

# VUSD UPDATE



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## *APPRECIATION GALA* *“Le Festival du Carnaval”*

Friday, May 15, 2009, 5:30 p.m. at Ulatis Cultural Center

### **HONORING RETIREES AND EMPLOYEES FOR THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE**

Appetizers, dinner, entertainment, and dancing are included in the price of the ticket.

Dinner tickets \$30.00 until May 7<sup>th</sup>. Dinner tickets \$35.00 after May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Special cash prizes raffle tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

**Tickets available from Marcia Rooney, Special Assignments Department, District Office**

### 2009 Retirees

Linda Albracht, BV - 27 yrs	Donna Jensen, Orchard - 14 yrs
Peggy Alexander, Acad. Advancement - 33 yrs	Joy Johnston-Peacock, Hemlock - 21 yrs
Linda Beckett, Special Assignments - 24 yrs	Judi Julio, VP - 18 yrs
Judy Blair, BV - 35 yrs	Nancy MacLise, Padan - 36 yrs
Loring Bloom, Orchard - 31 yrs	Barbara Neely, Transp. - 30 yrs
Mike Boele, VHS - 35 yrs	Cathy Niederkorn, VHS - 4 yrs
Jo Ann Botelho, VHS - 15 yrs	Donna North, WCW - 24 yrs
William Cavanaugh, Alternative Ed - 25 yrs	Barbara Ortiz, BV - 34 yrs
Pilar Chambers, WCW - 21 yrs	Jose Rea, CHs - 30 yrs
Rita Chandler, Padan - 34 yrs	Shirley Reynolds, WCW - 26 yrs
Pamela Code, WCW - 21 yrs	Marcia Rooney, Spec Assignments - 32 yrs
Burton Crinklaw, HR - 35 yrs	Irene Sanders, Callison - 32 yrs
Michele Dally, Aft School Program - 32 yrs	Jean Sasabuchi, Cooper - 30 yrs
Doug Fernandez, VHS - 33 yrs	Toni Shaffer, VP - 19 yrs
Karen Fruhbauer, SV - 25 yrs	Mary Ellen Shields, FMT - 29 yrs
Kathy Genovese, Alamo - 32 yrs	Julius Stroble, SV - 30 yrs
Pamela Gibson, Jepson - 21 yrs	Lana Kress Stueve, SV - 29 yrs
Kris Golomb, VP - 28 yrs	Mitchell Thinnis, Maintenance - 16 yrs
Deborah Hickerson, VP - 26 yrs	Sonya Urquhart, VP - 6 yrs
Mark Horrigan, VHS - 36 yrs	Ernest Wheeler, Jepson - 22 yrs
	Kathy Wibbeler, Callison - 20 yrs
	Virginia Winters, Padan - 33 yrs



## Retirement Parties!!!!



**Vaca Pena Middle School Retirement Luncheon.** Come and join the staff at Vaca Pena Middle School as they wish Deborah Hickerson and Toni Shaffer a fond farewell on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose room. Cost is \$15.00 which covers lunch and gift. Make checks payable to Rebecca Pinto c/o Vaca Pena Middle School.

**Shelley Dally** – Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Opera House, 560 Main Street. Tickets are \$30.00 and can be purchased from Shirley Lario at Markham Elementary School. Call 453-6230 ext. 102. Make checks payable to Elaine Torricelli.

**Jose Rea Retirement Celebration.** Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Country High School Multi-Purpose Room. Cost is \$15.00 which will include gift. Please RSVP to Lisa Galloway at 453-6215 x 113 or [lgalloway@vacavilleusd.org](mailto:lgalloway@vacavilleusd.org) or Anita Kelly at 453-6000 ext. 1034 or [anitak@vacavilleusd.org](mailto:anitak@vacavilleusd.org). Make checks payable to Anita Kelly and send to Vacaville High School or 1055 Zircon Court, Vacaville, CA. 95687.

