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Green Valley Elementary HOME OF THE COLTS

Let's Stay Connected!



Important Dates

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed Nov 29: 6-8PM: Learning Fund meeting in library

Mon Dec 11 5:30-6:15PM: Instrumental Winter Concert in MPR

Wed Dec 20 8:30-10AM: First Grade Holiday Performance in MPR

Thurs Dec 21 - Mon Jan 8: Winter Break

Sat March 2nd: 1920's Great Gatsby Themed Auction at Blackhawk Museum

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

GV Monthly Public Calendar available [here](#)

GREEN VALLEY LEARNING FUND EVENTS

THE ANNUAL *Green Valley Learning Fund*

Auction

1920'S GREAT GATSBY THEMED
GLITTERING, GILDED, AND GLAMOROUS!

DID YOU KNOW THE ANNUAL AUCTION IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST FUNDRAISING EVENTS FOR OUR SCHOOL?

We know not everyone knows what the Learning Fund is or has been to the Auction, so here are some answers to common FAQs:

WHAT IS THE LEARNING FUND?

The Learning Fund is the main body responsible for fundraising for our school. It is a non-profit entity and separate from the PTA.

WHERE DOES ALL THE MONEY GO?

The funds raised by the Learning Fund go directly towards critical needs in our school - including paying for Instructional Assistants in every classroom, supplementing the costs of STEM, Makers Space, the Library, and funding Lunchtime Sports. There are also some big-ticket items the Learning Fund provides every few years including our Kindergarten playground, the school Marquee, and currently underway are the swingset for the back playground! - full breakdown of fund uses for 2023-24 here. Without adequate funding, these important elements are at risk of not being continued.

WHY DO WE GET ASKED FOR DONATIONS ALL THE TIME?

It might seem like you are getting constant donation requests, but there are only a few big fundraisers through the year - registration donations, Apex and Auction - and these contribute significantly towards our total goals.

WHY SHOULD I GET INVOLVED IN THE AUCTION?

In addition to raising funds, the Auction is a great way to get involved in your school and have fun getting to know your Green Valley Community. Plus it's a really fun parent's night out!

MARCH 2ND @ THE BLACKHAWK MUSEUM

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Have questions? Visit gveauction.com or email Jenny Oh & Julie Dickson at auctiongve@gmail.com for more information.

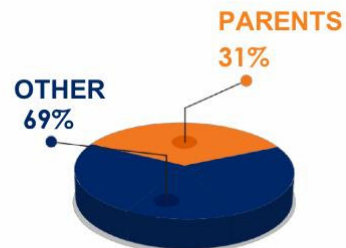


FITNESS – LEADERSHIP – SERVICE – FUNDRAISING

SCHOOL PROFIT	NUMBER OF PLEDGES	THEME & LESSONS
\$49,360	1219	
STUDENT PARTICIPATION	FUNDS TO BE USED FOR	
Out of 504 students, 377 received a pledge, 473 logged in!	General Learning Fund Which Will Utilize Funds For Instructional Assistance!	
LEADERSHIP LESSONS TAUGHT	APEX HOURS	
120 <i>20 X 6 LESSONS/CLASS</i>	300 <i># of hours Apex athletes spent running the program and making a positive impact at the school</i>	
TOTAL LAPS 18,972 = TOTAL MILES RUN 1,185	APEX GIVEBACK CHALLENGE! 74 STUDENTS REACHED \$10/lap <i>For every student that reaches \$10/lap in pledges, Apex makes a donation to Feeding America to help provide up to 20 meals to those in need.</i>	



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APEX WRAP-UP

We want to thank all of our students who participated in our Apex Fundraiser event!!! Due to a rainy forecast we made the decision to partake in a Dance-A-Thon challenge in the MPR and received credit for each dance move instead of running laps. This was a fun and unique way to raise money for our school! There were many smiles, laughter, and creative moves! Thank you again to our community, family members, and teachers/students who

made our Apex fundraiser a true success raising **\$49,360** for our Learning Fund and school!

~ GV Learning Fund ~



Green Valley



Green Valley Community

The week before Thanksgiving break, PTA sponsored two incredibly impactful events, the **Ruby Bridges Walk to School** and our first **Basket Brigade** for Lockwood Elementary.

For our Ruby Bridges Walk, parents, staff members and parents gathered at four different local meeting points and walked to Green Valley together in solidarity to honor the courage, determination and bravery of Ruby Bridges, who is now a national icon for the civil rights movement.

The impact this event had on our community was palpable, as we both watched a sea of smiling community members all dressed in purple, arrive at Green Valley that morning, ready to start their day with renewed hope and purpose.

We would like to personally thank Stephanie Small, our IDC Chair, who worked tirelessly to organize this incredible event and to all those parents, staff members and students who participated. It was an unforgettable morning Stephanie, and we appreciate your commitment to making our school a better place.

In the same week we collected, organized and hand delivered over 230 Thanksgiving meals to our Lockwood families! Thanks to your extremely generous donations and basket organization skills, we were able to ensure that the majority of Lockwood families had a wonderful meal to enjoy whenever the need arises. Seeing the joy and appreciation in the faces of both families and Lockwood staff served as an important reminder of what the holidays are all about.

