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Green Valley Newsletter 9/17/2023

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Green Valley Elementary HOME OF THE COLTS

Let's Stay Connected!



Important Dates

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sep 25 Last Day to sign up for Run Club (see below for details)

Sep 25 & 26 No school

Sep 27 1:00-1:30pm Run Club begins

Sep 28 "Lunch with the Cops" Our own Danville Police officers hope to stop by at lunch to say hello to the students

Oct 6 Fall Fest 5-8pm **LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE GLOW-IN-THE-DARK TEE-SHIRTS! Sales close on Monday!**

Oct 8th: SRVEF Fun Run: Register Before 9/15 and SAVE!

Oct 5-12 BOOK FAIR IN LIBRARY (see volunteer opportunities below)

Oct 5 - Oct 18 - ONLINE BOOK FAIR

Oct 20: Last day to submit Art Reflections entry (see details below)

GV Instructional Calendar for August available [HERE](#)

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

Parking and Drop-Off/Pick-Up Procedures

Beginning on Monday, September 18th, the front parking lot of Green Valley will be coned off, per our new drop-off and pick-up map (developed with our school district and local police agencies) between the hours of 7:40 and 8:00 AM and again between 2:15-2:35 PM M/T/TH/F and 7:40-8:00 AM and 12:30-12:55 PM on Wednesdays.

As the new visual map shows, the front parking lot is only open to buses, Green Valley staff and those families dropping off or picking up students from Kid's Country during the above hours.

All families with children needing drop off and pick up from Kids Country will receive information about the procedures directly from Kids' Country.

We are grateful to our Kid's Country partners and our parent community for putting the safety of our students first!

Principal, Donna Grim



Green Valley Elementary

Drop-off and Pick-up Reminders

For questions or concerns, contact Principal Donna Grim at dgrim@srvusd.net

FOR VEHICLES

- 1** NO STUDENT DROP-OFF/PICK-UP: in Diablo Road parking lot
- 2** STUDENT DROP-OFF/PICK-UP: parking lot on McCauley Road; drive vehicles all the way forward; follow staff directions
- 3** CROSSWALK: yield to pedestrians
- 4** NO STUDENT DROP-OFF/PICK-UP: on Matadera Way
- NO STUDENT DROP-OFF/PICK-UP: along Diablo Road
- NO STUDENT DROP-OFF/PICK-UP: along McCauley Road; do not block through-lane when queued waiting to enter parking lot
- NO STUDENT DROP-OFF/PICK-UP: along El Cajon Drive
- 5** Watch for pedestrians and bicyclists; obey traffic signals

FOR PEDESTRIANS

- 5** Pedestrians and bicyclists: obey traffic and crosswalk signals



For illustrative purposes only. Map not to scale.

Be safe like a COLT!



 Stop at All Intersections Obey traffic signals; watch for pedestrians	 Watch the Road Not your phones!
 Look Both Ways Make sure drivers see you before you cross	 No Speeding Drivers must be safe too!
 Use Marked Crosswalks Cross the street only when it's safe	 Use Sidewalks Whenever possible

Be Street Smart -- Safety Comes First at Green Valley!!

Green Valley



A promotional poster for the Green Valley Wild West Fall Fest 2023. The poster features a central illustration of a cowboy on a horse, silhouetted against a large orange sun. The text 'GREEN VALLEY' is at the top in a large, stylized font, with 'WILD WEST FALL FEST 2023' below it. A wooden sign in the top left corner says 'Buy your tickets and tee-shirts TODAY!'. An orange circle on the right says 'October 6th 5-8pm'. The words 'SPECIAL GUESTS' are written in large, bold, yellow letters across the middle. Below this, there are two smaller images: one of a professional dancer, Rhonda Hurle, and another of a band performing in a smokehouse.

Buy your tickets
and tee-shirts
TODAY!

GREEN
VALLEY

WILD WEST FALL FEST 2023

October 6th
5-8pm

SPECIAL
GUESTS

Rhonda Hurle
Professional Dancer

SMOKEHOUSE

Fall Fest Oct 6th
TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Ticket sales close Sept 29th

<https://gves.futurefund.com/store/campaigns/35332-fall-festival-tickets-2023>

Ticket prices:

- Little Pokes (3 and under): **FREE**

- **Buckaroos (4-17): \$40** All-access ticket includes entry, age-

appropriate games and rides, line dancing, live band, unlimited food and beverage and one ticket for the kids raffle and a chance to win cool prizes*!

