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Canyon Communiqué

A Legacy of Excellence

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Happy New Year!

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Principal Message – January 2018

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians:

It's hard to believe that another calendar year has passed and that 2018 is now upon us. We hope you are able to spend time relaxing with family and friends. During the holidays, it is important to pause and enjoy each other's company as we look forward to what a new year will bring.

Fortunately, the school year is not yet halfway finished. That means there is still time for students to do whatever work is necessary to improve grades by the end of the semester, which is January 20. Students will report back to school on January 8. There will be **no school on January 15**, honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. **January 18 and 19 are minimum days** with a dismissal at **12:45 pm** for all students on these days. Students must be off campus by 1:00 pm. Bus service will be available for the students who normally ride the bus. Teachers will be working on grades and preparing for the 2nd semester during these times.

Our parent meetings for January are:

- Padres Unidos – January 11
- PTA and ELAC – January 9
- African American Alliance Network – January 9
- School Site Council – January 25

Our winter concerts were incredible, as our students in band, orchestra and choir dazzled audiences, under the expert guidance of teachers Carina Zamora, Heidi Dahms and Katie Burke. In addition, our students and staff celebrated our talents at our Winter Assembly on December 22.

During the months of November and December our Canyon community did an outstanding job collecting food and gifts for our community. During November our students collected **over 5,000 canned goods** that were distributed for the Thanksgiving Holiday. During December, various classes raised thousands of dollars to provide gift cards and gifts to more than a dozen families as part of the Castro Valley Community Outreach program. This outpouring of generosity is representative of the care and compassion of our school community at Canyon. Our special thanks also to the Community Outreach program, to our Activities Directors, Mrs. Shen and Ms. Hsu, and of course to all of you who support our community in so many ways.

From my family to all of you in the Canyon community, I wish you a peaceful holiday season and a Happy New Year. And, as always, remember to SOAR Canyon!

Best Wishes,

Matthew Steinecke

CVUSD is committed to providing equal opportunity for all individuals in education. District programs, activities, and practices shall be free from discrimination, intimidation, harassment and bullying based on race, color, ancestry, national origin, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital or parental status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, or genetic information; the perception of one or more of such characteristics; or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. Violations of this policy should be reported immediately to the site administrator(s) at District Schools. Inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Director of Student Services, 4400 Alma Avenue, Castro Valley CA 94546, 510-537-3000 x 1257

Mensaje del Director – Enero 2018

Queridos Estudiantes y Padres/Tutores:

Es difícil creer que otro año del calendario escolar haya transcurrido y el 2018 esta ya sobre nosotros.

Esperamos que puedan permanecer tiempo junto a sus amigos y familiares. Durante los días festivos, es importante hacer una pausa y disfrutar de la compañía de cada uno, al esperar con ansias lo que nos traera el proximo año.

Afortunadamente, la mita del año escolar no ha terminado todavia. Lo que quiere decir, que queda tiempo para que los estudiantes finalicen los trabajos necesarios para mejorar sus calificaciones al final del semestre, el cual es el 20 de Enero. Los estudiantes se reportaran de regreso a clases el 8 de Enero. **No habra clases el 15 de enero**, honorando al Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. **Enero 18 y 19 la salida sera a la 12:45 pm** para todos los estudiantes. Los estudiantes tienen que estar fuera del plantel educativo a la 1:00 pm. El servicio de autobuses estara disponible para todos aquellos estudiantes quienes normalmente lo usen. Los maestros estaran trabajando en las calificaciones y preparando el siguiente semestre durante estas horas.

Nuestras juntas de padres para Enero seran;

- Padres Unidos - Enero 11
- Asosicacion de Padres de familia (PTA) y Comite de Asesoria del Aprendizaje del Idioma Ingles (ELAC) - Enero 9
- Red de Alianza Afroamericana – Enero 9
- Consejo Escolar - Enero 25

Nuestros conciertos de Invierno estuvieron increíbles, tanto los estudiantes de banda, orquesta y coro deslumbraron a sus audiencias, bajo la guía experta de las maestras Carina Zamora, Heidi Dahms y Katie Burke. Además, nuestros estudiantes y personal celebraron nuestros talentos en nuestra Asamblea de Invierno el 22 de Diciembre.

