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## Green Valley Newsletter 3/3/2024

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## Green Valley Elementary

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### IMPORTANT DATES

**Mon Mar 4-8: Kindness Campaign / Words Matter Week (see below for details)**

**Tues Mar 5: Teen Esteem Assembly**

**Wed Mar 6: Advance strings field trip to DVHS**

**Fri Mar 8: 9-10:30am GVTC Assembly**

**Fri Mar 8: 6-7:30pm GVTC Performance**

**Mon - Tues Mar 11-12: Gold Camp Overnight Field Trip - 4th Grade**

**Wed Mar 13: 6-8pm Learning Fund Meeting**

**Thurs Mar 14: 3-4:30pm Site Council Meeting in Library**

**Fri Mar 15: Floating work day - no school for students**

**Fri Mar 15: Final Call for ALL Yearbook Submissions (see below)**

**Wed- Fri Mar 20-22: Conference Days (and minimum schedule days)**

**Fri Mar 22: PTA Meeting 9-10:30am**

**Wed Mar 27: 1:30-3:15pm 5th Grade Math Advancement Placement Test**

**Wed Mar 27: 6-8pm Learning Fund Meeting**

**Thurs Mar 28: Advanced Band Field Trip to DVHS**

**Fri Mar 29 - Fri Apr 5: School Recess - Spring Break**

***GV Instructional Calendar for 23-24 school year available [HERE](#)***

***GV Monthly Public Calendar available [here](#)***

# Green Valley





Submit photos for the yearbook

Deadline to upload photos:

FRIDAY, March 15

**How to Upload Photos**

**Option 1:** Upload to **HJEShare.com**  
(code: greenvally (lower-case, no spaces))

**Option 2:** Download the **HJEShare** app to your phone (code: greenvally)



**High-resolution photos are a must!** Take the highest resolution photos on your camera or phone to ensure best images for print.

- Upload largest file size
- Upload .jpg or .png



**Ability Awareness Week**

This year our theme is “Invisible Disabilities.” Our goal for this week is to teach students the importance of espousing empathy, understanding and patience for those classmates who experience challenges that are not readily apparent, but very real. Such challenges include learning differences, autism spectrum disorder, hearing impairment, social/emotional impairment, communication disorders, cognitive differences, and even allergies.

Irrespective of how children learn or navigate the world, one thing remains universal-- all children deserve to be included, whether in the classroom or out on the playground. By normalizing and even celebrating our students' differing abilities, as well as encouraging students to be more inclusive of their peers, we can create a more empathetic learning environment.

During the 2021-22 school year, there were 7.3 million students receiving special education or related services in U.S. public schools, making up 15% of total enrollment. It is our responsibility to raise awareness of differing abilities so that all students at Green Valley feel valued, irrespective of how they learn or operate in the world.

This week, students will engage in thoughtful conversations about invisible disabilities in their classrooms and our librarian will be sharing books that highlight characters with invisible challenges.

**{read across America/pajama day will conclude our abilities awareness week with a recommended reading list that highlights learning about disabilities of all kinds}**

We encourage you to talk with your children at home about the different types of invisible disabilities. The following definition can serve as a great conversation starter!

“ In simple terms, an invisible disability is a physical, mental or neurological condition that is not visible from the outside, yet can limit or challenge a person’s movements, senses, or activities. Unfortunately, the very fact that these symptoms are invisible can lead to misunderstandings, false perceptions, and judgments. People often judge others by what they see and conclude what a person can or cannot do by the way they look.”

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**Kindness Campaign/Words Matter week follows our Abilities Awareness week starting 3/4-3/8**

**Our activities for the week are:**

**Monday: Lunch Inclusion Activity**

Our student committee for No Place for Hate will lead an icebreaker/conversation starter activity at lunch to teach their fellow students how to start a conversation with new people and be more inclusive.

Students will have the option to participate in this inclusion activity which encourages them to make new friends and be kind!

