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Dr. Amrik Singh, Principal

Sacramento Valley Charter School Parent Newsletter

Dear SVCS Parents,

We just completed 100 days of school and it compels a lot of introspection about our goals set for the current year. If you scan your scholars' progress reports and report cards regularly, it clearly indicates how your scholars have been doing in school. If there are any concerns, now is the right time to get fully involved in your scholar's education. With your active partnership, we can ensure that your scholars will not only show progress on CAASPP and other tests, but also acquire lifelong study skills necessary for college and successful careers.

In case your friends and families interested to enroll their children in SVCS, please let them know that SVCS is a tuition-free, non-sectarian public school like any other school in your neighborhood. All SVCS teachers are credentialed, experienced and fully trained in educational technology.

We focus more on reading during month of February. Your scholar is encouraged to read books from the library, school or the ones you buy for them. Our annual Read-a-Thon will be February 20-28, that requires how many pages they can read. On March 1, the class that reads more pages than any other classes, will be recognized on Dr. Seuss' birthday. Reading involves vocabulary development, note taking and comprehension of literary and informational texts.

SVCS provides lunch to all scholars as per the published menu every month. We try our best to keep our food free from traces of peanuts and other nuts, but it can't be guaranteed one-hundred percent. If your scholar is allergic to peanuts, tree nuts, or any other food, the safest course of action is to pack home-cooked food. The safety and health of kids is our top priority.

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African American History Month: February is the month to celebrate the contribution of African Americans in building America and enriching literary life of Americans. Our teachers will highlight African Americans' historical role in many walks of life.

NAEP Testing: SVCS' 4th grade has been selected for the federal National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) starting on February 20th at 9:15 am. Please be sure your scholars have a healthy breakfast and are on time and present at school to help complete this important national assessment.

2nd Grade Presentations will be held on Monday, February 11th at 10:45am in the Multipurpose Room. 2nd grade parents are welcome and encouraged to attend to support their scholars.

Allergies: SVCS prides itself on trying to maintain an allergen-free environment as much as it is reasonably possible to do so. Please be aware that while we attempt to maintain a food-allergen free environment (peanut, tree nut, egg, etc.), reality is that so many products are produced in facilities where contact with these food allergens could occur, and that even the products that do not contain these foods as ingredients, could still contain trace amounts. For this reason, we highly recommend that the parents of scholars with severe or life-threatening food allergies send their scholars to school with home-packed lunches. This is the best way to ensure your scholar is safe from potential contact with food allergens.

Valentine's Day will be on Thursday, February 14th. While it is not celebrated schoolwide, teachers may coordinate festivities for the holiday. Contact your scholars' teacher if you have any question regarding in-class festivities.



SVCS Spelling Bee Champion Tejbir and runner-up Gurjot

Dr. Seuss Read-A-Thon: Our annual Dr. Seuss Read-A-Thon will be held from February 20th through 28th. On March 1st, when we celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday, when we will recognize the class with the most pages read.

Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration: We will be having a schoolwide celebration of Dr. Seuss' Birthday, including inter-grade reading pairs and recognition of the class which has read the most pages during the Read-A-Thon.

Lincoln's Birthday (NO SCHOOL): There will no school on Friday, February 15th, in recognition of President Abraham Lincoln's birthday. In combination with Presidents' Day, we will have a 4-day weekend from February 15th through 18th.

Presidents' Day (NO SCHOOL): There will be no school on Monday, February 18th, in observance of the Presidents' Day holiday. In combination with Lincoln's Birthday, we will have a 4-day weekend from February 15th through 18th.

Library: Lately, there have been some issues regarding behavior at the library, as well as tardiness of book returns. Here is a reminder regarding the rules for parents and scholars visiting the library:

Please Remember:

- It is important students remain quiet and respectful in the library.
- No yelling, no running, no playing in the library. Be polite with library staff.
- All book returns are the responsibility of the students and their parents, not the school or teachers.
- If a student checks out a book, that student and their parents are responsible for any fees incurred due to turning in the book late or for never turning the book in.
- Any damage to books is also the responsibility of students and their parents.
- Using the library is a privilege, not a right, and may be revoked due to poor behavior.

Mental Health is one of the most serious concerns in our society today. Our concerns regarding youth depression, and other mental health services has prompted us to assign preventative training for teachers, as well as to include information on services available over the phone and in the greater Sacramento area. We have added a page with links to local mental health resources in the area to our website under the Parent menu for your convenience.

Prospective Students for the 2019-2020 school year may now be waitlisted. Please fill out the form and submit it through the main page of our website. We will contact you near the end of the year with further information on enrolling your new student.

Truancy: If a scholar doesn't attend the school due to illness or any other reasons, he/she may be considered truant if the office is not notified. The increasing rate of truancy doesn't reflect well on our school. Please make sure to call/notify the office to avoid this kind of situation.

Attendance Reporting: The office has added a new way to report absences, in addition to calling into the office. On our website, there is a new additional menu option called Attendance, with a drop-down menu called Report Absence. If your student is going to be absent that day, please feel free to fill out the short form and submit it to the office through our webpage, or you are welcome to call or email the office. It is very easy and simple.

Dates to Remember



Thursday	Feb 14	Valentine's Day
Friday	Feb 15	Lincoln's Birthday (No School)
Monday	Feb 18	Presidents' Day (No School)
Tues-Fri	Feb 19-22	Scholastic Book Fair
Wed-Thurs	Feb 20-28	Dr. Seuss Read-a-Thon
Thursday	Feb 28	Free Dress Day
Thursday	Feb 28	End of 2nd Trimester
Friday	March 1	Dr. Seuss' Birthday Celebration

**"To be wise and love, Exceeds man's might."
– William Shakespeare (Troilus & Cressida – Act 3, Scene 2)**