

THE VALLECITO EAGLE



Dear Families,

What a wonderful school we have! At this time of year, each school in the district takes the time to reflect on the accomplishments for the past year. Here are a few of our highlights:

- Continued strong tests scores with an API of over 900!
- Well- established reading Intervention programs that include flexible groupings and frequent student progress check-ins
- Social-emotional learning and support through the Dave Nettell Cooperative Adventures and Lifeskills programs
- Math Month: Vallecito focused on learning math facts and developing number sense with special activities and family nights
- Specialist program strengthens with new art and drama teachers, garden education and the Book to Bravo Opera Guild program for 5th graders
- Smooth transition to a new site leadership
- Expanded use of technology with Razkids and Ed1Stop among other web based resources
- Continue to Go Green: reduction of a dumpster as we continue to defer waste from the landfill through lunch sorting and paper towel composting
- High School mentors support student learning on Friday afternoons in school and in a special afterschool homework club

And the spirit in this school is so high as evidenced by all of the crazy hair on Wednesday! We had a very exciting day and assembly. Our new student council members did a fantastic job in leading the presentations. We had a fun skit "Will the Real Abe Lincoln Please Stand Up," followed by a super lunch sorting video by the Green Team and announcements /video from the community service committee on our upcoming Read-a-Thon. We capped it off with the Crazy Hair Parade and our Golden Eagle ticket draw for prizes.

Please see below for information regarding "honesty" our February life skill, community flyers, and norovirus information.

Other key events, reminders and information you should have:

- 3rd, 4th and 4th/5th combination class drama performances for students and parents, Wednesday, February 15th at 12:40
- Wednesday, February 15th at 8:15- Principal's Chat: Social Emotional Learning
- Garden Work Day: Sat, Feb 18th 9-11 Please sign up at the wikipage on our website



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- February 20-24: Mid Winter Break- No School
 - We are accepting Kindergarten registrations for next year. Thank you for passing the word around and getting yours in as soon as possible

Go Eagles,
Tracy Smith, Principal

FEBRUARY'S LIFESKILL

HONESTY

Truthfulness, sincerity, honor, fairness

Trustworthiness, being genuine

Discuss these eight great reasons with your child about telling the truth.

- 1. Telling the truth lets everyone know what really happened. There is less chance of misunderstanding, confusion or conflict.**
- 2. Telling the truth protects innocent people from being blamed or punished.**
- 3. Telling the truth allows everyone to learn from what happened.**
- 4. You usually get into less trouble for telling the truth than for lying (and getting caught).**
- 5. Other people trust you more when you tell the truth.**
- 6. You don't have to tell (and remember) more lies to keep your story straight.**
- 7. You gain a reputation for being truthful, a trait most people value.**
- 8. Telling the truth helps you to feel secure and peaceful inside yourself.**

Norovirus Information

As you might have heard in the news, there are recent Norovirus out breaks in the Bay Area schools. Although there are some students at the Dixie District who have reported symptoms of this GI illness, it's not a significant number at this time.

Information on GI symptoms and prevention

- The illness is abrupt in onset with symptoms of vomiting, cramps, and diarrhea being most common.
- Most symptoms resolve within 48-72 hours.
- The key to prevention is:
 1. Meticulous attention to hand hygiene (very good hand washing)
 2. Isolation of symptomatic patients (kids that are sick should stay home until 24 hours after symptoms subside)
 3. Decontamination of objects that have been exposed to fecal matter or vomitus

The following link contains more information: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/discond/Documents/norovirus.pdf>

Youth Sports, Sign-ups, Camps and Cultural Activities: flyers can be found on our website

- Mid Winter Break Camp!
 - Central Marin Soccer Club Academy
 - Central Marin Soccer Club Tryouts
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