- **Ranch Hands (adults 18+): \$20** All-access ticket includes entry, games,

line dancing, live band, unlimited food, and beverage, and one raffle ticket for a chance to win a festive wreath!

Y'all Enjoy the Fixins'

Each ticket includes unlimited pizza, hotdogs, and drinks! Available for an additional cost, El Gran Taco Loco food truck and Cool Beads ice cream will be rustlin' up some delicious grub!

- ALL GUESTS MUST HAVE A TICKET FOR ENTRY

- Due to long lines and cranky cowpokes, there will be no tickets sold or distributed at the door this year. Details to follow!

- Additional raffle tickets may be purchased at the event

- This is a non-profit event. All ticket and tee-shirt purchases help the PTA pay operating costs and allow us to provide entertainment and services to guests.

CALLING ALL RANCH HANDS!!!

Round up your posse and get ready to make this Fall Fest the best shindig this side of the Mississippi!

We need at least **two volunteers for EACH STATION**—that's a lot of cowpokes! Also, any food or equipment donations are greatly appreciated.

Take the bull by the horns and sign up HERE: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050849ADA72DA0FD0-fall#/>



Fall Fest T-shirt Sales Close Tomorrow, Monday Sept 18

Be the best lookin cowpoke this side of the Missississippi!

Order your GLOW-IN-THE-DARK Fall Festival tee-shirt

AND BE ENTERED TO WIN A FREE COOL BEADS ICE CREAM AT FALL FEST!

ORDER T-Shirts HERE



WE NEED TOYS!!

**Have any new toys (in original packaging)
you would like to donate to the
Fall Fest Toy Raffle?**

**Please contact *Christy Habetz*, 617-510-2627
christymorourke@gmail.com**



BOOK FAIR

The fall 2023 Scholastic Book Fair is right around the corner! We are so excited to share a wonderful selection of



STORYBOOK PUMPKIN CONTEST

Let's see how creative you can be: decorate (one) small pumpkin 4" to 6" in diameter (you can

books from Scholastic for our Scholastic Book Fair! We're looking forward to making this a fun event for everyone—after all, who doesn't love a good book to buy and a good story to read? The theme for this year's fall book fair is—Fall in Love with Books!

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/greenvalleylementaryschool10>

purchase one at your local grocery store, farmer's market, or craft store). Decorate the pumpkin as your favorite storybook character! We'll display all the decorated pumpkins in the library/book fair, so make sure you stop by and see them on display! There will be prizes for the best decorated storybook character pumpkins.

[ENTRY FORM](#)



From Our Library

Coming Soon!

Green Valley's 2023 book fair --
"Fall in Love with Books!"

The fall book fair is fast approaching Oct 5-12!
Please sign up to volunteer:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A044FA8AF28AB9-green7>

Get Caught Reading,
Brenda Dvorak, LMC
Green Valley Library



BOO!

It would be a FRIGHT if you aren't prepared for Halloween! Charleston Wraps will raise your spirit from the dead.

Choose from a variety of scrumptious sweets, like crunchy and gooey cookies, sea salt caramels, and peanut brittle. Prefer salty over sweet? Check out the easy to make dips, popcorn, and assorted nuts. They even have spooky decor, wine totes, hand towels, and pillows to decorate your home.

Order now to help us reach our fundraising goal!! EARN PRIZES and HELP OUR SCHOOL!

For any questions, email Cori Gouveia, cen91354@gmail.com

REGISTER. SHARE. SHOP.

SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISER

Check-off your holiday gift list today and help our important cause.
From holiday to hostess to corporate gifts and more,
our online store has something for every occasion – even if it's just for you!

Our Organization ID:

12221



#1 REGISTER

Register participant at
www.registercw.com
to access our handy
invitation tools in the
Participant Portal.
Very important!

#2 SHARE

Invite friends and family
to support! SHARE a link
to the sale using the **TEXT**
& **EMAIL** invitation tools.
Don't forget to share on
SOCIAL MEDIA, too!

#3 SHOP

Go online to **SHOP** and
help us reach our **GOAL**
today! With over 2,500
gift ideas there is
something for everyone,
including you!