Durante los meses de Noviembre y Diciembre, nuestra comunidad de Canyon hizo un excelente trabajo recolectando comida y regalos para nuestra comunidad. Durante Noviembre, nuestros estudiantes recolectaron **mas de 5,000** latas de comida que fueron distribuidas para la festividad de Accion de Gracias. Durante Diciembre, varias clases recaudaron miles de dolares para proveer tarjetas de regalos y regalos a mas de una docena de familias como parte del Programa de Asistencia Comunitaria de Castro Valley. Este desbordamiento de generosidade es representativo del cuidado y la compasion de nuestra comunidad, por parte de la escuela Canyon. Nuestro especial agradecimiento al Programa de Asistencia Comunitaria, a nuestros Directores de Actividades, la Sra. Shen y la Srita. Hsu y por supuesto, a todos ustedes que apoyaron a nuestra comunidad de muchas otras maneras.

De parte de mi familia y para todos ustedes en la comunidad de Canyon, les deseamos una Navidad de Paz y un Feliz Año Nuevo. Y como siempre, recuerden VOLAR MUY ALTON Canyon!

Mis mejores deseos,

Matthew Steinecke

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Castro Valley Unified School District - Newsletter

Please visit the following link to view the District's newsletter. <http://bit.ly/2nVUT5B>

亲爱的学生和家長/监护人：

很难相信又过了一个历年，2018年即将到来。我们希望你花时间与家人和朋友放松。在假期期间，我们期待新的一年将会带来什么样的好处，暂停和享受彼此的公司是非常重要的。

幸好，学年还没有完成。这意味着学生们仍然有充足的时间来完成学期末即1月20日提高成绩所需的一切工作。学生将于1月8日回到学校。1月15日，学校将不再有任何学校颁奖。小马丁·路德·金1月18日和19日是所有学生在下午12点45分被解雇的最低日子。学生必须在下午1点之前到校外。巴士服务将为通常乘坐巴士的学生提供。教师将在这些时间内为成绩和第二学期做准备。

我们1月份的家长会议是：

- Padres Unidos - 1月11日
- PTA和ELAC - 1月9日
- 非洲裔美国人联盟网络 - 1月9日
- 校址委员会 - 1月25日

在教师Carina Zamora, Heidi Dahms和Katie

Burke的专家指导下，我们的冬季音乐会令人难以置信，因为我们的乐队，管弦乐队和合唱团的学生们眼花缭乱。此外，我们的学生和工作人员在12月22日的冬季大会上庆祝了我们的才能。

在十一月和十二月，我们的峡谷社区为我们的社区收集食物和礼物做了杰出的工作。十一月份，我们的学生为感恩节假期收集了五千多罐食品。作为卡斯特罗谷社区推广计划的一部分，12月份，各个班级筹集了数千美元，为十几个家庭提供礼品卡和礼物。这种慷慨的流露代表了我们在峡谷的学校社区的关怀和同情。我们还特别感谢社区拓展计划，我们的活动负责人，沉女士和许女士，当然还有对您们所有支持我们社区的人们。

从我的家人到峡谷社区的所有人，我祝愿你有个安宁的假期和新年快乐。和往常一样，记住SOAR峡谷！

最好的祝愿，

Matthew Steinecke

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SAVE THE DATE: FEBRUARY 10, 2018

Please save the date for our upcoming **Black History Celebration** on **February 10th from 9 - 11 am** here in Canyon's cafeteria. Our African American Alliance Network and Black Student Union are proud to continue this ongoing tradition. We hope you'll join us on that Saturday morning to kick off Black History Month with an event focused on honoring, educating, and celebrating community, as well as looking toward the future, empowering and supporting our students. With musical guests, speakers, door prizes, food, and more, we look forward to seeing you there! Again, that's Saturday, February 10th at 9:00 am--mark your calendar today!

