

News from the VVPC

Valley View Parents' Club Newsletter

May-June 2017

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And they're off: 1st annual Teacher Trot!

It's time to celebrate our amazing teachers and principal...

Not only do the teachers at Valley View take care of and inspire our students in the classroom, they actively encourage students to be their best selves outside of the classroom as well. This year, some of the teachers even participated in the Mustang Trot...just for fun!! On a sweltering day!! Valley View teachers are always up for the challenge and we thank them for working so incredibly hard and still having fun...

For Teacher Appreciation week the VVPC organized a staff brunch, a school supply shopping spree, and a taco bar for staff lunch on Cinco de Mayo. We just can't seem to thank those teachers enough!! Thank you for all your contributions of time and treats!

Thank you for all you do!

“Mrs. Marinakis Day” is Monday, May 15

Did you know that Mrs. Marinakis wanted to be either a teacher or a psychologist when she grew up? Well, we're glad she combined those dreams and became a principal! Let's show her how much we appreciate her on her special day!

Here are some fun facts about Mrs. Marinakis:

- She was born near Seattle, WA and moved to Foster City, CA when she was 11
- Her favorite activities in elementary school were reading and kickball
- Now her favorite things to do are play with her grandson, read, and needlepoint
- She lives in Hercules with her husband, Peter
- Her son went to Valley View & her daughter went to Valley View and Hanna Ranch
- Her new favorite restaurant is Mod Pizza
- She loves the beach and is going on vacation to Hawaii this summer!

Volunteers get it done!

You know who you are and you know how much depends on you but we want *everyone* in the Valley View community to know too! The following Valley View traditions were brought to you thanks to the **leadership** and **time commitment** and **goodwill** of these fine people...

~Tell them “thanks” when you have a chance!~

Fall Festival...**the VVPC board**

After School Enrichment Program (ASEP)...**Renee McKim and Kelly Greninger**

Holiday Gift Shoppe...**Kay Wilson**

Multicultural Celebration...**Veronica Garcia-Luis**

See's Candy Fundraiser...**Sylvia Zemke**

Book Fair...**Kelly Greninger and Pam Barlesi**

Mustang Trot...**Alyssa Padia**

Teacher Appreciation Week...**Elizabeth Smith**

Yearbook...**Tamara Bolton**

Woohoo! Thank you!

Programs

Multicultural Celebration

Extra special thanks go to Veronica Garcia-Luis for coordinating this festive community event for the past several years. We were well-fed by each other and superbly entertained by the students. The golden spoon award for dessert went to a 3rd grader, Zoe Potkin!

ASEP

During the spring session of our After School Enrichment Program you could find students building trampolines with legos (rubberbands!), shooting hoops with Coach John, and getting creative with Ms. Linski. There will be a new session in the fall so be sure to sign-up! A couple "lanternfish" in Ocean Nightlife ASEP class...



VAPA

The VVPC supplemented district funds in order to bring a variety of Visual and Performing Arts classes to the students this spring. The students were immersed in the arts for a few weeks: from visual arts to Polynesian dancing and theater arts. We love supporting the arts!

Music

We are looking forward to two upcoming music performances: on May 25 you can attend 4 operas developed and designed by Valley View students under the expert guidance of the SFARIA staff, and on May 31 the rest of the students will sing under the direction of Ms. Gold from the Oakland Youth Chorus program.

Family Dance

That's right! Come celebrate the end of the year with a dance party put on by the VVPC! Students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Free admission with snacks for sale: May 19, 6-8pm.

Fundraising

- Our **See's Candy** fundraiser made \$3345!
 - Our **Mod Pizza** fundraiser made over \$300!
 - We sold \$2400 worth of product at the **Scholastic Book Fair** which means the teachers will get \$1700 worth of new Scholastic books for their classrooms!
 - The **Mustang Trot** raised almost \$4000! Robert Padia was the top fundraiser...he collected \$557 from over 30 sponsors! Great job, Bobby!!
 - The **Ed Fund** has grown to \$5075...it's never too late to give!
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Reminders

Drive Safely in the Neighborhood: Please SLOW DOWN when driving in the neighborhood. More and more students walk to and from school and the neighbors are out walking too. Beware: Richmond police are monitoring traffic!

Cyber Safety: Any game a child is playing on a phone or computer needs to be monitored by an adult. There is no 'safe' way for a child to be on a community game: there is always a way for an adult to interject.

Give Thanks: Teacher Appreciation Week is May 1-5 at Valley View but anytime is a great time to show the teachers and staff some gratitude!

Valley View Parents Club Wants YOU!

It's not too late to join! The VVPC is open to any parent/guardian of a Valley View student. Membership is free and you simply sign up at the meeting. VVPC members will be electing the 2017-18 VVPC board on May 10. As always, the VVPC provides free childcare and pizza during general meetings so you can bring the kids!

Come to our last General Meeting of the year:

Wednesday, May 10 @ 6:15 pm

On May 10 the VVPC will also be bidding a fond farewell to board members who are moving on...they also happen to be moving away. Please join us as we acknowledge the incredible volunteer work of **Kelly Greninger** and **Pam Barlesi**. Thank you for all that you have done for Valley View, Kelly and Pam! We can't even begin to imagine how much we will miss you...

VVPC Board Members 2016-2017

Co-Presidents: Elizabeth Smith & Sylvia Zemke

Vice President: Kay Wilson

Treasurer: Navneet Kaur

Auditor: Pam Barlesi

Co-Secretaries: Shubhra Rastogi & Shweta Thote

VP - Communications: Tabitha Ames & Elizabeth Smith

VP - Hospitality: Alison DeJung

VP - Fundraising: Kelly Greninger & Renee McKim

VP - Programs - Sandra Mulhearn

VP - Rebuild: Jon Ames & Sandra Mulhearn

VP - Volunteer Coordinator: Anne Dinklage

VP - Room Parent Coordinators: Alison DeJung and Marina Flores

VP - After School Education Program Coordinators (ASEP):

Kelly Greninger & Renee McKim

VVPC Mission Statement: The Valley View Parents' Club strives to enhance the educational experience of Valley View students by supplementing school programs, supporting teachers, promoting family involvement, and fostering a cooperative, inclusive school community

Calendar

May

- 1-5 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 10 VVPC General Meeting, lunchroom, 6:15 pm FREE CHILDCARE/ PIZZA!
- 15 Mrs. Marinakis Day
- 19 Track Meet at De Anza HS, upper grade field trip
- 19 Family Dance, old MPR, 6-8:15 pm
- 24 WCCUSD Board of Trustees Meeting, DeJean Middle, 6:30 pm
- 25 Opera rehearsal and performance (SFAria), De Anza HS, 6-8 pm
- 29 Memorial Day - no school
- 31 Spring Concert rehearsal and concert (OYC), De Anza HS, 6-8 pm

June

- 8 Ice Cream Party and Volleyball Match: Teachers vs. 6th Graders
- 8 Last Day of School - noon dismissal

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