

## Village Charter School's 2nd Annual Creek Clean-a-Thon

On Saturday, April 25th we'll be having our 2nd Annual VCS Creek Clean-a-Thon! Last year our students and community cleared the Santa Rosa Creek of 225 POUNDS of trash and collected over \$3,000! AMAZING. Let's make this year's event an even bigger success!

### PARTICIPATION

We are again asking students and their families to participate in one or two ways:

1. Collect donations/pledges in support of our creek cleanup work. (If each student gets \$100 in pledges we will raise \$10,000 for our school!)
2. Attend the event and be the help clean up the creek! FREE ICE CREAM from Strauss Creamery will be on hand for all participants!

### RAFFLE PRIZES!

We will be holding a raffle on the day of the event! Students who turn in their Donation/Pledge form by April 24 will be entered to WIN! (If you would like an opportunity to get your name in the raffle but aren't able to fundraise, please see either Natalie or Stephanie for ideas.)

### COMMUNITY/BUSINESS SPONSORS

If you know of an organization who would be interested in making a tax-deductible donation toward our event please contact Natalie Naber

[chrisnatgabe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chrisnatgabe@sbcglobal.net)

Stephanie Lennox

[stephanielennox@comcast.net](mailto:stephanielennox@comcast.net))

### LIKE AND SHARE!

Event website [vscreekclean-a-thon.weebly.com](http://vscreekclean-a-thon.weebly.com)

Event Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/creekcleanathon/?pnref=story>

**\*\* Documents attached and printouts available on the sandwich board in the atrium.**

THANK YOU FOR HELPING OUR SCHOOL  
and KEEPING OUR WATERWAYS CLEAN!



Education  
should consist of a series of  
enchantments, each raising the  
individual to a higher level of  
awareness, understanding, and  
kinship with all living things.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **IMPORTANT:** We need **one or two persons** for **morning drop-off in May! Mondays and Wednesdays: 8:10-8:30.** (If you have not done your volunteer hours, this is a great and easy opportunity to fulfill them. Pick a day and get 1 hour of credit for 20 minutes.)
- Please let Carolyn know ASAP if you are interested in **Summer Care** at VCS.
- The office and our classrooms need **boxes of tissue**, please!

### VCS CALENDAR

#### F, 4/24

Carter/Kenny Surprise Class Field Trip for Kahsia's MAD project. Driver's Needed! See Classifieds for details.

#### Sat, 4/25, 9:30-

11:30am

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual VCS Creek Clean-a-Thon

#### M-F, 5/4-5/8

Teacher Appreciation Week/Luncheon, F 5/8

#### F, 5/29

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL:

End-of-Year Carnival, Talent Show & Graduation

#### First Week of June

"The Move" to VCS' new home!

## NOTICES

Stop by the **tables in the atrium** this week:

- For information on our upcoming **Creek Clean-a-thon**
- To learn about our upcoming **school move** and how each family can help

## DATES

The PA would like to remind you to save the following dates!

- **Creek Clean-a-Thon**, April 25
- **Teacher Appreciation Week**, May 4-8
- **End-of-the-Year Carnival, Talent Show and Graduation**, May 29
- **"The Move,"** Month of June: We must be out of WFC by the end of the month and need many hands and things to make it happen! This is a true community effort.

### PA CONNECTIONS

PA Co-Chairs: Natalie Naber, [chrisnatgabe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chrisnatgabe@sbcglobal.net) & Lauren Kushins, [Lcyxprs@aol.com](mailto:Lcyxprs@aol.com)

Fundraising Chair: Ashley Hamlett, [ashley@perfectlyharmless.com](mailto:ashley@perfectlyharmless.com)

Morning Drop-Off Rep: Eric Hergenreder, [eudinese@gmail.com](mailto:eudinese@gmail.com)

Festival Chair: Danielle Feliciano, [leah.sport@gmail.com](mailto:leah.sport@gmail.com)

Parent Cafe leads: Danielle Feliciano & Lauren Kushins

Appreciation Fairy Rep: Claudia Leiva, [pulgaito@aol.com](mailto:pulgaito@aol.com)

Voices Editor: Deneene Bell, [deneene.bell@gmail.com](mailto:deneene.bell@gmail.com)

Volunteer Coordinator: Liz Yanez, [lmayanez@comcast.net](mailto:lmayanez@comcast.net)

## FUNdraising: Notes from the Foundation

Hello, VCS Community,

This school year has presented us with some exciting and energizing money-raising and saving opportunities: We had a tremendously successful (and fabulously fun) Annual Fall Gala that raised just over \$30,000! And now we're gearing up for our fundraising finale, our Second Annual Creek Clean-A-Thon, coming up on April 25. We are also in the final stages of settling negotiations on our wonderful new Village home. On top of going to a beautiful campus with so many terrific possibilities, the move is also economically sound and will allow VCS to re-direct some of its fundraising efforts toward long-anticipated and much deserved staff benefits and curricular enhancements.