## **Tuesday: Teen Esteem Assembly**

9:00-9:45 (Grades 4-5)

10:00-10:45 (Grades K-3)

Green Valley will have a special assembly with Teen Esteem

### **K - 3rd Grade**

## **Be The One**

This fun assembly is designed to get K-3 students thinking about the power they have to bring positive change on their campus and in the world as they live out the golden rule. We break down simple ways to practice this and help students understand empathy.

This assembly includes fun videos, impactful stories, and opportunities for student volunteers to practice kindness and inspire others to do the same.

### **4th & 5th Grade**

## **Choices of An Everyday Hero**

This powerful assembly is designed to encourage 4th & 5th graders to make courageous choices like those of everyday heroes.

Specifically, we talk about kindness and the courage to stand up for others – both in person and in the digital world. We address bullying using personal stories and encourage students to reach out for help. We help students learn healthy ways of dealing with their feelings and above all to love themselves – not because of what they do, but because of who they are. We also have the option of covering choices they may be facing in the upcoming years such as drugs, alcohol and vaping. The assembly ends with students practicing positive encouragement.

## **Wednesday: Random Acts of kindness worksheet HW**

Please review the following activity with your child and complete the HW form. This is a simple, yet powerful exercise that will allow students, parents and other family members to get involved in spreading random acts of kindness throughout our community.

Click [HERE](#) to view and print the activity sheet (parents will also receive a copy of this activity in Monday folders on March 4th)

## **Thursday: Random Rocks of Kindness!**

Another fun lunch activity where students will have the option to paint rocks and spread kind words throughout the school and our community at large!

## Friday: Optional Essay or Drawing About learnings During The Week

Throughout the week: Library readings as well as PE games with specific learning outcomes.

Please be on the look out for a Sign-Up genius to help out with the random rocks of kindness activity!

Thanks so much and we look forward to an awesome week!

Green Valley PTA

### *Join the Green Valley PTA Board!*

## **Create Connections - Support Your Child - Amplify Your Voice - Stay Informed**

Last Friday, we had our General PTA Meeting which included a discussion by our Nominating Committee (Autumn Burns, Stephanie Small, Kaeti McMillan, Andrea Hairston), regarding available board positions for the 24-25 school year.

PTA amplifies your voice and has over 125 years of experience in using the power of collective impact to advocate for the health, safety, and well-being of children. Our board supports the school community with education, health and safety programs, community building, and much more. We host a number of school events including STEM Science Night, Fall Festival, Family Movie Night, Spelling Bee, Run Club, Field Day, Multicultural Night, and Lunch on the Lawn... to name a few.

Listed below are the positions currently available for the 24-25 school year.

- Secretary
- Communications (*Colts Connection*)
- Room Parent Coordinator
- Health and Wellness
- Legislative Chair

**Learn what you can do to positively impact students and families at GV!**

**If you are interested in joining PTA or have any questions, please contact *Maryam Mercado* ([maryam.mercado@gmail.com](mailto:maryam.mercado@gmail.com))**





# SAVER'S CLOTHING DRIVE

3/1 (3:30-5:30 PM), 3/2 (11-2PM)  
LOCATION: ATHAN DOWNS PARK

Please donate gently used clothing and soft goods.

Acceptable items include: clothing, hats, blankets, towels, sheets, etc.

Please store donations in trash bags!

Contact [calhighinteract@gmail.com](mailto:calhighinteract@gmail.com) for questions!