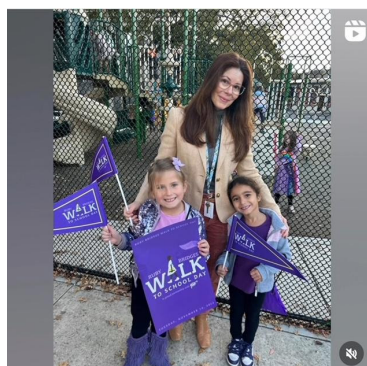
This entire campaign would not have come together without our community service chair, Autumn Burns. She worked day and night to organize donations and solicit help from our community. Thank you Autumn for being a living, breathing example of what it means to give back, both selflessly and with a lot of determination!

The success of both of these events is a true testament to the generosity of our community and our ongoing commitment to creating a more inclusive environment for our students and parents at Green Valley.

Way to go Green Valley!

Maryam Mercado and Lindsay Penkower

RUBY BRIDGES WALK TO SCHOOL DAY





BASKET BRIGADE



Over 230 Meals Delivered to Lockwood



Basket Delivery Team at Lockwood

Announcing Colt Card Winners



COLT CARD WINNERS, November 15th:

First Grade - Roderick - **CAMERON** - Caring and Dependable

Second Grade - Brown - **LAYLA** - Achieving and Discovering


Third Grade - Dyer - **SAHIB** - Relating

Fourth Grade - Harper - **MIA** - Dependable

Fifth Grade - Templeton - **AUDREY** - Dependable, Present and Achieving



SRV Council of PTAs
Reflections Showcase - Save the Date




NATIONAL PTA
REFLECTIONS®


I am Hopeful Because...

Explore the arts and express yourself!

Reflections Showcase
December 7 at 6pm at
the Dougherty Station
Community Arts
Center



Everyone is Welcome!
Celebrate the Arts



SRV Council of PTAs is Proud to Announce our Annual Reflections Showcase!

Join us on **Thursday, December 7** for a celebration of hope as expressed through the National PTA Reflections Arts Program! SRVUSD Students of all ages were invited to express the theme "I am Hopeful Because..." through the arts! Students from every school in the district were invited to participate and we are proud to share the art work of those that advanced to the San Ramon Valley Council level.

We are particularly excited to partner with the City of San Ramon to showcase the art at the newly inaugurated Dougherty Station Community Arts Center! Everyone is invited to celebrate the art of our SRVUSD students on **December 7 at 6pm**. This event is **FREE** and **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!** Save the date and plan to celebrate!

More information will be coming soon at www.srvcouncilpta.org. Questions regarding the event or program should be directed to Reflections Program Chair, Susanna Ordway at reflections@srvcouncilpta.org.

Social Media and Social Emotional Well-Being in Middle School

Monday November 27, 6:00-7:00 pm

Join this virtual presentation co-sponsored by SRVUSD and the SRVCPTA to hear from Jamie Nunez with Common Sense Media. Learn about the social media landscape and the role it plays in students' social emotional well-being, receive guidance for parents, and how to support students with safe and responsible social media use. Register: [**bit.ly/Nov27ParentEd**](https://bit.ly/Nov27ParentEd)

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SOCIAL MEDIA and SOCIAL EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING in Middle School

A VIRTUAL PRESENTATION

Join us for this engaging session with **Jamie Nunez** from Common Sense Media. The workshop will be focused on Middle School, but all parents/caregivers are welcome! The presentation will cover:

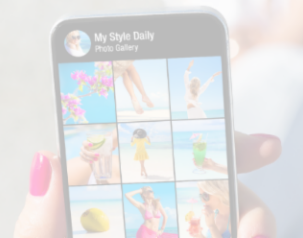
- The social media landscape and the role it plays in students' social emotional well-being, especially in middle school.
- Guidance on how to control distractions, address digital stressors and have conversations with students about social media.
- How to support students in responsible and safe social media use.



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

Register online:
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The Truth About Fentanyl

Monday December 11, 6:00-7:00 pm

Join this in-person presentation co-sponsored by SRVUSD and the SRVCPTA to hear from Ryan Rezaei, Narcotics Chief of the U.S. Attorney's Office in San Francisco. He will discuss fentanyl: what is it, how deadly is it, and, above all, what do you need to know for your children? Session will include overdose rescue training by April Rovero with NCAPDA and free

Narcan overdose rescue kits for all attendees. Registration required, space is limited: bit.ly/Dec11ParentEd.

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The Truth About Fentanyl

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 6:00 - 7:00 P.M.
SRVUSD BOARD ROOMS
699 OLD ORCHARD DRIVE, DANVILLE

FREE NARCAN OVERDOSE RESCUE KITS AVAILABLE FOR ALL ATTENDEES

- Presentation on fentanyl by Ryan Rezaei, Narcotics Chief of the U.S. Attorney's Office in San Francisco: what is it, how deadly is it, and, above all, what do you need to know for your children?
- Overdose rescue training by April Rovero with NCA-PDA.
- Geared towards middle and high school parents and caregivers, although elementary parents and caregivers are also welcome!
- Presentation will include graphic content, and will also touch upon alcohol addiction and abuse.
- Q&A session.

Registration required. Space is limited:
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SRVUSD Middle School Math Advancement Program (MAP) Timeline 2024



FEBRUARY 22	Middle School Math Advancement Family Info Night Location/Time TBD	MARCH 27	5th Grade Math Advancement Test After School @ Elementary School Sites
APRIL 15-26	Course 2 and Course 3 Summer MAP Registration via District Website	MAY 6 - JULY 23	Course 2 and Course 3 Summer MAP (Self - Paced)

[SRVUSD District Math Information](#)



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