

Valencia Elementary Home and School Club
"Together We CAN Make a Difference"



2009/2010
Event and Planning Calendar

Includes PVUSD District Calendar Information

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Welcome to the Valencia Elementary Home and School Club

What is the Home and School Club?

The Valencia Elementary Home and School Club (H&SC) is a group of parent volunteers who work together on behalf of all of our children to support their teachers and enhance our children's educational experience. We are a non-profit organization, which means donations to the H&SC are tax-deductible.

Every Valencia parent is a member with an equal voice, simply by virtue of having a child at the school. There are no fees to join, we are all inclusive, and invite and encourage everyone's participation in club sponsored events and meetings.

What are This Year's Goals?

Our *operating goals* this year include "going green" and raising student awareness; maximizing profit while minimizing waste; and increasing Valencia Community events.

Our *fundraising goal* is to raise the equivalent of \$375/family, although donations in any amount are greatly appreciated. *Meeting this goal would allow us to match past H&SC fundraising successes and also compensate for the \$80k loss in the school budget.*

Due to ongoing budget uncertainties, we have not yet identified special projects to fund this year.

How Are Our Goals Accomplished?

We have been very successful due to the overwhelming support and involvement of so many dedicated Valencia parents. We are a fundraising group, but equally important, we help build community at Valencia.

How Can I Get Involved?

There are so many ways to get involved and opportunities exist for both working and stay at home parents. YOU decide when and how much you can contribute. WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP.

- **Please join us at a meeting**

We meet the second Thursday of each month for 2 hours, alternating between mornings (8:30-10:30am) and evenings (7-9 pm). Please visit the H&SC page of the school website (www.valencia.pvusd.net) for meeting information.

- **Volunteer your time and assistance**

Volunteer opportunities offer something for everyone, *both working and stay at home parents*. YOU decide where and when you can best contribute by participating. Please see the green "Volunteer sign up sheet" for opportunities.

- **Participate in fundraisers**

Now more than ever, due to budget cuts, the need to contribute through fundraising is critical to the continued success of our school. While we continue to support school "extras" the majority of this year's H&SC budget is dedicated to school operations

Want More Information?

Feel free to contact any of our 2009-2010 Board members, or visit the H&SC page on the school website at www.valencia.pvusd.net

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2009-2010 Events at a Glance

We are excited to present the many family and fundraising events planned for the 2009/2010 calendar year! We have made a few changes to past line ups and hope you will agree the current plan is strong.

All of our fundraisers were carefully chosen and are aimed at maximizing financial return and minimizing waste, consistent with our efforts towards “going green” this year. We invite you to participate, together with your children, in these wonderful events, or choose to **Opt Out** by participating in “**Cash for Kids**” and simply make a 100% profit, tax-deductible donation to the H&SC.

Additional details will be posted on the H&SC webpage and communicated to families as each event nears. Please feel free to contact any of the Board members with questions about events, or to volunteer your help, at any time.

Valencia H&SC FUNDraisers

Dates	Goal	Beneficiary	Event
Aug 24-Sept 4	\$11,000	General Fund	Merchants “Give Back” to Valencia* NEW!
Sept 26, Jan 23, Apr 24	\$3,000	General Fund	“Cash for Trash” e-Waste Collection Drives* NEW!
Sept 23-Oct 14	\$18,000	General Fund	Toyota Drive for Schools Ticket Sales
October 12-16	\$3,000	Literacy Fund	Scholastic Book Fair
March 26	\$10,000	General Fund	Spring Family Event NEW!
March 22-April 23	\$2,000	General Fund	Smith and Vandiver Mother’s Day On-Line Sale NEW!
May 14	\$14,000	Arts Fund	“Walk for the Arts” walk-a thon
Ongoing	\$375/ family	General Fund	“Cash for Kids” Tax Deductible Donation NEW!
Ongoing	\$1,000	General Fund	“Good Search” Internet Search Engine* NEW!
Ongoing	\$1,000	General Fund	BoxTops for Education*

***Wow, participation in this fundraiser is TOTALLY FREE!**

Our 2009/2010 fundraising goal is to raise the equivalent of \$375/family, although donations in any amount are greatly appreciated.

