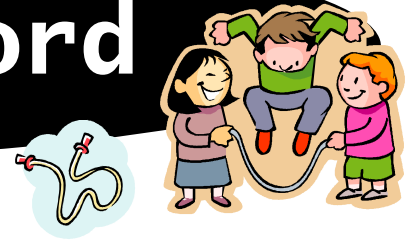


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News from Mr. Hollingshead

Hello Wildcats,

I can't believe that we are already more than halfway through this school year and almost at the end of February. To celebrate "Heart Month," Mission Valley's 1st-6th graders will be teaming with the American Heart Association in a fundraising effort by participating in Mission Valley's Jump Rope for Heart activity on Friday, February 19th in the morning (1st-3rd 8:45-9:45 4th-6th gr. 10-11:00). This activity will consist of different jump roping stations (single, group, relay races and a health station) out around the campus and students will participate with their grade level. The fundraising information (AHA permission slip, donation envelope and a letter) for this event was sent home Wednesday, January

27th. In order to participate, students must bring back a signed permission slip provided by the American Heart Association.

Last year's Jump-Rope-for-Heart event raised \$9,808.13 and we are hoping to raise close to the same amount. Because the Mission Valley students reached their goal last year I was duct-taped to a pole a couple weeks after the event. This year if they reach the set goals, I will be walking around without any hair on the top of my head and/or on my face (haven't seen that top lip in 30 years). Heart disease and strokes are America's number 1 and number 3 killers, so as a school we would like to help fight these by raising money through our Jump-a-Thon, practicing healthy eating habits and exercising. If you would like to volun-

teer for this event and/or have questions, please contact the school at 685-7396.

Just a reminder, if you have an incoming kindergarten student for the 2010-2011 school year, Mission Valley's kindergarten registration is Monday, March 1st from 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Packets containing registration materials are available now in the school office and will need to be returned on the day of registration.

Stay Heart Healthy,
Mr. Hollingshead



Will Mr. H. lose all his hair?? His beard?? His mustache???

Poetry and Prose!

A big congratulations goes out to the following MV students who were selected to present their poems and/or prose at the TCSD Festival on February 26. Good luck kids! Kortney Hamilton, Brooklyn Grogan, Verenice Ramirez, Brandon Mayo, Ashton Hamilton, Sarah Hunt, Sydney Nunes, Jace Wilbanks, Jake Costa, Jacob Callison, Jesse Fernandez, Crystal Bourez, Eliana Zavaleta, Bailey Keiser, Gisele Orig, Peyton McKinzie, Hallie Fernandes, Jazmin Campos, Hannah Oliveira, Kayla Ferreira, Brooklyn Briggs, Tyler Ball, and Bobby Mascorro.

Another group of students will be performing at the county festival in March. They are: Meghan Mayo, Emily Jensen, Peyton Costa, Isaiah Machado, Justin Hemara, Adrian Rosas, Ryan Marroquin, Ethan Kauvaka, Evan Mussin, Nicholas Light, Rafael Medrano, Diego Menchaca, Ethan Padilla, Christian Ruiz, Samuel Sanchez, Kendra Oliveira, Jenna Toor, Taylor Holt, Alex Roberts, and Chelsea Gordon.



Haley Spencer Wins the Bee!

The third annual Mission Valley Spelling Bee was held Friday, Jan. 29. There were 23 participants from grades 4-6. Haley Spencer, 6th grade, came in first, Kiana Carrasco, 4th grade, was second. Both of them will compete at the Tulare County Spelling Championship on Feb. 24. Our third place winner was 6th grader Stephanie Aguirre, and Molly Brooks from 4th grade was right behind her in 4th place. Stephanie and Molly will attend the county bee as alternates. Great job, girls! We are proud to have you represent Mission Valley!

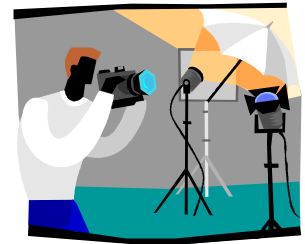


PTO

Opportunities!



