



Tuesday Folder

January 16, 2018

Character Counts

FAIRNESS

Within our community there are many that are impacted by both the fires and floods, either directly through their families, work, helping and/or hosting others, we truly thank all involved for their efforts. Common Sense Media (www.common sense media.org) has some great resources to help in speaking with your children. Their top tips for "Addressing News and Current Events" is to 1. "Consider your own reactions. Your kids will look to the way you handle the news to determine their own approach. If you stay calm and rational, they will, too." 2. "Take action. Depending on the issue and kids' ages, families can find ways to help those affected by the news." Check out this and other suggestions direction from Common Sense Media.

This week we highlight Goal 3 of our LCAP: Santa Ynez Valley Charter School will create a supportive school climate where students develop social skills through schoolwide buddy programs and active community involvement. There are a few aspects of this goal that I'd like to share: **tardies/attendance, assemblies, buddy/family activities, and student support.** **Attendance** is critical to student learning. We have reduced **tardies** by over 58% since 2013/14, however our attendance rate continues to hover around 96%. A slight increase in attendance, by reducing planned vacations during school days, would increase your child's opportunities to learn. We've set a goal to host at least 1 **assembly** focused on school climate, and PTSO has agreed to sponsor this. On February 15, as part of Kindness Month, all students will be attending an assembly titled "Bucketfilling" at the Upper Campus. Our **Buddy program** continues to thrive with its focus on academics, and our **Family Program** continues to grow with a focus on more civic service activities like last week's Martin Luther King Jr. activity. Students greatly benefit from stronger connections with cross-grade level peers. Next week I'll share more about our **Student Support Services**.

Half-Way Day: Can you believe it?? Tomorrow is already half-way through the school year. Your child is welcome to dress up (in appropriate school attire) that helps celebrate us reaching the half way point in our year!

Auction Committee: The Auction Committee is meeting this Thursday at 8:15am. Please note the change of date. Come get an update on all of their work so far and to help with our next steps planning HAVANNA NIGHTS!

Field Trips: 4-6th Grade were planning to attend the Symphony on Thursday, this field trip has been canceled. We continue to plan on our 7th graders attending CIMI Camp beginning next Monday. We'll keep you updated with the latest news if plans change.

Parent Conference Week (Grades 5-8): January 29-February 2 is Middle School Parent Conference Week. Look for more information on scheduling your child's conference by the end of the week. Please plan for early release schedule.

GO DRAGONS!

-Mr. Mark Palmerston, Ed.D.

Important Dates

January 17: Half-Way Day!

January 17: Field Trip-Chumash Cultural Activities Oceano Nature Center (Grade 3)

January 17: 7th Grade Camp Paperwork and Medications Due to office

January 18: 8:15am Auction Committee Meeting

January 22-26: 7th Grade CIMI Camp

January 29-February 2: Middle School Conference Week



PTSO is looking for donations of cases of water to supplement SYVCS's emergency supplies. While you are doing your shopping please consider picking up a case of water and dropping it in the office before Friday, January 26th. Thank you in advance!

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SAVE THE DATE

SANTA YNEZ VALLEY CHARTER SCHOOL
HAVANNA NIGHTS

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APRIL 28, 2018

Santa Ynez Valley Charter School

Volunteer Name: _____ Student Name: _____

Family Participation Log

Please list the various ways in which your family has volunteered this school year and turn it in to the office as soon as possible.

Date	Volunteer Activity	Hours

Date	Cash in Lieu of Hours	\$\$

Thank you for your time and effort. Participation is key to our success.