



The BUZZ

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PARENTS: Thank you for taking time to read this each week.

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"GLORIFYING GOD THROUGH SPIRITUAL AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE"

Remembering George Washington's Birthday

**"Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart"
Psalm 37:4 (see also verses 3-6)**

"O Heavenly Father, so frame this heart of mine, that I may ever delight to live according to thy will and command, in holiness and righteousness before thee all the days of my life." George Washington's Prayer Journal Written in His Own Hand

NATURALIST VISITS CLASSROOMS

On Tuesday, February 23, Laura Summit, Naturalist with the Redwood National and State Parks, will be visiting our Kindergarten and 1st and 2nd grade classrooms for presentations on "Habitat." Students will be learning how God has designed our world with special places for plants and animals to thrive and how we can be good stewards of God's creation. On Friday, February 26 Ms. Summit will be visiting the 3rd and 4th grade classroom with a more challenging study of "Habitat." Also on Friday, the 5th and 6th Graders are in for a pure science treat as they get to investigate what an owl had for dinner!

Next Monday, March 1, from 10:00-Noon, Ms. Summit will "*take the show on the road*" -- guiding our Kindergarten, and 1st and 2nd Graders through the nature trails of the Redwood Valley Outdoor Education Project, exploring first-hand our local "habitat." Students will conclude their fun adventure with a stop-off at Betty Beuving's home for hot cocoa and cookies. Students should plan to bring a 10:00 a.m. snack – (they will eat at the picnic tables at the RVOEP), but will return to the DVCS campus in time for lunch (1st/2nd grade) or dismissal (Kindergarten).

HANDS-ON HISTORY!

Our 3rd/4th graders will be taking a field trip to explore the Sonoma State Historic Park on Tuesday, February 23 from 8:30-3:00 p.m. as part of their study of California History. Students will have an opportunity to see the Northernmost California Mission (San Francisco Mission de Solana), a Spanish hacienda (General Vallejo's Home), and an Early California Military Outpost (the Sonoma Barrack), site of the Bear Flag Rebellion. They will top off the day with a fun bowling trip in Windsor. Students should bring a snack, sack lunch, and \$10 for the field trip.

Our 5th/6th graders will be off to San Francisco on Wednesday, February 24, to experience the King Tut traveling exhibit on loan from the Cairo Museum in Egypt. This is a once in a lifetime educational opportunity – and an excellent and exciting way for our students to learn more about Ancient Civilizations. This is an all-day excursion from 8:30-3:00 p.m. Students should bring a snack, sack lunch, and spending money if desired.

"Pray for One Another"

Please join our teaching and support staff in praying for the following individual students this week. We are praying through our school alphabetically, one special student each day. This week, please join us in praying specifically for:

Monday:	Dacian O'Malley (Preschool)
Tuesday:	Max Owen (12th Grade)
Wednesday:	Ciara Pattison (Preschool)
Thursday:	Maranda Pattison (3rd Grade)
Friday:	Daniel Paulin (12th Grade)

More Field Trip Fun!

The Kindergarten class will have the opportunity to explore the wonders of books at the Ukiah Public Library on Wednesday, February 24. The librarian LOVES Kindergartners and is looking forward to a great time together! See Ms. Wright for more information.

FREE H1N1 Vaccinations Available

The California Department of Public Health is still recommending H1N1 vaccinations for everyone six months and older. The Mendocino County Community Health Services will hold two FREE vaccination clinics this week: (1) in Ukiah, on Tuesday, February 23, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Mendocino Community Health Services at 1120 Dora Street.; (2) in Potter Valley, Thursday, February 25, from 3:00-6:00 p.m. at Potter Valley Elementary/Jr. High, 10401 Main Street. No appointments are necessary.

"It's Cool in the Furnace" - Choir Announcements from Mrs. Beuving

Our Elementary Choir is working hard to prepare to perform at the DVCS Art and Music Festival. This terrific musical builds strong leaders as it teaches students how to stand up for what is right even in the face of serious opposition.

CD's - available for \$6 (slightly under actual cost). Help your student learn the music of songs like "It Pays to Remember What You Learned at Home," "Yes, We Know When to Say 'No'," and "It's Cool in the Furnace!" Please pick up yours from Peggy Huffman in the Bookkeeping Office.

HELP WANTED: (1) Huge idol needed - We need a parent or two who can construct/paint an "idol" out of paper or cardboard that will come close to reaching the top of the gym. **(2) Large "fiery furnace" needed** - at the base of or to the side of our huge "idol", we need a furnace that four students can walk around in. We would like it to appear "fiery hot." Please leave a message with Julie England if you can help with either or both creative projects.

Read to Succeed ... Weekly Reader Logs Still Accepted!

Keri Goforth has notified us that she has a few extra days before she must submit the Reading Logs to Weekly Reader. Logs may continue to be submitted through Wednesday 2/24 to earn a free admission to Six Flags.

