



Vallejo Mill Elementary School

Newsletter – December, 2016

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Vision: We envision a school community of respectful, responsible, and resilient life-long learners working towards their full potential.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Vallejo Mill Community,

Winter Break is December 23-January 6. I sincerely wish our entire school community a safe and wonderful winter break and holiday season! Celebrate with friends and family, read a good book, volunteer, give, go somewhere or do something different... Enjoy, relax, and students, please come back on January 9th ready to learn. ☺ No matter how, where, or with who you spend time, may you all receive many blessings in the year to come! Soon it will be 2017!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Rosalinda Cuebas Carrero



FremontSIP Group

(Fremont Spanish Immersion Parent Group)

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Meetings for the year – Join Us!

December 6th 7:00-8:30 at Vallejo Mill
 January 17th 7:00-8:30 at Grimmer
 February 15th 7:00-8:30 at Hopkins
 May 8th 7:00-8:30 at Blacow



IMPORTANT DATES



December

7, 14, 21 Minimum Days

(1:15 Dismissal 1st-6th)

8 VM Spelling Bee

9 PTA Family Fun/Movie

Movie Night 6:45 pm

12-16 PTA Holiday Shop

23-30 No School

Winter Break

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December 23- January 6



January

2-6 No School

Winter Break

11, 18, 25 Minimum Days

(1:15 Dismissal 1st-6th)

10-18 Pick up your sibling packets for priority registration in the office

16 No School – Holiday

26 6th Promotion Picture, Science Fair in MUR

27 PTA Culture Night

Congratulations
Vallejo Mill
Student Council!

President:	Ashley G.
Vice President:	Makenna S.
Secretary:	Nadja R.
Treasurer:	Amanda B.
Sergeant at Arms:	Lilia T.B.

VM Girls Basketball Team
2016-2017

Head Coach: Laura Haas

Maya Z.	Kiara L.
Alondra C.	Anavaleria D.
Annabella Brigg-H.	Kayden D.
Saghana Shree V.	Aliyah G.
Lilya E.	Khadija A.
Rain X.	



VM Boys Basketball Team
2016-2017

Head Coach: Harminder Jagpal

Cory H.	Kenny L.
Jack M.	Joaquin V.
Dominick W.	Lain James S.
Dylan M.	Yassen K.
Kasey F.	Ben P.
Odantzy I.	Kai N.
Jai J.	Thomas D.



DOLPHIN DASH

THE TOP EARNER FOR
THE DOLPHIN DASH RAISED
\$787 AND IS DYLAN M. FROM
ROOM 17. GOOD JOB DYLAN!



Vallejo Mill PTA Reflections

Thank you to everyone who turned in a Reflections Art Project. The following students are moving on to the next level of judging at the district office. Parents of the students who are moving on should be on the look out for an invitation to the District PTA Reflection Celebration at Irvington High School on December 3, 2016.

1. Kali S. for Photography and Visual Arts
2. Abigal B. for Photography
3. Ellen K. for Visual Arts
4. Qinchen L. for Visual Arts
5. Jorga B. for Visual Arts
6. Summer K. for Visual Arts

ABSENCES AND TARDIES

If your child is absent from school, please call the attendance line at 793-1441 using Option #7 to report the reason for the absence the day your child is absent from school.

It is important that your child arrives to school on time each and every day. Our expectation is that parents will assist their child to prepare for school every morning so that he/she does not miss any valuable instructional time.



2017-2018 ELEMENTARY ENROLLMENT INFORMATION/PARENT MEETINGS

Elementary Enrollment Information meetings will be held at the district office at 4210 Technology Drive in the Professional Development Room on December 5, 6 and 8, 2016 from 6-8 pm.

ENROLL NOW!

PRIORITY SIBLING ENROLLMENT

Incoming TK, K, and 1st- 6th grade siblings of *currently enrolled students in grades TK – 6th* will be able to pick up a registration packet from the Vallejo Mill Office from January 10- January 18.

You will complete registration by going to the Office of Student Support Services at the district office during the following dates to register your child: February 6, 7, and 8. No appointment is necessary; you may “walk in.” **The deadline for this priority sibling registration for Vallejo Mill students must be completed by 4:30 p.m. on March 29th.** If you miss these dates, you will need to wait until February 15th or May 8th depending on your child’s grade level.

For detailed 2017/2018 Registration Information, please visit Fremont Unified School District’s website. Click on “Quick Links” at the top left, then go to “Enrollment.” You will find a link for the 2017-2018 Enrollment Timeline. **Deadlines are FIRM.**



WE NEED A GATE PARENT REP

If you are a parent of a GATE student and are interested in giving input at District GATE meetings, please inform our office. Vallejo Mill needs representation. Meetings left for the year are at Brookvale Elementary School from 7:00-8:30 pm on February 6 and April 10.

