

## North Valley Board Report

The month of October had a little bit of a lot of things: progress and a new schedule for all of us, some good in sports and a major shock of having to forfeit football games, strong performances in our classrooms and a student directed play ready to go in early November, the end of the first quarter and progress reports to all families, and the daily challenges of families that affect how well kids do in school. I am blessed with a really good staff that recognizes the challenges we face and daily they do their best to serve our kids. As we enter a rather disjointed schedule in November, I have strong confidence that each day in our classrooms, teachers will do their best to move the skills and knowledge of our kids forward.

Below is a short list of things that made the news this month:

Our first year coach in football, Neil De Forrest did a really good job of holding his kids together after the news was released that we had to forfeit our wins. The last game of the year at Hidden Valley demonstrated the resilience of our kids and coaches and we are doing our best to move on in our athletic efforts. By reviewing all of the processes we have in place and practicing them as we enroll kids for winter sports, we will make sure that the error of the fall will not be repeated. I will do my best to support our kids and staff as we work through the issues that remain.

As we observe teachers I feel we have hired well this year and our established teachers continue to provide excellent work for our kids. The intervention periods have taken on the form of guided study halls and it feels like most of our kids are taking full advantage of the time we provide to them to get extra support. We know that a pretty fair percentage of our kids need extra support and it may be that seven classes in every day are a lot of responsibility for many of our kids to handle well. We are taking a close look at the first quarter grade data and know that we have lots of work to do in keeping all kids on track.

This month we will be starting the process of using the late starts to prepare staff and students for the Smarter Balance Assessments that will happen later in the year. We have much to do in this area and we will give the preparations our best effort.

The winter sports program kicks off on November 17 and prior to that we will meet with parents and winter athletes and all coaches on November 13. Casey Alderson has been very helpful in providing support to our programs here. We are looking to good things from our winter sports participants.

Linda McClanahan and I will observe every teacher again this month. We are having many positive conversations with teachers after we see them in action. Our kids continue to work as we observe and we often are encouraged by the engagement of our kids in the classes we observe. I am inviting any of our board members to spend a morning with us so you can see what our teachers do on a daily basis.

It is my joy to have my work at North Valley.

Thank you,

Dennis Misner, Principal