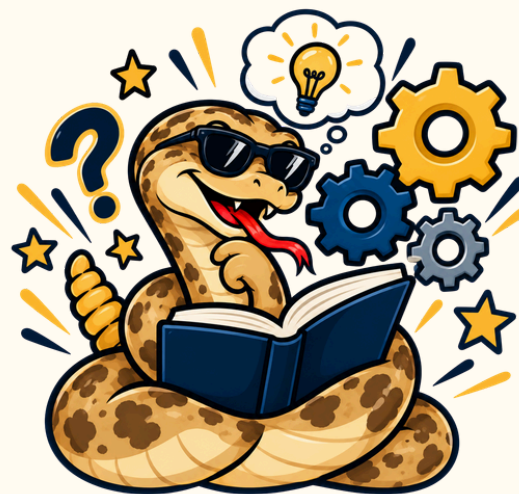
Throughout November, students will explore how to consider different perspectives, evaluate options, and make informed decisions.

At home, try asking: *What are your options?* or *What might happen if you choose that approach?* These conversations help students build confidence in their own decision-making.

APPROACH TO LEARNING: CRITICAL THINKING

Our November Approach to Learning (ATL) focus is **Critical Thinking**. This skill helps students question assumptions, analyze information, consider perspectives, and use evidence to make thoughtful decisions.

Teachers will reinforce these skills through classroom discussion, problem-solving, and reflection. Being a strong thinker isn't simply knowing the right answer. It's being curious, asking meaningful questions, and approaching challenges thoughtfully and independently.





BUILDING STUDENT SELF-ADVOCACY

Middle school is an important time to learn self-advocacy. Encourage your child to reach out to teachers when they have questions, need clarification, or are struggling with an assignment.

Rather than immediately solving a problem for them, help your child identify what they need and practice initiating the conversation. Students still need adult support, and we are always happy to partner with families as they build confidence for high school and beyond.

STAYING ON TRACK DURING THE HOLIDAYS

With the excitement of the upcoming holiday season, November can be busy for families. Changes in schedules and routines can make it harder for students to stay organized and focused.

Maintain consistent homework routines, check Daily Agendas, and help students plan ahead.



A few minutes of preparation each evening can reduce stress and support success at school.

GRATEFUL FOR OUR RATTLER COMMUNITY

As we enter this season of gratitude, we recognize the wonderful families who make Valley View special. We appreciate your involvement, communication, support of teachers, and contributions to our school community.

Thank you for trusting us to be part of your child's middle school journey. We hope you enjoy a November filled with connection, rest, and lasting memories. **Happy November, Rattlers!**

Dear 1st-8th Grade VVCM Families,

We are writing to share an important update to our **1st-8th grade Rattler** morning drop-off procedures as we continue working to maintain a safe, secure, and welcoming campus for all students.

We know that many of our families enjoy spending those last few moments together in the morning, watching their children participate in the morning walk, and waving goodbye as students head to their classrooms. We truly appreciate the love, encouragement, and sense of community that these moments represent.

However, in light of updated state requirements regarding mandated reporter training for parent volunteers, as well as our ongoing commitment to campus safety, we will be transitioning to a **"Hug and Go" morning drop-off procedure. This will begin on Monday, November 2nd.**

What will this look like?

- **Hug and Go:** Families will say their goodbyes outside the campus gates. Once students enter campus, parents and guardians will not be permitted to enter or remain on campus during morning arrival unless they are authorized volunteers signed in at the office.
- **Designated Entrance:** All 1st-8th grade morning entrances will be closed except for the entrance located near the café (see map below), adjacent to the playground and blacktop area. All 1st-8th grade students will enter campus through this designated location.
- **Keeping Our Perimeter Clear:** We also ask that families refrain from lingering along the outside of the campus fencing to watch their children during the morning walk. While we recognize that these are familiar and trusted adults to their own children, other students and staff may not recognize them. Maintaining a clear perimeter helps us ensure that everyone near our students is easily identifiable and that our safety procedures remain consistent.

We Still Welcome and Value Our Parent Volunteers!

Our families are an incredibly important part of what makes VVCM such a special community, and we absolutely want to continue welcoming parents who wish to volunteer and participate in school activities! Parents interested in volunteering are encouraged to complete the necessary volunteer requirements, including mandated reporter training, so they can continue supporting our students and staff in meaningful ways.

We understand that this adjustment may feel like a significant change, especially for families who have made the morning walk part of their daily routine. Please know that this decision is not intended to create distance between families and our school. Rather, it reflects our responsibility to establish clear, consistent expectations that prioritize the safety and security of every child on our campus.

We sincerely appreciate your understanding, cooperation, and adherence to these updated procedures. By working together, we can ensure that our mornings remain positive, welcoming, and, most importantly, safe for all students.

Thank you for being such an important part of our VVCM community!