Auction Planning

Our 8th Annual Deep Valley Christian School Dinner and Auction is May 1, 2010. We are making good progress, but still need a lot more parents for a wide variety of tasks, big and small. Please stop by Julie England's Office and check-out our Auction Team Notebook to find out what ways you might be able to help. The auction is a great way to put in your parent involvement hours for the year. If you have questions, please feel free to call Keri Goforth @ 485-1603 or Christina Kelsay @ 485-7662.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

February 23	Free H1N1 Vaccination 4:00-6:00 p.m. Mendocino Community Health Services 1120 Dora Street, Ukiah
February 23	Sonoma County Historic Park Field Trip (3 rd /4 th Grade)
February 23-March 10	Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough Sale
February 24	King Tut Field Trip (5 th /6 th Grade)
	Ukiah Public Library Field Trip (Kindergarten)
February 25	Free H1N1 Vaccination 3:00-6:00 p.m. Potter Valley Elementary/Jr. High School 10401 Main Street, Potter Valley
March 1	Redwood Valley Outdoor Education Project Field Trip (K, 1 st / 2 nd Grade)
March 14	SKATE CITY – 50% of Admission Donated to DVCS
March 17	Spring Pictures
May 1	DVCS Auction

"Picture This"

If you are planning to attend any of our elementary students upcoming field trips and you have a camera, please snap some photos and bring them in or e-mail them to Molly Pattison a mollyp@sonic.net.

PLEASE KEEP THOSE PHOTOS COMING! THANK YOU!

"SKATE CITY'S Fun Fund-Raiser"

We are still looking for a Parent Coordinator to oversee our SKATE CITY 'Skate-a-Thon' as a fundraiser for DVCS. Our last Skate-A-Thon in 2007 was lots of fun -- plus we raised over \$2,000 in pledges. Prizes were awarded to students who were able to skate the most laps, raise the most pledges, etc. Reduced admission to the event is just \$2.00 for a regular 2 ½ hour skate session. We would love to bring this terrific event back, but are in need of a parent volunteer to coordinate this easy fundraiser. Please call Mrs. Huffman in Bookkeeping if you need fundraising hours and/or are able to help. We are thinking of the last Saturday in March (March 27) for this fun event and are looking for feedback from parents as to student availability on that date for participation.

COOKIE CRUNCH!

Watch for our popular Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough Sale STARTING TOMORROW -- February 23-March 10. These delicious cookies and gourmet pretzels will be here in time for Easter vacation and make great gifts! This proceeds from this all-school fundraiser go into our general fund to help us keep our DVCS tuition affordable while continuing to build up and expand our academic program. ***We are still looking for Parent volunteers to assist us by organizing set up and distribution on the day the cookie dough arrives (parent involvement hours may be earned).*** The dough comes to us frozen, so time is critical in getting the orders out. Please sign the tear-off sheet at the bottom and turn in to the Office or to Bookkeeping if you might be able to help on the afternoon that the cookie dough arrives (on or about March 25). For more information, please contact Peggy Huffman in our Bookkeeping Office.

----- Tear off below and return to Peggy Huffman -----

_____ YES, I can help with the cookie dough distribution.

NAME _____

PHONE # _____

KEEPING UP WITH EDUCATIONAL NEWS....

From "Letters to the Editor" Ukiah Daily Journal, Sunday, February 21, 2010

From the Superintendent [Ukiah Unified School District]

To the Editor:

All through the State, school districts are making difficult decisions to close schools or to consider closing schools in order to address their budget deficits. In addition to school closures, school communities are also realizing that, in some cases, programs and services will also need to be reduced or eliminated as well to meet the objectives of staying financially solvent in order to continue providing a strong instructional program.

The downturn in our State and national economy has impacted families and businesses in our own community leaving some without homes and jobs. The Ukiah Unified School District has been especially hard hit having lost nearly \$1,500 per student in funding in the past two years. The State has changed laws allowing schools to reduce their school year and to eliminate dozens of programs because districts will receive less funding. As we evaluate options on how to remain fiscally solvent, we are ever mindful that our mission is to educate.

We will attempt to keep our community informed during these times in order to alleviate rumors and misinformation which may crop up and only serve to detract from the difficult task of focusing on budget solutions. At this point in time, not unlike most districts throughout the State, we are taking a close look at our District budget to determine which programs and services we will do with less of and which programs and services we will do without.

Regardless of the times, we remain steadfast in our obligations to our students, parents, and community in providing the very best educational opportunities for our students. There is no denying that the State has and will continue to provide our school district with less financial resources. We recognize that we will have to do things differently as a result of this loss in funding. Nevertheless, along with our high expectation, we will continue to work with our parents and community in providing our students a quality education.

Lois Nash
Superintendent of Schools
Ukiah Unified School District

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Where lack of State funding is causing our neighboring public school administrators to project the lowering of academic programs and services, Deep Valley Christian School is growing and becoming more financially stable, which will enable us to continue to build up our academic program over time. Just last week we were awarded DUAL ACCREDITATION STATUS through 2012, an upgrade in our academic standing.

Some public schools are closing (e.g. Redwood Valley Elementary) forcing students to be transferred to much larger class sizes (potentially up to 28+ for elementary). Deep Valley Christian School remains committed to small class sizes where students can receive personalized attention and instruction. While public school programs in art, music, and extracurricular activities such as field trips are being considered for cuts or elimination, Deep Valley Christian School is committed to these valuable enrichment opportunities to provide students a diverse educational experience.

But, the most important difference is that our education is from the framework of a Christian worldview "glorifying God through spiritual and academic excellence." Howard Hendricks, one of the premier Christian educators of our lifetime, said "The goal of education is more effective, more intelligent, more successful people. The goal of Christian education is the transformation of the believer into the image of Christ."