**Vacaville High's Retirement Party** – Mike Boele, Doug Fernandez, Mark Horrigan, and Cathy Niederkorn. Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at STARS Recreation Center. 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$22.00 per person. Cost covers meal only – additional donations accepted for gifts. Make checks payable to Vaca High Scrip. See Laurel Garrison to sign up no later than Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Phone: 453-6065, ext. 1024.

**Padan Retirement Celebration** – The island of Padan would like you to join them in celebrating the retirement of Nancy Maclise, Ginger Winters, and Rita Chandler on Wednesday, May 27, 2009 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at Padan Elementary School. Please RSVP to [DianeS@vacavilleusd.org](mailto:DianeS@vacavilleusd.org)

**Central Office Retirement Party for: Peggy Alexander, Linda Beckett, Burton Crinklaw and Marcia Rooney** – Friday, May 29, 2009 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Opera House, 560 Main Street. Tickets are \$35.00 (includes appetizers, soft drinks, and gifts) No Host Bar. Space is limited so please contact Ronda Greenslate in Education Services to purchase tickets at 453-6116 or [rondag@vacavilleusd.org](mailto:rondag@vacavilleusd.org).

**Fairmont Retirement Celebration:** It's a retirement celebration for Laurie Toler, Ron Falkner and Katy Mangels at Fairmont Elementary School on May 29, 2009, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Quad



## Retirement Parties!!!!



**Mary Ellen Shields** – Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. in Fairmont Elementary School's Quad. Contributions are being accepted for her gift. Please make check payable to Michele Dooly at Fairmont.

**Jean Sasabuchi's is Retiring:** Please join the Cooper Elementary staff in celebrating Jean Sasabuchi's 30 years of service with Vacaville Unified School District on Saturday, June 6, from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at 201 Bartlett Lane in Vacaville. Cost is \$10.00 which includes dinner catered by Vasquez Deli, drinks (beer, wine, soda, water) and gift. Please make checks payable to Cooper School and RSVP to Donna Suchoski at 453-6210 or [DonnaS@vacavilleusd.org](mailto:DonnaS@vacavilleusd.org)

### **Irene Sanders Retiring!!!!**

Celebrate with Irene Sanders on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at Alamo Creek Park. Irene and Bruce are providing brunch at 10:30 a.m. for former students and their families and colleagues and their families. Bring your sunscreen. Please RSVP by June 12 at [Irenesand@aol.com](mailto:Irenesand@aol.com)



## EL EDUCATION FORUMS

The EI Department is pleased to announce the formation of a partnership between VUSD and St. Mary's Church. Monthly forums have been held at St. Mary's Church since November with an average of 250-300 parents and children in attendance at each meeting! These forums provide a place where up to date information regarding educational practice can be shared and ongoing dialogue can take place between EL parents and representatives of the school district. Topics discussed thus far have been: report cards, parent conferences, understanding the CELDT assessments and how to deal with gang related issues.

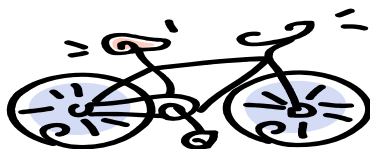
You are cordially invited to attend our next meeting which will be held, **Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.** at the St. Mary's Church Community Hall.

## **Bike to Work Day**

**Solano Napa commuter Information invites you to participate in the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual San Francisco Bay Area Bike to Work Day which will take place on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**Bike to Work Day is an event taking place in all of Northern California with nine counties participating. It is one of the many events taking place in May as part of national Bike Month. This event is co-sponsored by Kaiser Permanente and might be a great Wellness activity at individual sites.**

**For more information regarding this event, Energizer Stations (including locations where bicyclists can stop for free refreshments, fact sheets, prizes, registering on a team, visit the following website: [551.org](http://551.org) or contact Alice Stewart at [astewart@vacavilleusd.org](mailto:astewart@vacavilleusd.org)**



## **Discover the Joy of Hosting**

USCEC is looking for families to host a foreign student for the summer of 2009 for three weeks. Students will attend school and be escorted to activities during the week. If you are interested please contact Jim and Laura Eubanks Program Coordinators for USCEC at (707) 592-6100 or [jpeubanks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jpeubanks@sbcglobal.net)



## OUR SCHOOLS

### ALAMO:

Parents decorated the staff room festively and even used real plates for Teachers' Appreciation Day Breakfast. The teachers were served a delicious full breakfast fit for kings and queens. This event is always appreciated.