AFTER SCHOOL SUPPORTS

ELA
HELP
(2:15-3:15)

M

Davis
C1

TU

Steinbach
C2

W

TH

Steinbach
C2

F

Davis
C1

Math
HELP
(2:15-3:15)

M

Spitz
C5

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Fennell
C5

F

Other
SUPPORT
(2:15-3:00)

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Study Hall
Library

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Spanish B6

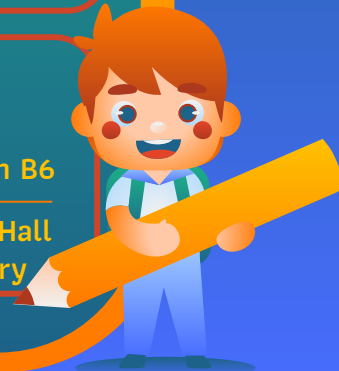
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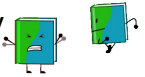
Study Hall
Library
[1:15-3:00]

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Spanish B6
Study Hall
Library



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 @LUNCH	 Club B6 Sra. Consiglio Battle of the Books Library  Crochet Club  Mr. Flater C3  Beyblades Mr. Davis C1	Leadership-  B6 Sra. Consiglio  Origami Club C3 Mr. Flater	 Dungeons and Dragons C1 Mr. Davis Coding Club  C4 Mrs. Hill	 Movie Club Mrs. Steinbach C2 Trading Card Club  C1 Mr. Davis  Anime Club Mr. Flater C3	Cartoon Club  C1 Mr. Davis  Club B6 Sra. Consiglio CJSF 1st Fri/Month  Mrs. Steinbach C2 Book Club Last Friday/month Mr. Flater C3 
AFTER SCHOOL until 3pm	ELA Help Davis in C1 Math Help Ms. Spitz C5 Study Hall / Library	ELA Help Steinbach in C2 Spanish Help B6 Sra. Consiglio Running Club Mr. Saura / Field 	Study Hall / Library	ELA Help Steinbach in C2 Math Help Mr. Fennell C6	ELA Help Davis in C1 Spanish Help B6 Sra. Consiglio Study Hall / Library

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VETERANS



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Parent Information/Información de los padres o tutores

Parent/Guardian Name:

Nombredelpadre,madre o tutor(a):

Email Address:

Correo electrónico:

Phone Number:

Número de teléfono:

Zip Code:

Código postal:

Girl Information/Información de la niña

Girl Name:

Nombredela niña:

Girl Grade:

Gradoescolar de la niña:

School Attending:

Escuela a la que asiste:

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to submit online.**



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Valley View Montessori
1665 Blackstone Pkwy,
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

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Buckeye Education Foundation

Virtual Art Show

Theme: "What I'm Grateful For"

Official Rules:

- Artist must be a Tk-8th grade Buckeye Union School District student.
- All kinds of art are welcome! Art must be completed entirely by the student, though use of any art supplies and tools (including tutorials) is allowed.
- Artist may submit multiple entries. (Enter as many works of art as you would like!)
- Artist must have parent/guardian permission to enter. Parent/guardian grants permission by submitting student's entry via parent/guardian email.
- **Entries must be received on or before Monday, November 30, 2026.**
- To enter:
 - Take a clear picture of your artwork in .jpg or .png format, and email it to events@buckeyefoundation.org, along with the following information:
 - Title of Artwork
 - Artist's Name
 - Grade-level
 - School
 - Teacher (middle school students can list First, Focus or AR teacher)
 - Medium or artform used (e.g. crayon on paper; acrylic on canvas; etc. - ANY medium you choose is allowed!)
 - ***Optional*** Brief Artist Note (One short sentence written by the artist about your art. For example, you can state the inspiration for your artwork, or let viewers know if there's a message you are trying to share with the world through your art.)
- Art will be scored based on the following:
 - Creativity
 - Visual Appeal
 - Use of Medium (how well you used your chosen materials, including technique, neatness, and craftsmanship)
 - Composition (how well you filled the space)
 - Interpretation of the theme "What I'm Grateful For"

All work will be posted in the online gallery as it is received. The top scoring artist in each grade level will receive the top honor and grade-level prize package. Scoring will take place during the week following the submission deadline, with honors announced soon thereafter. Honorees will be invited to receive their awards at the December BUSD board meeting. All participants will receive a certificate of participation delivered to their classrooms.

Visit www.buckeyefoundation.org to view last year's wonderful art gallery for inspiration!

Calling All Buckeye Artists!

*The Buckeye Education Foundation
proudly presents our seventh annual*

Virtual Art Show!

Theme:

“What I’m Grateful For”

What are you grateful for? Share your art to
share your gratitude with our Buckeye
community, and show the world what you
feel grateful for!

Prizes awarded to the top scoring
entry for each grade level, Tk-8th!

Judging will be done by local artists and members of
our wonderful partnering sponsor,

The El Dorado Hills Arts Association.

Top scoring student artists will be invited to have
their artwork displayed at the Buckeye School
District Office.

Deadline to enter: Mon., November 30, 2026

For complete rules and information, visit:
www.buckeyefoundation.org/events

