

2013 - 2014

September/October 2013



Cubs Connection



Valley View Elementary School

Principally Speaking...

Welcome back to another great year at Valley View Elementary School! Or if you are new, we are glad that you have joined us! OUR students have certainly settled right back into a comfortable learning environment. I hope the same as occurred at home with the school routines there.

Thank you for sharing the belief that **SCHOOL IS IMPORTANT** with OUR students.

When we have a common understanding and goals, we are able to accomplish anything. In doing so, many parents ask, "What can I do at home to help my child be successful?" Here are some of ways...

- Encourage daily reading
- Set up a conducive place for homework
- Monitor student's homework, grades & behavior
- Communicate regularly with teacher/school
- Encourage responsibility & independent work
- Monitor time on T.V., video games & computer
- Be involved volunteering/attending events
- Share a '*love of learning*' mentality

For more specific ideas, go to
<http://www2.ed.gov/parents/academic/help/succeed/succeed.pdf>

Sincerely my pleasure to Lead and Serve,
Principal Shari Anderson

CHARACTER CORNER

Character Focus for September is
TRUSTWORTHINESS

Others learn to TRUST us when we demonstrate...

- Integrity
- Honesty
- Promise-keeping
- Loyalty

Character Focus for October is
RESPECT

Others RESPECT us when demonstrate...

- The Golden Rule
- Courtesy
- Respect for others
- Acceptance of differences



The Six Pillars of Character



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OUR PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY

The teaching profession requires tremendous training and collaboration to stay current and calibrated on all the new initiatives and/or curriculum. Every Monday, students are released from school early to provide staff time to work together on improving instruction and learning. We meet either as a whole team or in grade level teams.

Wednesday's after school are staff and committee meetings as well. This year, our concentrated focus is on the transition into the national standards, known as CA Common Core Standards. To learn more about the standards and our transition, please consider attending one of the community nights planned by Rocklin Unified School District. There will be two to select from, Sept. 24 at SVMS and Oct. 8 at GOMS both starting at 6:30. Also, for additional information, check out our website under the tab Common Core Standards.

Thursday Folders

Every Thursday, your child will bring home a blue, Thursday folder. Please empty the folder, read the information included in the folder, sign the paper in the folder next to the date for the week and return the folder to your child's teacher on Friday. Thanks!

New Staff at Valley View

This year Valley View welcomes Sallie Snyder – 4th Grade Teacher, Shannon Gomes – 6th Grade Teacher, Doug Ennis – 6th Grade Teacher, Jenny Wiegel and Andy Dooley-Miller – RSP Teachers, Amanda Withers – English Language Specialist, and Laura Poythress – Speech Therapist. Please join us in welcoming these fine folks to our Valley View family! Our enrollment is 488 students!

Upcoming Activities:

9/18	GATE Testing
9/19	Entertainment Book Fundraiser ends - PTC
9/24	CA Common Core Standards Community Night
10/4	Big Daddy Basketball Game - PTC
10/8	CA Common Core Standards Community Night
10/18	Valley View Fall Carnival - PTC

Parking Lot Safety

Our greatest interest is OUR students' safety. Your help is needed in this matter. Please help us maintain a safe environment before and after school when dropping off and picking up your children. Here are ways you can contribute to make our parking lot safer.

1. Kindergarten pick up ONLY are permitted to use the parking lot adjacent to the kindergarten rooms at 7:50 & 2:20 times. 1st grade late drop off (8:50) and early pick up (1:20) may use this lot at times indicated.
2. Grade 1-6 parents only use the big parking lot adjacent to Kid's Junction.
3. First Graders: Crossing for Early/Late Readers is available at 8:40 a.m. in the Kindergarten lot only.
4. Never leave your car unattended in yellow or red zones.
5. BE PATIENT! Please do not cut in front of, or cut off other cars. We are all here for same reason and have somewhere to go.
6. Do not get angry with us when we must remind some of you about the ways we are keeping OUR students safe. We don't want to remind you as much as you don't want us to. 😊

Please help us to keep OUR children safe and follow these guidelines.



SUGGESTION – Parents of older students park on the street and have your student meet you there. There would be less congestion in our lots and allow you to get on your way as well.



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Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

Margaret Mead

Interested in Volunteering at Valley View?

You must have your fingerprint and TB clearance in order to volunteer at Valley View. Volunteer packets are available in the office along with Live Scan fingerprinting forms. If you have any questions, feel free to call Lynn or Carol at 435-4844.