Another strong element of our school's economy is the Parent Giving Program. We had a record-breaking 95% of families pledge a monthly/annual donation for this school year, which is fantastic! Our school's budget is, in part, based upon these pledges, which is why it is such an important program. Right now, more than two thirds of the way through the school year, we have received about one half of the total amount pledged. If, however, we receive each family's total amount pledged, we can surpass our fundraising goals for the year! That means more money to put into classroom support, curriculum development and fabulous extra-curricular activities. Just as important, it means more money to put away toward a secure future for our school, for our children and for generations of children to come.

It would so wonderful to end the year on a strong note, ready to embrace our new home full of energy and financial peace of mind. Please do what you can to help with the Creek Clean-a-Thon and fulfill your pledge!

Thank you,

Ashley Hamlett, [ashley@perfectlyharmless.com](mailto:ashley@perfectlyharmless.com)

*Want to know how else you might support the development and financial stability of our special school? Join us at our next Foundation Board Meeting:*

### **Village Charter School Foundation**

#### **Board of Directors Meeting**

**Monday, April 20, 2015, 3:00 pm**

50 Old Redwood Hwy, Suite 100

Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Agenda: • Roll Call • Approval of the Agenda (discussion/action) • Public Comments (discussion) *This is an opportunity for the community to address the Board of Directors regarding any items not on the agenda.* • Budget Report (discussion) • Administrative Hire • Roles & Responsibilities (discussion/action) • Proposed Hardware and Software Purchases/expenditures (discussion/action) • Other Board Business • Adjourn



## Appreciations

who or what do you appreciate at the village?

If you have an appreciation you'd like to express in the Voices, please submit them to [deneene.bell@gmail.com](mailto:deneene.bell@gmail.com), or drop a note in the Appreciation Jar in the office!



Thank you, **Ms. Barnum** for brining music into our lives every day. My kid never stops singing, and it's really nice. – Danielle Felciano

Thank you, **Eric Hergenreder**, for all your coordination and hard work for our morning drop-offs this year. – Natalie Naber & The Parent Association

Thank you, **Derek Trowbridge**, for your help with the Caesar Chavez festival and for loaning your truck! – Danielle Felciano

Thank you, **Danielle Felciano** and **Claudia Leiva** for your wonderful stewardship of the CC Festival!!!

We thank **VCS and all the families** for bringing us an amazing Cesar Chavez Festival. – Stephanie Lennox

Thank you, **Stephanie Lennox** and **Mary Montrose** for doing Village Friday's performance to get us excited for our Creek Cleanup Fundraiser on April 25! – Lauren Kushins

Thank you, **Rebecca and the Site Committee**, for the tireless efforts to settle plans for our new school site!

# CLASSIFIEDS

## HELP WANTED

### EVERYONE NEEDED FOR MOVE TO NEW SITE!!!

Any and all manner of people power and support is needed:

- Packers, cleaners, and movers
- Moving trucks, forklifts, hand trucks
- Handy folk to do light construction and repairs
- Gardeners for site beautification
- Organizers to help teachers set up their classrooms
- Greeters to help plan a welcome for the kids to their new campus

### Parent support needed for Teacher Appreciation Week!

Help us show teachers and staff how much we appreciate what they do for our kids! *Do you have a garden full of flowers? Can you help provide favorite morning beverages? Can you help set up and serve the luncheon?* **Please contact Caludia:**

[pulgaito@aol.com](mailto:pulgaito@aol.com)

## CLASSROOM NEEDS

**Mrs. Rosen** is looking for Lincoln Logs and erector sets for her classroom. Thank you!

**Mrs. Carter/Ms. Kenny's class:** *Shhhh...it's a secret!!* We need drivers for Friday, April 24th to the Animal Rescue Center in Petaluma. It's up to you to make this happen! Please please, please volunteer! It's for Kahsaia and will be a wonderful surprise for the class. The cost is \$3 per student. A cryptic parent driver sign-up is posted outside.



## CLASSROOM NEEDS

**Mrs. Carter and Ms. Kenny's** overnight class trip to Westminster Woods is May 26-27. Students will be participating in a high ropes course and environmental education program. The trip fee includes cabins, food and climbing instructors, as well as an evening astronomy/hike adventure.

Please bring your check (written out to VCS) for \$168 to school (\$119 for parent chaperones) as soon as possible.

Thank you to all those who contacted me regarding scholarships. Our foundation, in combination with hot lunch profits and Farmers Market earnings, will fund scholarships for some students for this amazing opportunity. Any questions- please email Mrs. carter or drop by the classroom.

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The Village Charter School admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin.