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Dr. Amrik Singh, Principal*

## Sacramento Valley Charter School Parent Newsletter

*Dear Parents,*

*We hope you and your family are doing well. In the last two trimesters, your cooperation has been the key factor in making virtual learning meaningful and successful. We are in the process of mailing report cards and you will see how your scholar performed in different subjects. The third trimester is underway virtually. However, the state has issued guidelines for reopening schools safely. The SVCS Board will consider the matter in its meeting on March 10th and we will update you about it.*

*The third trimester is a kind of harvesting time for scholars to reap the benefits of their hard work. It is not a wise decision to plan a trip, when your scholars are fully engaged in learning. A distracted scholar can't show results as expected. Several standardized tests are administered in April and May that determine the basis of their success in school. Scholars' better performance on these tests strengthens their confidence in their ability to learn, compete, and excel.*

- **CAASPP Smarter Balanced Tests** in English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics, and Science (CAST) are scheduled, April 26 - May 15, 2021.
- **English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPAC)** and **Physical Fitness Tests (PFT)** will be administered immediately after CAASPP Testing.
- **California Science Tests (CAST):** The computer-based CAST measures student's acquisition of the California Next Generation Science Standards. It is administered in grades fifth and eighth, and once in high school.
- **Physical Fitness Test:** The physical fitness test (PFT) for students in California schools is the Fitness Gram®. The main goal of the test is to measure students' physical activity. Students in grades fifth and seventh will take this test. If you want more information on these tests, please contact the office.

*Scholars meet expectations of parents, when they are closely monitored, helped, encouraged and told about making right choices in life. They need to have enough sleep, a nutritious diet, love, and care of their parents. They need support when they are completing their homework and assignments. This is the right and sure path to success.*

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**Women's History Month:** The theme of the year 2021 Women's History Month is "Valiant Women of the Vote: Refusing to Be Silenced." The contribution of women in building this nation has been significant in all fields. But there were times when it was not recognized due to prevailing biases and discriminations. It is in part due to these contributions and great effort against sometimes insurmountable odds that we are fortunate to live in an era where equal opportunity and inclusion are prevailing notions in society, and ones that we must continue to strive for. A major glass ceiling was broken when Ms. Kamala Harris became the first woman vice president of the nation after 245 years American independence.

**Coronavirus Update:** On February 23rd, the State of California announced that Yolo County would be moving to the Substantial, or red, tier. It's an indication that infection rate is decreasing and if the trend continues, we hope to reopen schools for our scholars in the near future. All on-site staff will be vaccinated in preparation for the return to in-person learning.

**Paired Readings:** To celebrate "Read Across America," the SVCS program of paired readings took place on March 2nd, 2021. Elementary classes had an opportunity to share the joy of reading with the middle school scholars.

**Talking to Teachers During Class:** We encourage parents to reach out to their child's teachers, but not during the class time. It is detrimental to other students when parents try to disrupt teachers during their teaching time. If you would like to talk with your child's teacher, please set an appointment time with them.

**School Site Council:** Today, March 5th, is the first School Site Council meeting. Thank you to the parents and staff who have volunteered to be a part of this council. The meeting will be held today at 5:30pm via Zoom. All are welcome to participate in this meeting. The Zoom Link is posted to our school calendar.

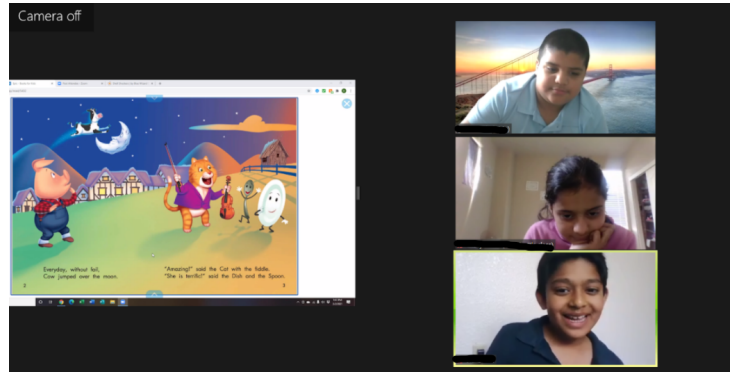
**Daylight Saving** starts on Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to advance your clocks 1 hour.

**Awards Assembly:** The next awards assembly will be held on Wednesday, March 10th. Teachers will be sharing the Zoom link so that students and parents can join the assembly. The assembly will be broken down in the following way:

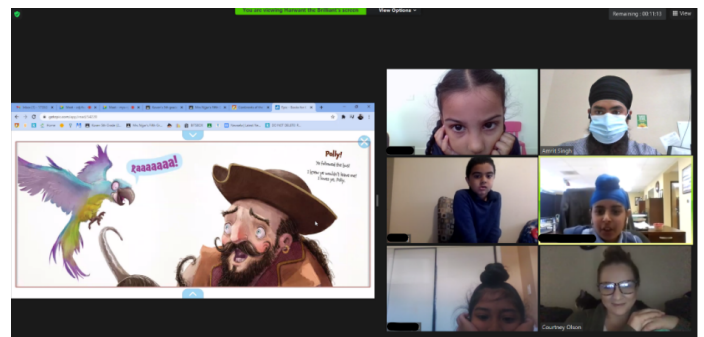
**K-3rd @ 8:30am 4th-5th @ 9:20am 6th-8th @ 10:10am**

**Minimum day** is on March 19<sup>th</sup>. All classes will end at 12:30pm. Teachers are learners too. It is their professional development time.

**Free Dress Day** is every Friday. Please make sure students are wearing their uniforms other days of the week. The uniform is an indication of your scholar's readiness to learn, compete and excel.



*5th Graders reading to 3rd Graders during our virtual "Read Across America" event*



*5th Graders reading to Kindergartners during our virtual "Read Across America" Event*

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

**Returning Students Form:** If you have not expressed your intent to return to SVCS, please do so by submitting the [Returning Students Form](#). In absence of it we may not assure your spot for the next school year.

**Open Enrollment** for the 2021-2022 school year was from January 7th- February 19<sup>th</sup>. If you know someone still interested in our school, please ask them to fill out the [Prospective Student Form](#) and submit it through our main website. We will contact them in the month of April with further information. If we receive more applications than spaces available, enrollment will be subjected to a lottery.

#### Dates to Remember

Monday March 5<sup>th</sup> School Site Council Meeting @5:30pm

Sunday March 14<sup>th</sup> Daylight Saving

Wednesday March 10<sup>th</sup> Awards K-3rd @ 8:30am 4th-5th @ 9:20am 6th-8th @ 10:10am

Friday March 19<sup>th</sup> Minimum Day

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COMES FROM ACTUALLY  
KNOWING WHO YOU ARE.  
THAT'S REAL BEAUTY  
TO ME."

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