Enter for a chance to
WIN
the GIANT plush named
SLOW POKEY



Grand PRIZE

RollerBOTZ COLLECTIBLES

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BETTER PRODUCTS. BETTER FUNDRAISING.
www.registercw.com

New Literacy Lab at Green Valley!



September is National Literacy Month, which is the perfect time to introduce Green Valley's new Literacy Lab! Our school's model for data-driven reading resources is gaining a lot of traction in the district, and we are very excited about how these books and materials will boost our students' reading aptitude and love of literacy. Teachers and IAs will be able to check out decodable books, structured literacy games, and other materials to use with students in their classrooms. It's a science-backed, collaborative way to make sure all kids get the skills they need to be life-long readers.

Want to get involved or learn more? Please contact Donna Grim at dgrim@srvusd.net or Lisa Rubin at lrubin2@srvusd.net



Green Valley Run Club Starts September 27th!

Green Valley Run Club is a PTA sponsored running club for Green Valley students in Grades 1 - 5 that provides a positive and healthy opportunity to develop a routine of physical exercise while having fun. Run, skip, walk, leap, or hop as many laps as you can!

Fall Club meets Wednesday afternoons
1 - 1:30pm from Sept 27 - Nov 15th.

Link to sign
up: [app.marathonkids.org/club-
profile/9550/enroll/true](https://app.marathonkids.org/club-profile/9550/enroll/true)

Link for Permission Slip:
forms.gle/RuNGiveWh3t53FbXA

Last day to enroll is Sept 25 by
5pm. Please reach out to Sapna
at [greenvalleyhealthwellness@
gmail.com](mailto:greenvalleyhealthwellness@gmail.com) if you have any questions.



**Why
Do
We
Run?**



THE RUN FOR
EDUCATION

srvef.org/the-run

The Run for Education is the only event in the San Ramon Valley that includes participants from all 35 San Ramon Valley Unified School District (SRVUSD) schools and is the largest run that supports education in Northern California. All proceeds go back to fund educational programs and grants in SRVUSD.

Run for Education

It benefits Green Valley!

**Come for the Run and Stay for the Fun at the 40th Annual
Run for Education
Sunday, October 8, 2023 | 8AM - 2PM**

Don't miss out on a popular community event and tradition spanning 40 years and the largest run that supports education in Northern California: The Run for Education on Sunday, October 8 at [2700 Camino Ramon](#) in San Ramon, adjacent to City Center.

Events include:

- ☐ 8 am: 10K
- ☐ 8:30 am: 5K walk/run/stroll

- 11 am: Mini Run for 2-6 years olds - participants receive our signature Mini Run cape and post-race treats
- 1 pm: Friendship Run for participants with special needs and their supporters
- All participants receive a shirt and medal!