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION: Canyon Middle School participates in the **General Mills BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION** program. There is a container on the main office counter for Box Tops. Each Box Top is worth one dime... and they add up quickly. We've currently collected **980 Box Tops** and **Bonus Box Tops** for 2017-2018. **Your support of our school is greatly appreciated!**

Counselor Corner

Attention 8th grade parents, Save the date: CVHS will hold Parent Night for program planning on Thurs Feb 8th, 2018. More details to follow.

January Communique

Happy New Year Canyon Community! Parents, ever feel like you cannot get any information from your child? For example, "How was your day?" The best most parents get is "Good", right? Taken from www.therealisticmama.com the following questions may open up more communication with your child.

Conversation starters with your kids

1. What was your favorite part of today?
 2. What was your least favorite part of today?
 3. What is one of your favorite all time memories?
 4. If you had \$20. to do anything you wanted with, what would you do with it?
 5. What do you want to be when you grow up?
 6. Describe your dream vacation.
 7. What qualities do you think make a good friend?
 8. Describe yourself in one word.
 9. If you could be invisible for one day, what would you do?
 10. What is your favorite book?
 11. What is your favorite meal?
 12. What is your favorite movie?
 13. If you could make your own movie what would you call it?
 14. If you had to give all your toys away, who would you give them to?
 15. If you could only keep one toy, which one would it be?
 16. What is your favorite word? Why?
 17. What is the funniest joke you know?
 18. If you could change one thing in the world, what would you change?
 19. Who do you want to be most like when you grow up?
 20. If you could build anything in our backyard, what would you build?
- Your turn! What questions do you want to ask mom/dad?

Communication is important at any age, but as they enter the teen years it is even more crucial. Lend an open and willing ear to your child's thoughts, let them feel heard by reflecting back what you hear them say. As parents we spend a great deal of time talking, imparting our wisdom--it is equally if not even **more** important to really listen to them.

Ms Fisher, Ms Acuna and Ms Souza--the Counseling Team

6th Grade Outdoor School – 2017-2018

Team A- March 26 - 30

Team B - March 19 - 23

Team C - March 12 - 16

Outdoor school is a wonderful experience that we hope all students will participate in. It will be a week filled with adventure and learning. In January, health forms and packing lists will be sent home. If you have any concerns that affect your child specifically, you can contact the Outdoor School at (650) 879-0608 or check their web site <http://exploringnewhorizons.org/loma-mar/> .

Thank you to those parents who have turned in payments and commitment forms (due December 15). Please contact your child's advisory teacher to let them know whether your child will be attending Outdoor School if you have not so already.

CANYON Yearbook Ads for 8th Grade Students

8th Grade Parents and Guardians! Yearbook Ads are on sale starting January 22nd through February 23rd. Share your congratulations and well wishes; represent your child's character, strength, skills, growth. There are two ad sizes available:

- 4-1/4 x 2-1/2" = \$35.00
- 4-1/2 x 5-1/2" = \$50.00

Starting January 22nd, you can design your ad online at www.yearbookforever.com/# If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Hsiao-Frates at shfrates@cv.k12.ca.us

Yearbooks are still on sale! Buy it now before the price goes up! Students can come to I-3 during break or lunch with cash or check to Canyon Middle School, or you can order it online through Walsworth Yearbooks at <https://yearbookforever.com/#>. The price is \$40 until December 31, 2017; \$45 until March 25, 2018; and then \$50 until the end of the school year. Remember, there is an online service charge of \$2.25, but you also have more choices to customize your yearbook. If you have any questions, please contact **Sandy Hsiao-Frates** at shfrates@cv.k12.ca.us.