Teachers decorated for the Parents' Appreciation Breakfast with the theme, "Parents are the gold at the end of our rainbow." Children made colorful rainbow placemats and teachers brought yummy hot and cold foods to serve.

We will be honoring our beloved principal on Saturday, May 2. Kathy Genovese is retiring this year and will be missed by students, parents, and especially staff. The PTA will honor her before the Alamo Open House in May.

Alamo is looking forward to next year with new principal Kim Forrest.

### BROWNS VALLEY:

Browns Valley would like to congratulate Marcie and Steve Ruminski who just welcomed their first grandchild, Nathan Wayne Herzog. Mom, Amanda Ruminski, is a former VUSD student and teacher at Browns Valley. Amanda and her husband Jeff couldn't be prouder!



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### BUCKINGHAM:

Students have been busy with: STAR testing, honoring BCMHS staff recognition, prom planning, soccer game participation, golf matches, and most importantly Meghan Miller and committee's WELLNESS challenge – counting all staff and students STEPS walked in a day, 7 days a week. Who is going to win the PRIZES (and get into SHAPE) !! Kudos to Jared Austin, Carl Nguyen, John Ford and all participants in this year's BCMHS Film Festival. It was a great success! The students did a FANTASTIC job creating this year's montage of films! The dunk tank is always a popular event at our annual carnival so thanks to Leadership advisor, Mario Landeros and team for their hard work this month! Buckingham students and staff would like to join you in honoring the men and women, past and present, who serve our country faithfully each day. Also, LET THE FIESTA DAYS BEGIN!

### CALLISON:

Callison families celebrated earth day on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Ninety students, family and staff members had fun planting flowers, pulling weeds, setting paving stones and sprucing up the outside of the school. Thanks to our sponsors: ALZA, Home Depot, Lowes, Great Clips, Longs Drugs, and STARS Bowling Center.

Callison's Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser is in full swing. We have some stiff competition this year, but look forward to again being a top fundraising school in Northern California.



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### CALLISON: (continued)

Congratulations to Callison's Novel Knowledge team winners: The Reading Radicals.

Last school year Callison Cougars collected approximately 80,000 pop tabs off aluminum cans for the Ronald McDonald House Charities. What an easy way to recycle and help raise funds to help children and their families. So far this school year Callison Cougars have collected 65,000 pop tabs, and still counting. Way to go Cougars!

Callison staff and students would like to welcome Noelle Ember Houston, born April 25, 2009, to our extended family. Noelle's proud parents are Callison 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher, Sarah Houston and her husband, Nick.

### COOPER:

Congratulations to Cooper's Teacher of the Year, Rosalynd Atherton! Rosalynd has also been honored with the additional title of VUSD's Teacher of the Year. Way to go Roz!

Jean Sasabuchi is retiring! If you's like to join us in celebrating Jean's retirement call 453-6210 or email Donna Suchoski: [donnas@vacavilleusd.org](mailto:donnas@vacavilleusd.org) for reservations and information by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Jean's retirement party is set for Saturday, June 6, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Cost is \$10.00.

Congratulations to Cooper's Odyssey of the Mind teams! We are so proud of all the teams who competed this year. A special congratulations goes to the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade team for winning the state competition. They are now headed for Ames, Iowa at the end of May for the national competition. Good luck team!