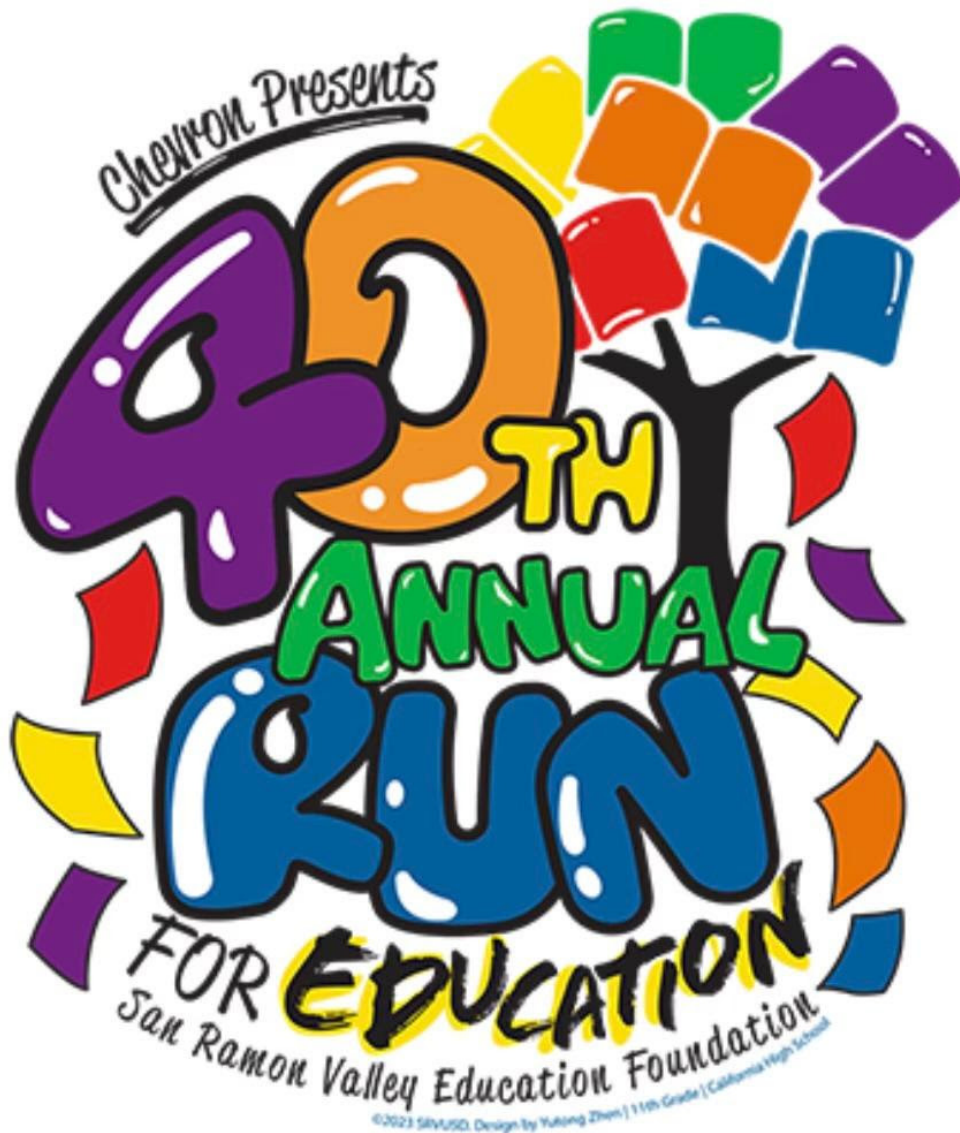
[Register Here](#)

Once your registration is complete, you will receive a unique referral link. Get 4 friends to sign up using your link and receive a \$5 Menchie's gift card! Plus, you will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a pair of ASICS GEL-NIMBUS 25 shoes!

In addition to selecting a school fundraising team when you register, you may also sign up to walk/run/roll/stroll with a team of your choice. Grab your team, club, troop, or pack and join the San Ramon Police Department and other local organizations signing up as a team. Add to the team fun by dressing up and entering our Centipede Competition! Looking for an easy and fun way to get involved in a community event? Join us as a

[volunteer: http://bit.ly/2023rfevolunteers](http://bit.ly/2023rfevolunteers)





The 2023 Run for Education San Ramon Our 40th Anniversary

2023-2024 Reflections Art Program **EXPLORE THE ARTS AND EXPRESS YOURSELF**

The **Reflections Art Program** provides opportunities for recognition and access to the arts which boost student confidence and success in the arts and in life.



There are Six Arts Categories and any child from TK-5th grade can enter an original creation that fits the theme from one of the arts categories: **Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, and Visual Arts.**

Email gvreflections23@gmail.com for more information on how your child can participate in this year's Reflections program!

The deadline to enter is October 20th, 2023!

Announcing Colt Card Winners



COLT CARD WINNERS, September 13th:

First Grade - Scallan - **EGOR** - Dependable and Organized

Second Grade - Bering - **BREE** - Organized

Third Grade - Wetting - **JAMES** - Dependable and Achieving

Fourth Grade - Ouye - **MARK** - Dependable

Fifth Grade - Nelson/Merrifield - **NAOMI** - Caring



Learning Fund Registration Now Open!

What is the Learning Fund?