Grade Reporting Schedule

Below is the schedule of when quarterly Progress Reports and Report Cards will be **mailed home**. Please note that *Progress Reports* are not sent to all students, only those with grades raising concern. Please remember that that you may check your child's progress through the Parent Portal account for your child(ren).

2nd Quarter/1st Semester
Report Cards mailed on 1/25/18

3rd Quarter
Progress Reports mailed on 3/1/18

3rd Quarter
Report Cards mailed on 3/29/18

4th Quarter
Progress Reports mailed on 5/10/18

4th Quarter
Report Cards mailed on 6/14/18

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS:

- **January 15, 2018 – Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday**
- **February 1 – 2, 2018 – Professional Development Days**
- **February 19, 2018 – Presidents' Day**

Save these dates! Mark your calendar! **CANYON MIDDLE SCHOOL!!!**

- **MINIMUM DAYS - 12:45 pm release for all students:**
January 18, 2018, January 19, 2018,
March 30, 2018, June 6, 2018, and June 7, 2018
- **ADDITIONAL Collaborative Schedule Release Days - 2:10 pm release for all students:**
March 22, 2018, and March 23, 2018

★ Student Activities ★

January is Mentoring Month!

*To get the most current updates on or around campus,
please LIKE us on Facebook and FOLLOW us on Instagram at Canyon Student Activities!
You can listen to the Daily Bulletin or check the calendar at the entryway to school
and on the Canyon website (cv.k12.ca.us/canyon) to get updates as well.*

Adopt-A-Family Update: Every December, we continue our tradition of community by assisting Castro Valley Outreach with their Adopt-A-Family program. Thank you for your incredible generosity in collecting over \$7,000 for our CV families in need! Our Condors truly are amazing! We're so proud of our generous Canyon students and families who have helped make a happy holiday season for others!

Spelling Bee: It's Spelling Bee Season! Canyon students will have the opportunity to show their outstanding spelling skills as soon as we get back from Winter Break! The top spellers from each English class will compete in the Canyon Spelling Bee during the weeks of January 8-19 to determine who will represent each grade in the Castro Valley Unified Spelling Bees. The CVUSD Bee for Grades 4-6 will be held from 7-9pm on **February 6**, the Bee for Grades 7-9 will be held from 6:45-8:30 on **February 7**, and the Alameda County Spelling Bee will be held in early March. Canyon is hosting these events in Room D-11, so come out and cheer on our great Canyon spellers!

WEB: Our awesome 8th grade WEB Leaders have been working hard all semester to make sure that all our 6th graders know that Canyon is **Where Everybody Belongs!** We've had many WEB events, including a Locker Party, BINGO, and Game Days as well as three successful WEB Luncheons. We have a WEB Movie Night planned on **Friday, January 26** from **3:30-5:30pm**. The movie we will be showing is *Mulan*. More events are to come as our 8th graders continue to learn and practice their mentoring skills. We will also begin looking for interested 7th graders to become next year's WEB leaders in the spring, so listen for announcements and application dates.

Please listen to the daily bulletin to get updates on lunchtime events and other school functions. In addition to our social media updates, information is posted on the calendar at the entryway to school.

~Ms. Hsu and Ms. Shen, Activities Directors

VISITORS ON CAMPUS: ALL visitors to the school campus MUST check in and sign in at the school office **between the hours of 7:30 am and 3:30 pm**. ALL visitors are escorted on the school campus between the hours of 7:30 and 3:30 pm. ALL visitors must wear a Canyon visitor badge or District ID card. No track use during school day for safety and instruction. Prior arrangements MUST be made when visiting the classroom. This includes before and after school visitors on the campus.

If you are volunteering in the Library / classroom or chaperoning on a field trip / school dance, you must have completed the Megan's Law form that was included in your child's registration packet. This form must be completed at the start of each school year and is good through September 30th of the following school year. Additional forms are available in the main office.