We'd be LUCKY to have you as a Library Volunteer

No experience necessary!

What can you do in the 15 minutes before picking up your child? You can help keep the library in working order by shelving a few books. To volunteer, please contact our library aide Christina Dominguez at cdominguez@rocklin.k12.ca.us. Thank you!

**Just 15 minutes, or an hour,
of your time will help.**



GATE Fall Testing

The Rocklin Unified School District will be conducting testing for the identification of Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) students at Valley View for grades 2 – 6 on September 27th. (Students in Grade One will be tested in the spring). To access the "Parent Request Form" for your child to be GATE tested, you may pick one up at our School's front office or download it from the RUSD Website at www.rocklin.k12.ca.us (form is called "Request for Student to be Tested for GATE" under the Curriculum and Assessment Tab/GATE). **Please return the form to the District Office, attention Jordan White, no later that September 14.** Once students have been tested, parents will be notified of the results, by mail, approx 10-12 weeks after the GATE evaluations are completed. For more information regarding GATE testing, please contact Jordan White at 630-3307 or jwhite@rocklin.k12.ca.us.



From the Cafeteria:

You never have to send money to school again with our new **Online Payment** now available at www.myschoolbucks.com. For more information about this program, links to online apps, payments and to access the monthly menus please go to www.rocklinusd.org click on the Departments tab/Food Services. Any questions, call 624-1112 ext. 1.



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PTC COLUMN

Our **Annual PTC Membership Drive** is under way. Please help us meet our membership goal of 150 families. The class with the most membership wins a Pizza Party! **Drive ends Wednesday, October 30th.**

Calendar of Events for Sept/Oct

- (9/5-9/19)- **Fall Entertainment Book Fundraiser** –Help us meet our goal of selling 500 books (1 book per child). Books can also be purchased online at: Entertainment.com . Make sure to use our account #10008575. Top Prizes include a Kindle Fire, \$50 Family Movie Night, and \$30 “Book Fair Bucks”.
- Tuesday, 9/17- **Mad Science** begins (5 consecutive Tuesday’s after school)
- Friday, 9/27- **Big Spoon Yogurt**- buy \$3 yogurt cup after school in the amphitheater & \$1 goes back to VV!
- (8/29-9/30) -**VIP Parking Space Raffle**- Want to win the parking space next to **Principal Anderson for the rest of the school year?** Buy 1 Ticket for \$5 or 5 Tickets for \$20 at the PTC Table after school on Fridays (9/13, 9/20, 9/27)
- Friday, 10/04- **Big Daddy Basketball Showdown**
- Friday, 10/18- **Fall Carnival/Book Fair**

Other News:

If you missed purchasing your **Spirit Wear** via the order form that was sent home, it is now for sale online at: design2atee.com

Make sure your using your **Store Rewards Cards** and shopping via our **Amazon link on our PTC website**. If you need cards or have any questions please contact Lee McKillip at: scrip@vvptc.com

Scrip Gift Cards are now for sale in the office! Stop by to see what’s available.

Thank you to **Little Fish Dental** for your generous support of our school Spirit Nights!

Get ready for the...

3rd ANNUAL BIG DADDY BASKETBALL SHOWDOWN

Valley View Cubs vs. Breen Bobcats
Friday, October 4th Rocklin High School
Doors Open: 6 p.m. Game Starts: 7 p.m.

Join us for our most spirited and fun fundraiser of the year! There will be half time entertainment, games during quarter breaks and more! Valley View receives 100% of ticket sales sold **before** the event. Tickets sold at the event are split between both schools, so please buy your tickets early.

Purchase tickets in the school office
\$5.00 per ticket (\$7.00 at the door)
(children 2 and under are free)

Event Sponsored by:
Alexander and Martin Orthodontics

FALL CARNIVAL
Friday, October 18th
4p.m.-7p.m.

Have you heard the news?
FREE ADMISSION to the Carnival this year!

Get ready for food, games, and lots of fun:

- **Fast Track slot car racing**
- **Train Rides**
- **Re-create Booth**
- **Awesome “Grade Level” Booths**
- **Rocklin Police and Fire Departments**
- **Dessert Walk and much, much, more...**

If you would like to **volunteer at the Carnival or donate an auction item** to help support VVPTC, please contact Cori Toumajian at: toumajians@yahoo.com

If you would like to **volunteer or donate items for the grade level booths** please contact Sonya Wong at: sonyaejacobowong@hotmail.com