The Learning Fund is a non-profit organization that raises funds to bridge the gap between public financing and the true cost of the full educational experience we all want for our children. This year, your tax-deductible donations will provide our children the following programs at Green Valley:

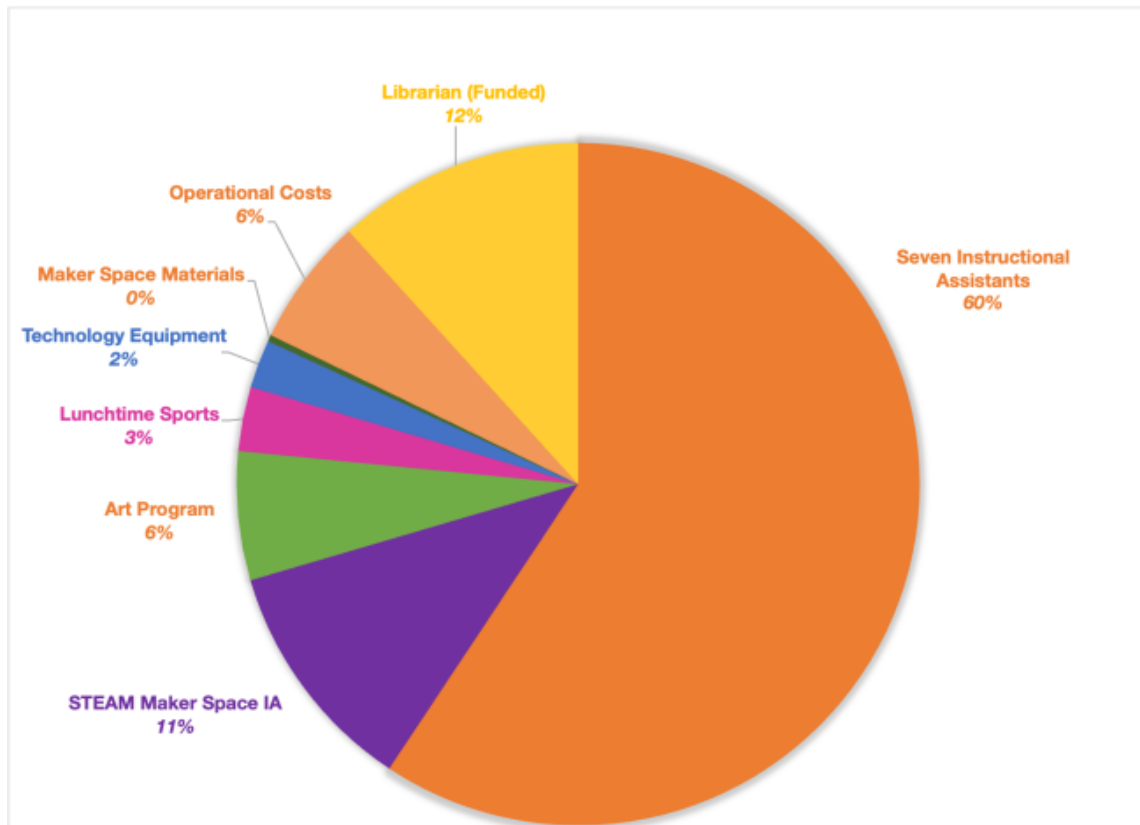
- Classroom Instructional Assistants
- Project Based Science programming (Maker Space), with a dedicated Instructional Assistant
- Art Docent
- TK/Kindergarten PE IA
- Lunchtime sports
- Technology support

Please be a part of this vital fund. We strive to have 100% of our families donate *at whatever amount is possible*. You may access this fundraiser during our online Green Valley School Registration by clicking [here](#).

Thank you!

The 2023-2024 GV Learning Fund Board

Please donate to our crucial Learning Fund today.
Donations to date shown in pie chart below. The time to give is now.
Thank you!



[LEARNING FUND QR CODE BELOW:](#)



Recipe of the Week:

Skinny Skillet Enchiladas

<https://alilbitofspice.com/skinny-skillet-veggie-enchiladas/>



Save the Date for Advocacy Day 2023 on October 27th!

Get ready for Advocacy Day 2023! We've all faced many challenges in our schools and communities recently. Recognizing that, our focus this year will be on putting children and families first by encouraging connection, community, and civility. We are hoping to help our families and schools come together so we can all help our children thrive. Because after all...it's about the kids.

SAVE THE DATE!

OCTOBER 27, 2023
SAN RAMON
COMMUNITY CENTER
8:30AM - 2:30PM



Advocacy Day 2023



Keynote Address
by California
State
Superintendent
Tony Thurmond

It's About the Kids

Developing Connection and Community to
Help Our Children Thrive

Hosted by the Las Trampas Creek Council of PTAs, Pleasanton PTA Council, and the San Ramon Valley Council of PTAs



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