Canyon Middle School appreciates the dedication of our School Board Trustee Members:

Gary Howard, Monica Lee, Jo A. S. Loss, Dot Theodore, and Lavender Lee Whitaker
Superintendent, Parvin Ahmadi

January 11th and 22nd, 2018

Meetings are held in the Board Room at the District Office: 4400 Alma Ave, Castro Valley and start at 7:00 pm. Agendas & Board Materials on the District website (www.cv.k12.ca.us) under Board of Education.



CANYON ATHLETIC BOOSTERS



Craig Nieves, Athletic Director

cnieves@cv.k12.ca.us

NEW ATHLETIC CLEARANCE INSTRUCTIONS

2017 – 2018 - Effective October 25, 2017

Canyon Middle School is now using online athletic clearance. All students **MUST** obtain athletic clearance prior to participation in tryouts or other season practices. Please read the instructions for registering your athlete below, as the process has changed.

All Winter and Spring athletes **MUST** complete the online packet process, even if you submitted a paper copy for a Fall sport.

ATHLETIC CLEARANCE DEADLINES:

January 22nd for Spring Sports

Athletic clearance submitted after these deadlines may not get processed in time for team tryouts.

Instructions for Registering Your Athlete: SportsNet Inc. provides secure online registration services for high school athletic programs. Below are instructions for creating a parent/guardian user account and registering one or more athletes at Canyon Middle School.

Creating an Account

1. Go to <https://sportsnethost.com/canyon-parent>
2. Click the **Create an Account** link near the bottom of the screen
3. Enter the required information and submit the form
4. Log in to the system with your email address and password
5. Follow the instructions inside the system

Before You Begin

Make sure you have the following prior to attempting to register your child:

- Your child's CVUSD student identification number
- The exact spelling of your child's first and last name as it appears in official school records. You can check your official records through Aeries Parent Portal.
- Your child's active health insurance coverage information, including the name of the provider and the policy ID. If you do not have medical insurance coverage for your student, you must purchase Student Insurance. See District website <http://www.cv.k12.ca.us/parents/student-insurance> for an application and instructions.

Registration Process: Be sure to carefully read the instructions on each screen and provide all required information. If you are unable to finish in a single session, the information you have already submitted will be saved and you can log back in at a later time to finish.

Important: The school will not receive your submission until you complete the entire process, ending with your final electronic signature on the last available screen. Be sure to **check your email for a confirmation message** after you have finished. *Please be aware that submission of your child's athletic packet does not grant instant clearance.*

Support: Please contact your child's school directly if you need specific information about your child's registration. Contact **Canyon Athletic Director, Craig Nieves** at cnieves@cv.k12.ca.us.

For general assistance, please email our support team at support@sportsnetinc.com. Our first available representative will get back to you shortly.

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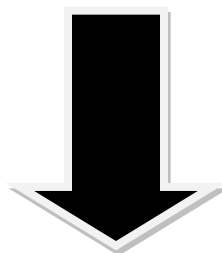


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January 2018–Happy New Year!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 NO SCHOOL Winter Break <i>New Year's Day</i>	2 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	3 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	4 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	5 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	6
7	8	9 AAAN Meeting 6:30 pm, Library PTA Meeting - 7:00 pm, Library	10	11 Padres Unidos Mtg. 6:30 pm, Library CVUSD Board Meeting 7:00 PM, District Office	12	13
14	15 NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday	16	17	18 EARLY RELEASE 12:45 pm	19 EARLY RELEASE 12:45 pm 7th/8th Grade Dance 7:00-9:00 pm, Gym	20
21	22 CVUSD Board Meeting 7:00 PM, District Office	23	24	25 SSC Meeting - 3:15 pm, Room B-3	26 WEB Movie Night (Mulan) 3:30-5:30 pm, Cafeteria	27
28	29	30	31			

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for information from
CVUSD Child Nutrition and
the Center for the Arts.**



CVUSD – Child Nutrition

Negative Balances for Meals

December 11, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Negative balances on meal accounts for students attending the Castro Valley Unified School District are extremely high this year.