Our PTO is looking ahead to next year. Our President, Saan Schlick, will not have any more kids here at Mission Valley. She will be missed! We will need to have someone step up and take her office as President. We also will need someone to assist with the yearbook. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Hollingshead or Saan Schlick.



Our PTO will be sponsoring the Spring Pictures again this year. On April 22, every student will have their picture taken. The proofs are sent home and parents have the option to purchase them. A small portion of the proceeds goes to our PTO.

Teacher Feature: Paula Dodson

By Jenna Toor, 5th Grader (Vice President)



Mrs. Dodson teaches fourth grade here at MV. She grew up in Tulare and Visalia and attended Kohn, Cherry Avenue, and Tulare Union. Mrs. Dodson grew up as a musical person, playing the flute, piano, guitar, and also liked to sing.

She has worked in many jobs and places including as a car hop, at Mervyns, at a bank,

and has also taught kindergarten and fourth grade.

Paula is married to her husband Roger and has two sons in college. Her baby is Sweet Pea, a Chihuahua, whom she loves.

Mrs. Dodson loves to garden, read the Twilight saga, go to the movies, and enjoys the coast with her family. What she loves

most about her job is to be able to work with students and her teacher friends.

Something interesting you probably didn't know is that one of her dreams is to go on American Idol. (Watch out Simon Cowell!) Another dream is to be a chef!



Teacher Feature: Kristen Paggi

By Gabriel Gonzalez, 6th Grader (School President)

This month I interviewed Mrs. Paggi, a kindergarten teacher. This is her story.

She grew up in Tulare. She attended St. Aloysius K-8, and Tulare Union High School. Mrs. Paggi went to Fresno State for her teaching credential.

She worked as a lifeguard from high school to college. Mrs. Paggi has been a kindergarten teacher for four years. At the end of each school year, she

loves seeing progress in her students.

Kristen Paggi is married to Phillip, who is our librarian's (Mrs. Paggi's) son. They do not have children, but she has a dog named Roxie. On Saturdays, she loves to take Roxie for a jog. Mrs. Paggi has six nieces and nephews, one of whom helps out in her classroom on Fridays.

Going to movies, playing with her dog, and spending time with her family are her favorite things to do. You

should know that Mrs. Paggi is very organized, which probably really helps her in her kindergarten classroom.





Congratulations to these Students of the Month January 2010

Kindergarten: Aidan Luyando, Austin Hodge, Lucas Landeros, Maddie Lew, Alessandra Calica, Corbett VanderFeer, Andrew Villasenor

First Grade: Peyton Costa, Ryden Medeiros, Amari Bailey, Madalyn Sausedo, Tyler Storey, Christian Nava, Jana Verdin, Benny Caballero

Second Grade: Kennedee Peters, Jon Valadao, Isabel Aspetia, Joshua Giuliani, Nikolas Perryman, Kansas Caballero

Third Grade: Winnie Cheng, Jacob Ramos, Trent Everett, Maxinne Aguilar, Hannah Oliveira, Brycen Arnold

Fourth Grade: Kiana Carrasco, Darren Aguilar, Victoria Alcantar, Sarah Collins, Selena Robles, Joel Sanchez, Ashley Martin, Toni Chwalek

Fifth Grade: Kim Hernandez, Zachary Fallert, Maniah Kindell, Victoria Mendoza, Julissa Mayorga, Caleb Cardoso, Bryan Montes, Maritza Huerta

Sixth Grade: Alyssa Lopez, Tajdeep Joshan, Richard Preciado, Adriana Marquez



Musical Theater and Mission Valley Players

We have about 90 students who are involved in the upcoming production of *The Lion King!* Mrs. Vossler, Mrs. McKinzie, and Mrs. Hunt are very excited about the talented cast they have this year. The students are currently in rehearsals up to three times a week in either Musical Theater or the Mission Valley Players. Mark your calendars to attend the evening performance on April 13. The play will also be performed for students during the school day on April 12 and 13. There will even be DVDs for sale after the event. All proceeds benefit the Musical Theater fund. If you would like to get involved, Mrs. Vossler welcomes any parent help for set construction.