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### FAIRMONT:

**Be a part of Fairmont history!!**

It is an exciting time in the Fairmont neighborhood! We have been watching the construction of our new school for the past year and it is now your time to be a part of Fairmont history!

By next school year, 4000 of the bricks near the NEW entrance of Fairmont Elementary School will bear the names of current students, former students, Fairmont Staff, and local businesses.

For a modest sum, we invite you to honor your Fairmont student and/or your local business by purchasing one or more of our commemorative bricks. Your engraved brick will be showcased for many years to come!

Funds raised will be used to enrich students' education through the Arts and Science programs including, but not limited to: Multicultural Assemblies, Science Discovery Day, and updating Library Resources.

Please contact Desiree Mattner, [desireem@vacavilleusd.org](mailto:desireem@vacavilleusd.org) for an order form if you are interested in purchasing a brick.

**ORDERS ARE DUE: JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>**

SIZE	TEXT SPECIFICATIONS	FAMILY PRICES	BUSINESS PRICES
4 X 8	3 LINES, 21 CHARACTERS PER LINE (18 RECOMMENDED)	\$30.00	\$60.00
8 X 8	6 LINES, 21 CHARACTERS PER LINE (18	\$50.00	\$100.00

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### MARKHAM:

Both Christy and Tom Davis will be extremely busy during the summer months with the upcoming weddings of both sons. Bryan is now engaged and plans a March wedding to Triston Schaffer. Markham's librarian, Karen Nickolette held assemblies and hosted two guest authors during April for students at Markham Elementary. Many students enjoyed the presentation and were able to purchase their autographed book.

### PADAN:

Padan staff would like to congratulate Sissy Keck on her selection as Padan's Teacher of the Year. Sissy teaches our 4-6 SDC class at Padan.

Saturday, April 25 was a wonderful day at Padan. Approximately 250 volunteers came out on a sunny Saturday morning to work at Padan's Comcast Cares Day. Comcast employees, Padan staff, students and their families worked to beautify our school by installing landscaping, building a new shed and table for our school garden, weeding and providing maintenance for our school's walking path.

On Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> Padan Students kicked off STAR testing by having a special "Breakfast of STARS." Students were delighted to eat breakfast and get some school exercise with local business people, VUSD staff members, community volunteers and Vacaville High School students.



## OUR SCHOOLS

### PADAN: (continued)

Also reminder: Padan Elementary School would like all to visit their Farmer's Market every Monday afternoon from 2:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. It is sponsored by Petrill's Market and fresh fruit, vegetables, and nuts are available to purchase. Preorders are available for your purchases. Order forms are available and must be returned to the Padan office. Payment is due when orders are picked up. All preorders must be picked up by an adult not a student. Contact Lori Jackson, at Padan 453-6235 for further information or order forms.

### VACAVILLE HIGH SCHOOL:

Vacaville High School Grad Night theme this year is: The World is Mine in 2009. Vacaville High is collecting maps and travel posters to help with the transformation of the school into another world for the seniors. If you have any of these items you would be willing to donate, please contact Rise Revis at 447-2250.

### CALLING ALL TEACHERS:

Interested in purchasing a home? You are eligible if you are buying a house in California to live in, an employee of a CA public school district, or a member of the CA State Teachers Retirement System; or an employee of a CA Community College. For more details contact Loli Lonso, Loan Officer to the Stars at Solano Mortgage. Phone: 707-863-4486 or [l lonso@solanomortgage.com](mailto:l lonso@solanomortgage.com)

## **SERVICES AND ADVERTISEMENTS!!**

### **QUALITY ELECTRIC:**

Two former Vacaville students, Shane Ward and Zack Nelson offer their electrical expertise for your residential or commercial needs. Lic# 541415.  
Call (707) 301-1594 for a free quote.

**GUITAR LESSONS:** Talented Bay Area guitar and bass instructor available for private lessons given in a private residence here in Vacaville. For more information call 628-7710. ½ to 1 hour instructions available.