If you have not filled out an application please do so online on the district website (Rocket Scan). Paper copies of applications are also available at your school site in English, Spanish and Chinese. Your family could qualify for a free or reduced meal for the remainder of the 2017-18 school year!

To keep your students account current please log onto MySchoolBucks.com to put money on your child's account to cover any negative balance and to cover future meals they purchase. Personalized white envelopes are provided at the school office if you wish to pay in cash instead.

If you are experiencing financial difficulty please contact the Child Nutrition Office at 510 340-9117 to make payment arrangements.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

New Lunch Menu Cycle Starting Dec 11th

Some of the highlights are:

Chicken Tiki Masala & Naan Bread

Deep Dish Pizza

Homestyle Chicken Noodle Soup & Cheesy Foccacia Bread

Crispy Steak Sticks, Mashed Potatoes & Flaky Biscuit

Mandarin Chicken Bowl & Fortune Cookie

Corn Dog & Curly Fries

Chile (beef) Baked Potato* Secondary Only



Try something new today!



CASTRO VALLEY

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

is seeking individuals interested in becoming

Substitute Paraprofessionals

to work in special education classes

Interested applicants must:

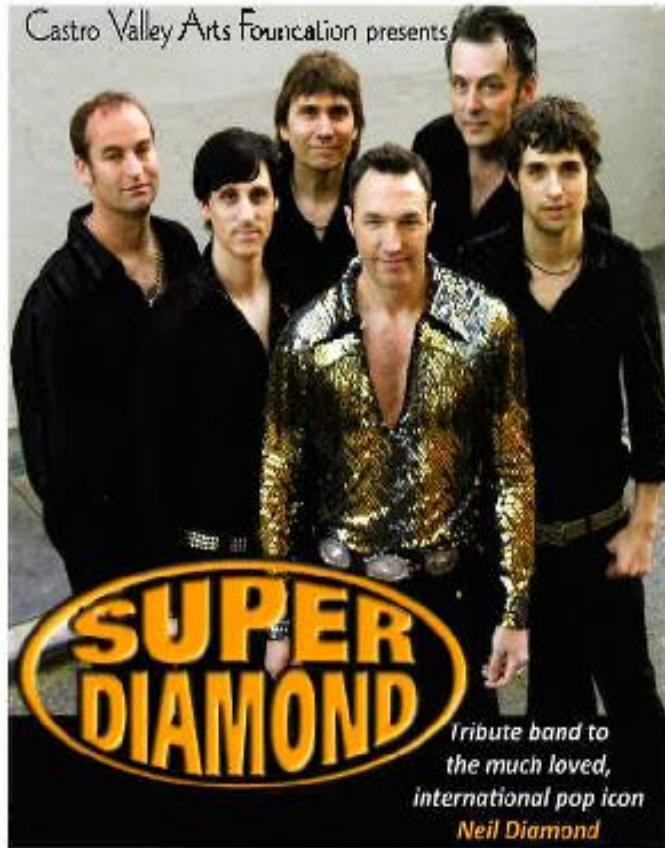
- Pass a substitute exam or have one of the following:
48 semester college units, AA Degree or higher
- Obtain a current TB test
- Pass a CA Department of Justice Live Scan Criminal Background Check

Hours range from 5 hours to 7.5 hours per day. The Paraprofessional Substitute rate of pay ranges from \$14.97- \$16.53 per hour.

If you are interested in working as a Substitute Paraprofessional, please apply to the Classified Substitute Pool at:

<https://www.edjoin.org/Home/JobPosting/948582>

Castro Valley Arts Foundation presents



*Tribute band to
the much loved,
international pop icon
Neil Diamond*

Saturday, January 27 at 7:30pm

***Castro Valley Center for the Arts
19501 Redwood Road, Castro Valley***

Tickets: www.cvartsfoundation.org 510.889.8961