Announcing Colt Card Winners



## COLT CARD WINNERS

February 28, 2024

First Grade - Scallan - **REAGAN** - Caring and Dependable

Second Grade - Smutny - **ANNIE** - Present

Third Grade - Wettig - **TANNER** - Caring and Dependable

Fourth Grade - Harper - **LIBBY** - Dependable and Achieving

Fifth Grade - Nelson/Merrifield - **OLIVER** - Dependable



**Raw Truths, Real Solutions: Suicide Prevention Panel**



Parents and teens are encouraged to attend “Raw Truths, Real Solutions,” a suicide prevention panel presented by the San Ramon Police Department and Teen Esteem in partnership with Leadership San Ramon Valley Class of 2024 on **Wednesday, March 27 at 6PM** at the Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center. This event will dive into the raw truths surrounding depression, educate how to understand the urgency of prevention, and provide ways to recognize symptoms and respond. Information tables will be available to connect students and families with resources such as their local Teen Council, Discovery Counseling Center of the San Ramon Valley, PFLAG Danville-San Ramon Valley, and SEWA. **RSVP to attend.**

**TEEN ESTEEM+**

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**Hosted by San Ramon Police Department**



- Dive into the raw truths surrounding depression
- Understand the urgency of prevention
- Learn how to recognize symptoms and respond




Keynote Speaker, Katie Dennis, LMFT, along with our panel, will provide **hope, encouragement and resources!**

**Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center**  
10550 Albion Road, San Ramon


**Wednesday, March 27, 2024**  
6:00pm - 9:00pm, Resource tables  
6:30pm - 8:30pm, Program



Resource tables available to connect students & families with local services and support: City of San Ramon and Town of Danville Teen Councils, San Ramon Valley Council of PTAs, SRVUSD + Discovery Counseling Center, PFLAG Danville-San Ramon Valley, San Ramon Valley Diversity Coalition, SEWA and more!




# HOW TO EFFECTIVELY SUPPORT YOUR STUDENT'S SUCCESS IN SCHOOL



**A PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS**

## In-Person/Virtual Workshop Topics\*


- Awareness and strategies to creating a safe learning space in the home
- Promoting good citizenship, attendance, and achievement
- Learn more about parental support and school participation
- Understanding CAASPP, CAST, and assessments
- Navigating social media



\*Content and topics will be designed for the grade levels being covered in each session

Presented by:

**Hayward Chapter of the  
NAACP**



RSVP HERE!

QUESTIONS? Email Dr. Hong Nguyen,  
Director of Educational Equity, at  
[hnguyen2@srvusd.net](mailto:hnguyen2@srvusd.net).

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*Session for parents with students in grades TK-5  
March 7, 2024 (In-Person/Remote)*

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

*Session for parents with students in grades 6-8  
May 2, 2024 (In-Person/Remote)*

### HIGH SCHOOL

*Session for parents with students in grades 9-12  
February 27, 2024 (In-Person/Remote)  
May 16, 2024 (In-Person/Remote)*

SRVUSD District Boardrooms or  
remote via Zoom

699 Old Orchard Drive, Danville

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

RSVP at:  
<http://tinyurl.com/naacpparentengagementworkshops>

## San Ramon Childrens' Makers Market

Vidhra, in collaboration with the City of San Ramon, is thrilled to announce the San Ramon Children's Makers Market taking place on May 4th, 2024, 10AM to 2PM at the Dougherty Station Community Arts Center in San Ramon. This unique one-day marketplace empowers children (ages 7 to 17) to explore their entrepreneurial ideas, receiving valuable feedback from genuine customers in a

real-world setting. It serves as an excellent platform for young minds to grasp the intricacies of building a business marketplace. For more information, interested children can contact [thevidhra@gmail.com](mailto:thevidhra@gmail.com). Act quickly, as applications will be closing soon.

**San Ramon**  
**Children's Makers Market**  
 One day marketplace for children to create, plan and launch a business  
**Dougherty Station Community Arts Center, San Ramon**  
**Saturday, May 04, 2024**  
**10am - 2pm**

**Apply today**

Calling all youth creators, dreamers, artists...

Do you always dream of being an entrepreneur?

Are you between 7 years and 17 years old? Then, this is for you!




**Event Sponsors:**







For further details, contact: [TheVidhra@gmail.com](mailto:TheVidhra@gmail.com)



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