**BEAUTY ON A BUDGET!** \$25 towards your purchase when you schedule a facial with me. Call Cheri Lincoln, Independent Beauty Consultant, at 365-9100 or check out the following website; [www.marykay.com/cheril54](http://www.marykay.com/cheril54).

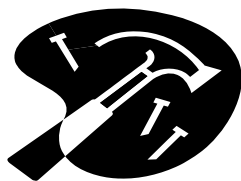
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**WANTED:** An air compressor that you are willing to donate to Country High School. Please contact Teri at 453-6215. We need a portable, approximately 20-25 lbs. and capable of maintaining a constant PSI of 135.

### **WANTED:**

Washing machine. Contact Daniel Salaiz at Country High 454-5513.





## **SERVICES AND ADVERTISEMENTS!!**

### **For Sale:**

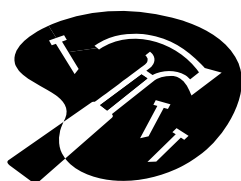
**Remodeling Sale:** 22 cubic foot refrigerator/freezer (side by side), ice and water in door model, beige - \$175.00 Large camel color leather chair and ottoman, excellent condition, \$125.00 for both. Beautiful black/brown/tan tiled rectangular coffee table, like new, \$100.00. Antique-looking hall tree, has hat hooks, mirror, small drawer, \$100. All in Davis. Call (530) 304-4642 (cell) or email [tonis@vacavilleusd.org](mailto:tonis@vacavilleusd.org)

**Antique table and four chairs.** Closed 54 inches, open about 78 inches. In excellent condition. Leafs fold in under the main table. Small antique buffet with table. Needs slight repair on back leg. \$800.00 for set. Call Catherine at 916-515-0061 anytime. Leave a message if I'm not there I'll get back to you.

**Saxophone!** Yamaha Professional Alto sax bought for school. Only used for 2 months. Excellent condition! Only \$1,900.00. Contact Paul at 707-685-3440.

**71 GMC Jimmy,** soft top, ¾ ton axle 2,000 miles on the engine. \$6,000.00 OBO, call Luke at 707-365-7414.

**1995 Green Toyota Camry.** Has 208,000 miles. Engine and transmission are still good. Needs a little work breaks, shocks, and tune up. Asking \$800.00. or best offer. For more information call 430-7391 or [astewart@vacavilleusd.org](mailto:astewart@vacavilleusd.org)



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Antique settee bench very nice. Must see. Asking \$200.00. Antique drop leaf coffee table with removable glass/wood serving tray very cute \$100.00. Two antique picture mirrors very nice. \$65.00 each. If interested contact Anna at 330-3223.

Beautiful Cherry Wood Dining Table and chairs. Hand crafted. Heavy glass top, seats 6. Chairs are beautifully carved with off white material seats. \$1200.00 or best offer. Contact Marvl Thomas at [MThomas@vacavilleusd.org](mailto:MThomas@vacavilleusd.org) or call 416-1295.

Doughboy pool 18 foot round. Pool is free but the brand new liner in the box is \$99.00. For more information contact Paula Castro at 446-1930.



## **Summer Pilates Program for Educators!!**

Summer Pilates Program for Educators: Exhale yoga and Pilates Studio on Merchant Street is offering a series of classes to introduce people to mat pilates. The classes will be taught by Mandy Bland, a VUSD employee, and will introduce fundamental pilates skills and exercises at the beginner level. Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. from June 23rd through July 9<sup>th</sup>. The cost for the series will be \$55. Class size is limited, so sign up early. Call Laura Lutz at (707) 330-6215 for more information.

