



SANTA YNEZ VALLEY CHARTER SCHOOL February Newsletter

Mrs. Million's Message

Important Dates To Remember!

4th—Special Board Meeting,

5th—Coffee with the Director,
8:00, Office

8th — PTSSO Meeting, Monday,
3:15

9th—Budget Committee Meeting,
4:00 PM

12-15, Presidents Day Weekend—
No School

16th—Tuesday, 6 PM Board Meet-
ing, Room 310

March

2-3 7th Grade STAR Writing

5—Coffee with the Director, 8:00,
Office

Talent Show Auditions TBA

8-12 Conference Week

15 Teacher In-Service—No
School for students

16 Board Meeting, 6 PM

19 End of Second Trimester

26 Talent Show

DRAGON GEAR STORE

Open beginning on
Thursday, February 4th
2:30—3:15

Dear Families,

We will celebrate the 100th day of school next Monday, Feb. 8th. Don't forget to wear your Dragon Hat for the 100th day of school. We are more than half way through the school year and we have so many great things to look forward to as we move into the middle of our school year and beyond. Below are some very important deadlines and dates. Please mark these on your calendar.

Important Dates and Deadlines

- **Intent to Return Forms** need to be turned in ASAP, the deadline is Friday, February 26th.

- **Auction— Saturday, May 1st at the Gainey Vineyard**

As Time Goes By 2010—A Decade of Excellence

Please help us get donations for the silent auction. Signs will be posted in the office this week.

- **Jog-a-thon— Wednesday, March 3rd (Sponsor Sheets coming home in this week's Tuesday Folder)**

Attendance and Tardies

Student academic achievement is closely tied to student attendance according to educational research. It is extremely important to understand that our school will not receive funding from the State of California for pupils who are absent from school. This includes **all absences**, including those related to illness, medical, bereavement, and family vacations. This current trimester is the period that our ADA funding is based on and if our attendance drops below, we could lose anywhere between **\$5,179 to \$5,404** per child for the year. We are already operating at a deficit for this year and we cannot afford to lose anymore funding.

Our discipline policy defines clear consequences for unexcused tardies and absences.

Thank you for supporting us in providing the very best education possible for your student by getting them to school on time, all the time.

Presidents Holiday Friday, Feb. 12th & Monday, Feb. 15th



Congratulations Spelling Bee Contestants

On February 1st, spellers faced off in a competitive match to determine who will represent SYVCS at this year's county Spelling Bee. Our final contestants are Madisen Bramsen and Wyatt Meyer. They will compete against other students in the county at the Santa Barbara County Education Office on Wednesday, February 24th.

Introducing our New Resource Teacher - Rosie Talmadge

Dear Parents,

First of all I must say that I'm very excited to be a part of the Dragon's team!

I was born in Santa Ynez and I have lived here most of my life. I went to Ballard school when it was just the red school house, and attended Santa Ynez Elementary when too many of my family members were attending Ballard.

I earned a teaching credential in Physical Education from Cal State University, Chico, and my Special Ed. Credentials from California Lutheran College as well as the Resource Teacher certificate from Cal Poly, SLO.

I have taught in nearly every school in the Valley, at every grade level, and I have worked at as many as four sites at a time so I'm hoping things will fall into a smooth routine quickly.

I have a 28-year old son who is a geologist, and assistant wine maker out in Los Olivos somewhere. (He is very cute and single!) I live at the end of Baseline, toward Happy Canyon, with my husband of 6 years and 4 wonderfully large dogs that amount to about 500 lbs.

As Bonnie Curtin can tell you, my passion is tennis, and our weekends are always court bound. Our summers are spent backpacking between 8,000 and 11,000 feet in Yosemite National Park. Oh, yes, my other passion when I'm tired after tennis is knitting. I keep telling my husband that I will catch up with the laundry and house work as soon as my project is done, and amazingly another project is started and I will have forgotten to take a break from Knitting. He is retired so he has loads of patience, lovely man!!!

I currently have a full program at Santa Ynez school that keeps my two assistants and I very busy all day with RSP and SDC students.

I am looking forward to meeting you. The best way to reach me is by email.

Please come and meet me at Coffee with the Director, this Friday, February 5th, at 8 AM.

Thanks,

Rosie Talmadge

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Dress Code

Parents, please remember that when your child comes to school he or she must follow the SYVCS Dress and Grooming Code, which means that a student cannot wear:

- Shorts with an inseam less than 3 inches long, short skirts or dresses
- Beach attire
- Crop tops, belly shirts, tube tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps (acceptable for students in K-3 only)
- Clothing suggestive of gang attire

Character Counts

This month we are focusing on the pillar of trustworthiness. Students, kindergarten through eighth grade, are learning that being trustworthy means to be honest, to do what you say you are going to do, and to have the courage to do the right thing. All classes are learning this pillar through letter writing, discussion, signing posters, solving problems or reading stories about it. Check out our Character Counts bulletin board in the front office and see what the second graders have done to learn what it means to be trustworthy.