Valencia H&SC Community Events

Dates	Event
Aug 12	Parent Back to School Coffee and Social
Sept 2, Jan, April (dates tba)	Parenting Speaker Series NEW!
Aug 20	Welcome Back to School Family Dinner
Oct 2, Jan 29, Mar 26	Family Fun Nights NEW!
Oct 30	Harvest Festival and Dinner
Dec 16, May 4	Staff Appreciation Luncheons
Dates tba	Science and Community-Building School Assemblies
May 20	Open House Dinner
Ongoing	Student “Honor Patch” Rewards Program NEW!

Thank you for your support.

AUGUST 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7 Valencia Spirit Wear Day	8
9	10 Teacher Training Day Lunch provided by Home & School Club	11 12:30 Kinder Welcome Picnic New Student Orientation 3:00	12 First Day of School 8am H&SC Parent Coffee (cafeteria) 7pm District Board meeting	13	14 Valencia Spirit Wear Day	15
16	17	18	19	20 5:30-7:30pm Back to School Dinner	21 Valencia Spirit Wear Day	22
23	24 H&SC Begin Merchant Card sign- up drive NEW!	25 7pm Special Budget Meeting SSC/H&SC	26 7pm District Board meeting	27	28 SPIRIT DAY Crazy Hats!	29
30	31					

- Special reminders:**
- Get your Back to School supplies (see checklist on “Forms” section)
 - Turn in your H&SC volunteer sign up sheet
 - Exercise your “**Cash for Kids**” donation option
 - Save your recyclable e-waste for the Sept 26 drive (see Nov for list)
 - Sign up with Merchant Donation Programs. It’s free and easy!
 - Sign up for Valencia e-news
 - Sign up with Good Search internet search engine...it’s free
 - Every Friday is Spirit Day: order and wear your Valencia spirit wear!
 - Yearbooks are on sale NOW. Prices will increase as the year progresses. Reserve yours now while prices are low!

Mrs. Higginbotham’s Word of the Month: “RESPONSIBILITY”

August Events...

Aug 11: Kinder Picnic 12:30-1:30 pm

Incoming kinders and their parents are invited to bring a picnic lunch to the kinder playground to meet their teachers and new classmates and enjoy a Popsicle! A guided tour of the school will be led by a Home and School Club member. Welcome!

Aug 12: Parent Back to School Breakfast 8am

All Valencia parents are invited to join the Home and School Club Board members in the cafeteria for a continental breakfast on the first day of school.

Aug 20: Welcome Back to School Dinner 5:30 pm

This Valencia tradition is a family social to welcome everyone back to a new school year. A dinner is hosted, typically by the 5th grade parents to fundraise for 6th grade Outdoor Science School which their children will attend the following year. Everyone is welcome!

Aug 24: Begin Merchants "Give Back" to Valencia FUNdraiser (through Sept 4) New!

A quick way to contribute all year without spending any extra money...this is SO EASY and SO PROFITABLE!

Students will participate in an organized effort to register friends, family members, neighbors and others with select merchants and businesses who have volunteered to "give back" a portion of sales to Valencia simply by registering Valencia as a beneficiary. Valencia will receive cash benefits whenever you shop these merchants, all in exchange for just 5 minutes of time it takes to register. Last year we earned over \$6,000 through your participation in the Safeway e-scrip program alone.

Aug 25: School Site Council and Home & School Club, Special Meeting 7 pm

Meet in the school library to discuss this year's school budget.
All parents are invited and encouraged to attend.

Aug 28: Spirit Day: Cray Hats!!

All students are invited to wear a crazy hat to school...the crazier, the better!!

Ongoing: "Good Search" Internet Search Engine New !

Designate "Goodsearch.com" as your default search engine and Valencia earns money each time you search the net. Visit Goodsearch.com for sign-up instructions and to identify Valencia Elementary as the beneficiary. It's that easy!

SEPTEMBER 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 6pm Speaker Series: Lorraine Purcell 7pm Back to School Night Parents Only	3	4 End Merchant Card Sign-up Drive Valencia Spirit Wear Day	5
6	7 <i>Labor Day Holiday</i> No School	8 7pm Site Council mtg	9 7pm District Board meeting	10 8:30am H&SC meeting	11 PICTURE DAY	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Valencia Spirit Wear Day	19
20	21	22	23 Begin Toyota "Drive for Schools" Ticket Sales 7pm District Board meeting	24	25 Valencia Spirit Wear Day	26 9am-5pm "Cash for Trash" e-waste drop
27	28	29	30			

- Special reminders:**
- Turn in your H&SC volunteer sign up sheet
 - Exercise your **"Cash for Kids"** donation option
 - Save your e-waste for the Sept 26 drive
 - Continue collecting Box Tops for Education
 - Sign up with Merchant Donation Programs. It's free and easy!
 - Go paperless and sign up for Valencia e-news
 - Sign up to volunteer in the classrooms
 - Purchase your Toyota tickets and a chance to win a shiny new Prius!
 - Ask your Room Parent about Harvest Festival coming up next month!