### Bison Meat

**Bison Meat (less than half the fat of skinless chicken!) Spring price Break!**  
**Whole animal, half or quarter animal - \$6.00 per pound!**

#### BISON MEAT SAMPLE PACKS

Bison Lover's Sample \$122.00

1 Chuck Roast  
 2 Rib Eye steaks  
 2 T-bone steaks  
 1 pkg. short ribs  
 10 lbs. ground

Ground Only \$50.00

10 lbs. ground  
 Packages of 1.25- 1.5 lbs  
 approximately

#### TRY IT SAMPLE \$40.00

1 Chuck Roast  
 2 T-bone  
 1 pkg. ground

All meat is double wrapped, labeled and frozen. All amounts are approximate.  
 Mark Nelson - Proprietor 707-319-2594      Free Cookbook with every order!



[Keanu's Island Kine Food](#) has a fundraiser program for your school, club, sports program, or department. We are a local family owned and operated business here in Vacaville and want to work with the schools to help raise money for your activities and goals. We offer island favorites ... everything from Island Shave Ice to our signature "Teriyaki Chicken" Plate. Drop by at 500 Elmira Rd., Ste E-1, corner of Allison and Elmira and ask for Kiki or email us at [keanusislandkinefood@yahoo.com](mailto:keanusislandkinefood@yahoo.com) for details. We serve "2 Scoops of Aloha with every meal!" Aloha and Mahalo nui loa, Deedee Ward, owner (707) 365-1094

### SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

ACSA is offering summer sports camps in the following:

- Football
- Cheerleading
- Basketball
- Soccer

These five day camps are available to kids K-6<sup>th</sup> grade  
Sign up now at the early registration discount price of \$100  
For more information visit: [www.leaguelineup.com/acsa](http://www.leaguelineup.com/acsa)  
or call toll free at: 888-630-7774.



### For Rent:

Home for Rent: Original 1950s ranch house on  $\frac{3}{4}$  acre at 1124 Tucia St. Three bedrooms, two baths home is hidden in a new development near 3 Oaks Community Center with an open backyard on the creek. Available now. \$1500 per month. Call Tony or Lois at 447-3019.

For Rent: Remodeled 4 bedrooms/2 bath house. 4 bedrooms for the price of 3. \$1395.00. New appliances, cabinets, floors, and paint. (No smoke, no pets). Located near 3 oaks Recreation Center. 448-7945 ask for Bonnie or John.



### Vacation Rentals:

South Lake Tahoe, Tahoe Keys area, 3 bedrooms 1.5 baths, and all amenities included from \$135.00 per night. Contact Aileen Bottoms (707) 372-4713 or Joyce Zervas (707) 628-3578.

Enjoy a great vacation in Green Valley, Arizona! 2/2 townhouse, near pool/tennis court, quiet cul-de-sac. Twenty minutes from Tucson and loads of picturesque site-seeing/hiking and fun things to do! \$1,000.00 per month or \$560.00 week. Call Cheri or Jim at (707) 449-0609 for more information.

Spacious cottage in Princeville, Kauai (a gated community) available July 12-19, 2009. 1 week for only \$999. This unit looks out on the first fairway of the Makai golf course. 1,500 square feet; 2 bedrooms - (2K)/2 baths, sleeper-sofa in living area, full kitchen and laundry. Outdoor pool and BBQs in common area. Close to shopping areas and Hanelei Bay, home of Puff the Magic Dragon. Photos can be emailed. Call Bonnie/John Copeland (707) 448-7945.

### Vacation Rentals:

Time share for rent in CANCUN at the Avalon resort. The unit has 2 bedrooms and 2/3 bathrooms. Unit also has a living room and small kitchen. Resort is in a great location on the beach and is close to shopping. The week can be used at any time or as many weeks as needed. \$1000.00 per week. Call Adriane Boykin with any questions at (707) 689-1668.

Maui Wowie! Large two story condo in beautiful Kaanapali area. Fabulous Ocean views from both lanais. 1575 sq. ft with 2 bedrooms and an office, indoor laundry, fully equipped kitchen, pool and tennis courts. Borders golf course, short walk to the beach. Quiet with meticulously groomed grounds private parking. Quiet. \$145/night. Sheryl Ryder. (707) 344-4325.

