



Wednesday, August 7, 2018

Dear Valley View Families!

It is with great pleasure I welcome you back to school or to Valley View for the first time! Hopefully, you have thoroughly enjoyed your family time this past summer and are ready to deliver the children to us. As the Rocklin community continues to grow, so does our great school. For those of you who are new to us, we are excited to meet you and welcome you into our big family. Again this year, we have added 2 more classes to prepare for the growth. You can meet all of our wonderful teachers at 'Meet the Teacher' day next week.

This year we will be in our 2nd year of the English language arts curriculum, 4th year of our math for K-5th, and 5th year for 6th grade. As expected, time and experience delving into each has made everyone comfortable with the many rigorous changes in education. Our teachers participate in ongoing professional development before school begins, as well as throughout the year. We strive to continually improve with effective teaching and learning practices.

GOOGLE - We are a Google district! Gmail, Calendar, Docs, Slides, and much more! All staff use Gmail accounts for email correspondence. Addresses are as follows; [firstinitiallastname@rocklinusd.org](mailto:firstname.lastname@rocklinusd.org) (i.e. sanderson@rocklinusd.org). Students passwords change this year to be their personal identification number.

CAASSP (CA Assessment of Student Performance & Progress) test scores which measure students' knowledge and skills towards the college and career standards will be sent to your home from our district office, if not already (for last year's students in grades 3-6). Staff spends time analyzing the data to learn about our successes and any areas in need of additional focus regarding both teaching and learning.

PARENT PORTAL - Please log into your [Parent Portal](#) account to electronically update and confirm your information. Here are [Student Data Confirmation Instructions](#) and [Login or Reset Password Instructions](#). If you need additional assistance with this process, you may stop by the office on Thursday or Friday of this week between 7:15-3:45 (office closed for lunch 12:00-1:00 on Friday).

CLASS LISTS - Due to recently passed privacy law, we are no longer able to post class rosters in a public setting. This means we will not be posting rosters outside the office as done in the past. Instead, beginning at 4:00pm on Friday, August 10th, all parents who have successfully logged in to their parent portal and confirmed their 2018-2019 data will be able to see who their children have as their teacher. We realize this is a change from previous years and appreciate your understanding of this decision to protect student information and confidentiality. Please see the recent email you received from Rocklin Unified District Leadership for instructions on how to "confirm data" through the Parent Portal.

SAFETY FIRST - PLEASE READ & FOLLOW THESE RULES! Our parking lots and crosswalks will be very crowded the first few weeks. We will have more students, parents and cars throughout the year as well. Let's make a concerted effort to safely deliver students to school. I highly encourage you to walk to school or parking on the street and walking your student up to school if you want. Here are some important reminders about our simple rules.

- 1) The upper, small lot is for Kinder drop off/pick up only. You must have a permit 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, our diligent 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.

Please be cognizant of the colored curbs, red/yellow, and follow the applicable loading/no parking laws. The City asked that I remind you not to park your cars there or you can be cited. Also the Springfield community has asked that we not block the entrances to their neighborhoods. THANK YOU in advance for helping to make our school community a safe place for all!

T.E.A.M. up with PTC! Together Everyone Achieves More when you join PTC. Together WE we can provide our students much more by partnering for their success! Our Science Lab and new technology are perfect examples of this. We have a unique hands-on science lab unlike any other in Rocklin! We also hope to fundraise for other innovative ideas, including our our one-of-a-kind 21 Commons! Our creative makerspace and STEM activities even made the news a few times this past years. 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. Also, download our the Valley View Cubs app that is linked to our website and sponsored by PTC (school aptitude).

GET BACK ON SCHEDULE - 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. There 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.

LUNCH - 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

SCHOOL SUPPLY ORDERS - For those of you who ordered the supplies as a fundraiser from SchoolKidz, there are already here waiting for you! You/your child can pick up at Meet the Teacher. Stop by the multipurpose between 10:30-12:00. Thank you for participating in our fundraiser!

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 BACK TO SCHOOL DATES TO CALENDAR

Friday, August 10th	Students' teacher is visible in the parent portal - 4:00pm
Tuesday, August 14th	PTC Hosts School Tours 10:15a or 12:00p (look for the welcoming table!) Meet the Teacher 11:00a-12:00p Pick up previously ordered supplies 10:30a-12:00p (no extras available)
Wednesday, August 15th	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR 2018-2019! 7:30 Supervision begins 7:45 'Line Up Bell' Rings (students line up on blacktop) 7:50 'Learning Bell' Rings (students in their class ready to learn)
Thursday, August 23rd	Back to School Night (time TBD)