

August 12, 2016



Dear Valley View Families!

I am so excited for our children to return to school this year! Without our students, this school is just a building. It is our wonderful students, families and staff that make this place an outstanding learning environment.

This summer, we have been preparing for the upcoming year. As I shared with you in a prior message this summer, we have begun to transform our library and computer lab into a 'Learning Commons' that has been named '21 Commons' for 21st century teaching and learning in a common learning space. It is a place where students can play, tinker, explore, collaborate, create, design, and share with other students, staff and the broader community. The philosophy is to foster risk taking, creativity, problem solving, and a positive attitude toward failing...leading to success, of course. It also includes Makerspace where students are makers and creative learning is by doing. You will be able to visit 21Commons during Back to School Night.

Again this year, we received more chrome books from the district! We are so excited that our students will have greater opportunities using technology to access information, connect with others, and create to demonstrate knowledge. Students in grade 4, 5 and 6 will have access to a chrome book all day. We are 1:1 in the intermediate grade levels. Grades 1-3 will share their chrome books with partner class, each having 1:1 access for half the day. Kindergarten will have ipads. Our students will have many opportunities to use technology this year.

We have new staff members joining our team this year! Not new to Valley View, just to a new position, Yvonne Goyhenetche is our new Clerk in the front office. Yvonne has worked at Valley View for more than 10 years and is ready to be our 'first point of contact'! Yvonne already knows many of our procedures and more importantly, our students. If you have not met her, be sure to pop in and introduce yourself. She will be happy to assist you in any way. Three teachers will also be joining our team. In fourth grade, we have Monica Holmes who has taught at Twin Oaks and Rocklin Elementary in the past and now desires to join our team with a love of science, and much more. Also in fourth grade, rejoining us is Brenda Parr who has spent many years dedicated to Valley View students. Both have multiple years of teaching experience and are a welcomed addition to our team. Lured away from nearby Sacramento City SD, Megan Sellers is our new 4th-6th grade SDC teacher. Again with prior experience, she too is another asset coming to us. Pam Sparks who joined us part way through last year, returns to us again teaching our Special Day class for grades K-3. We are thrilled to have all of these highly qualified teachers join our team and are confident that you will soon agree! This year, our school psychologist is Bonnie Nolte and Marti Mondell is our speech pathologist.

Important changes in Kindergarten! All Rocklin schools now have full day kindergarten. We are excited for many reasons. First of all, this provides more learning time for all students. Secondly, we believe in the importance of educating the whole child with time for developmentally appropriate tasks and activities. Thirdly, our kindergarteners will now receive physical education twice a week with our P.E. teacher and VAPA with our art teacher approximately once every three weeks, just like our students in grades 1-6 do. We hope you see and experience the value in our new program. All students will begin school at the same time, but kindergarten will be dismissed 10 minutes prior to all other students to assist in the smooth retrieval process. See 'Revised Daily Schedule' on the website for exact times of kindergarten school day.

Important changes in 1st grade! With the increase of learning time for our kindergarteners, we also believe that it is beneficial for our first grade students' day to be increased. All first graders will begin and end the school day at the same time. See 'Daily Schedule' on the website for exact time of 1st grade school day.

CAASSP (CA Assessment of Student Performance & Progress) test scores which measured students' knowledge and skills towards the college and career standards have been sent home. If you have not received them, please contact the office and we can provide you a copy. Staff will spend time analyzing the data to learn about our successes and any areas needing more focus regarding both teaching and learning.

PTC & VVES NEED YOU! Join PTC! Together we can provide our students much more when we partner for their success! Our Science Lab and new technology are perfect examples of this. No other elementary school in Rocklin has a hands-on Science Lab like ours! This is the result of parents, staff, and community teaming together. PTC is great fun and an easy way to meet new families. Consider becoming a member, representing your child's class, attending a meeting, or even chairing an upcoming event. Be sure to visit the website at VVPTC.com.

Ingress and Egress reminders for VVES parking lots. Please remember these simple rules. **1) The upper, small lot is for Kinder drop off/pick up only.** You must have a permit now to pick up a kindergartener in this lot. Permits will be issued to Kindergarten families at 'Meet the Teacher' Day. The lower, big lot is for all other students. **2) In both lots, patiently wait in the 'car line' for your student.** Even if there is an open space ahead, please wait in line for cars to pull forward. **3) Be courteous and cautious.** Again this year, the awesome Rocklin Police Department is helping us by regularly visiting and monitoring the safety of all. Please abide by our rules even when Police are not present. Notice that the red Fire Lanes/Curbs on Crest Drive have been repainted recently. The City asked that I remind you not to park your cars there or you can be cited. **THANK YOU** in advance for helping to make our school community a safe place for all!

Remember to check out our school WEBSITE... www.vves.rocklinusd.org
Regularly check the website for information regarding school, class webpages, online textbooks & videos, Lexia Intervention, PTC information, and much more! Staff email addresses are as follows;
firstinitiallastname@rocklin.k12.ca.us (i.e. sanderson@rocklin.k12.ca.us).

Online Lunch Payment! You can make sure our students have lunch money from any computer or you can download the app! You are able to review balances, sign up for alerts, and even sign up for automatic payments. Check it out at www.myschoolbucks.com

As school draws closer, it is time to start preparing. To help our students adjust to the school schedule, consider 'school schedule' sleep routines being in place prior to school actually beginning. If interested, the supply list is on our website. This is not a requirement to purchase, but an opportunity to donate to the school. And lastly, you may want to sign up for a lunch account with some funds on an account to get the year started.

Finally, I sincerely THANK YOU for partnering with us in providing the best education for OUR children in the upcoming year! I always miss OUR children and am anxiously awaiting their return! Enjoy your last days of summer vacation together!

Sincerely my pleasure to lead and serve,
Principal Shari Anderson

IMPORTANT DATES TO CALENDAR

Friday, August 12 th	Class lists posted at Admin Office - 6:00pm
Tuesday, August 16 th	Meet the Teacher 11:00-12:00
Wednesday, August 17 th	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR 2016-2017! 7:45 'Line Up Bell' Rings (students line up on blacktop) 7:50 'Learning Bell' Rings (students are in their class ready to learn)
Thursday, August 25 th	Back to School Night (time TBD)
Monday, September 29 th	Picture Day! SMILE ☺