GATE PROGRAM NOMINATION FORMS

Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) provides differentiated instruction for students with superior ability and high-level academic performance. This year all 3rd grade students will have the opportunity to be tested for GATE. The process is automatic and does not require parents to initiate it. Any student whose parents do not want them to participate in testing must submit a typed opt out letter to the GATE Office by no later than January 15, 2017. Letters submitted after the deadline will not be accepted. Testing information was presented to 3rd grade parents during the months of October and November. Students in grades 4 or 5 who have not been tested in Fremont are automatically offered testing. Those students will be assessed with an ability test during the month of March. A letter will be mailed to the student’s home address with an assigned testing session and for parental written permission. Failure to submit the written permission by the deadline specified in the letter will forfeit your child’s opportunity to be tested. Nomination of those students is not necessary. If your child is new to the district this year and you have not received any information regarding testing by the end of February, please contact Mr. Schroeder at 510-657-2350 ext. 12325 or at jschroeder@fremont.k12.ca.us. If you opted out of testing as a 3rd grader and wish to participate as a 4th grader, you need to contact the GATE Office by phone indicating your wish for your child to test. If you opted out of testing as a 3rd grader and wish to participate as a 5th grader, you need to fill out and submit the Parent Nomination Form located on the GATE website. The window to submit the form is November 1, 2016 to January 15, 2017. For those students in 5th or 6th grade who have been tested and not identified, Teacher and/or Parent Nomination forms are accepted for review under other identification criteria. Additional information and forms are available in your child’s school office or may be downloaded from the Gifted and Talented (GATE) Department’s website. If you believe your child may require GATE services and is in the 5th or 6th grade, submit a completed nomination form to the GATE Office, 4210 Technology Drive, Fremont CA 94538, between November 1, 2016 and January 15, 2017. Faxes will not be accepted.





INDEPENDENT STUDY CONTRACTS

Independent Study Contracts may extend for not less than five (5) and not more than ten (10) consecutive school days.

- ◆ The parent must notify the school administrator in writing of intentions to go on a trip or to be absent for other non-medical reasons at least ten (10) days prior to the absence.
- ◆ A student may go on an Independent Study Contract one (1) time per school year in grades kindergarten to 12.
- ◆ Students may not be on an Independent Study Contract more than three (3) times while in grades kindergarten to 12.
- ◆ Independent Study Contracts that have been issued in previous school years will count towards the maximum number of three (3) while in grades kindergarten to 12. For example, a student that has participated in one (1) Independent Study Contract in the past has a maximum of two (2) Independent Study Contracts remaining until grade 12. A student that has participated in two (2) or more Independent Study Contracts in the past has a maximum of one (1) Independent Study Contract remaining until grade 12.
- ◆ Students who have previously been granted an Independent Study Contract and have not successfully completed all the assigned work, are not eligible for any subsequent short-term Independent Study Contracts.
- ◆ Students whose achievement is below grade level standards, based on multiple measures, in Language Arts or Math may not be eligible for short-term Independent Study Contracts.
- ◆ No Independent Study Contracts will be issued during the first twenty (20) school days of the school year.
- ◆ No Independent Study Contracts will be issued during the last twenty (20) school days of the school year.

When a student is absent for more than ten (10) continuous school days (other than illness), and an independent study contract has not been executed, his/her seat may be given to another student. Upon return, the student may be transferred to another school or alternative program if classrooms at the school of original enrollment are full.

Fremont Unified School District is Now Accepting Donations Online!



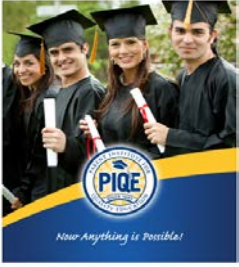
Donations to a school, program, or the district may now conveniently be made online using a credit/debit card or eCheck. Donors may either log into their MySchoolBucks account or go to www.fremont.k12.ca.us; click Select a School (at the top of the page); select the school of his/her choice; and click the box labeled, DONATE TO YOUR SCHOOL. Donors have an option to create an account to assist with future donations or donate as a guest.

SIGN UP FOR E- FLYERS



Reminder – FUSD and Vallejo Mill have partnered with Peachjar to provide e-flyers to our families detailing school information and upcoming events. E-flyer delivery saves time and paperless delivery will save countless trees and reduce waste. Families should have received a welcome email from Peachjar in early October with instructions for setting up an account. If you did not receive an email (check spam folder), visit www.peachjar.com, click 'Sign Up' and follow instructions to register manually. If you prefer not to receive e-flyers via email, you can see all your school's e-flyers on your school website. Simply click on the 'Eflyers' button under 'Announcements' on your school's home page.

PIQE – Parent Institute for Quality Education



Free parent engagement in education classes, in English and Spanish, are being offered on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm at Vallejo Mill through December 8th. Topics that promote academic achievement include: Collaboration between Home and School, Self-esteem, Positive Discipline, California Core Standards, Understanding the School System, and College Requirements. All parents are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Child care is provided.

4th-6th Grade Health Ed

Parents can preview what will be discussed during health and puberty education at the district office at these dates and times:

4th Grade March 6, 2017 5:30-7:00 pm

5th Grade March 23, 2017 5:30-7:00 pm

6th Grade March 30, 2017 5:30-7:00 pm



Attention 4th, 5th & 6th Graders: The 2017 Young Composers'

Competition is coming!

When: Tuesday, March 21, 2017

Where: Ohlone College Gymnasium

Time: 10:15 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.

Deadline for entries is January 13, 2017. For directions, registration and further information, go to <http://www.fremont.k12.ca.us/Page/26953> or contact your school office.

Study Trips and Siblings

Reminder: Siblings of students who are not enrolled in your school are not allowed to join FUSD study trips per Board Policy 1240.



Birthday Wishes

Want to make your student's birthday extra special? Fill out the form in the office to wish them a Happy Birthday on our Marquee. Their birthday wish will stay up for one week. Please allow one week notice. Price is \$10 per birthday wish. Any questions, see our secretary Liz.



MINIMUM DAYS

Grades 1-6

EVERY WEDNESDAY

8:30 AM – 1:15 PM