Mrs. Higginbotham's Words of the Month: "PERSONAL BEST"

September events...

Sept 2: Speaker Series – Lorraine Purcell, “Parent Coach” 6 pm

Join Valencia and other area parents in the Valencia cafeteria for an informative, adults-only evening. An optional \$10 donation collected at the door will be used to support student community building and safety programs on campus.

Sept 2: Parents Back to School Night 7 pm

Join fellow parents in the Valencia cafeteria to hear presentations from the school Principal, the School Site Council and the Home and School Club, followed by a visit to your child’s classroom to meet their teachers and learn about plans for the school year.

Sept 4: End Merchants “Give Back” to Valencia FUNdraiser (Aug 24-Sept 4) *New!*

Don’t miss the last few days this easy and “free” way to contribute to Valencia!

Sept 8: School Site Council Meeting 7pm

Parents and Staff members meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month to discuss issues related to curriculum and the School plan. Visit www.valencia.pvusd.net for agendas and info

Sept 10: Home and School Club Meeting 8:30 am

Parents meet the 2nd Thursday of each month to discuss ways to enrich the Valencia experience. All are welcome to attend. Please visit the website (www.valencia.pvusd.net) for agenda and past meeting minutes

Sept 11: Student Picture Day

Make sure your child has their order form and check turned in!

Sept 23: Begin Toyota “Drive for Schools” Ticket Sales (through Oct 14)

Toyota of Santa Cruz is once again generously donating a new car to be awarded to a lucky winner! Tickets are sold for a chance to win a 2010 Prius hybrid or \$25k in cash. WOW!! This 100% profit event is a winner for everyone!

Sept 26: “Cash for Trash” e-Waste Collection Drives *New!*

A convenient, free and green way to purge your old and unwanted electronic waste while making money for the school! So EASY and environmentally friendly!

Not sure what to do with that old cell phone, television, computer monitor or small appliances? We can help! Valencia will earn “cash for trash” based on the total weight of the items collected. Spread the word to friends, family, neighbors and local businesses. More than just a fundraiser, it offers a chance to teach our children about recycling and being earth friendly. Please visit EarthCare Recycling’s website at http://www.earthcarerecycling.com/Recyclable_items.html for a long list of recyclable e-waste (also see the Nov page). You’ll be surprised at how much you have to contribute!

OCTOBER 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
				1	2 SPIRIT DAY Pajamas H&SC Family Reading Night	3	
4	5	6th graders at OUTDOOR SCIENCE SCHOOL			8 7pm H&SC meeting	9 Valencia Spirit Wear Day	10
11	12	PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES				17	
			END Toyota "Drive for Schools" 7pm District Board meeting		Picture Make-up Day		
18	19	20 9am-12 noon School Beautification 7pm Site Council mtg	21	22	23 Valencia Spirit Wear Day	24	
25	26	27	28 7pm District Board meeting	29	30 SPIRIT DAY Wear Orange 5:30-8pm Harvest Festival/Dinner	31 Time change – set clocks back one hour	

- Special reminders:**
- Bring a REAM OF PAPER to Family Reading Night Oct 2
 - Last chance to purchase tickets to win that new car!
 - Sign up to help with the Harvest Festival
 - Remember to check for lost items in school "Lost and Found"
 - Purchase your Yearbook early. Prices will increase in January.
 - Make Spirit Day a planned classroom event where everyone participates!

Mrs. Higginbotham's Word of the Month: "RESPECTFUL"

October events...

Oct 2: Family Reading Night *NEW!*

Kids and parents, put on your pajamas and join us in the Valencia cafeteria for an evening of hot chocolate and READING FUN!

Oct 8: Home and School Club Meeting 7pm

Parents meet the 2nd Thursday of each month to discuss ways to enrich the Valencia experience. All are welcome to attend. Please visit the website (www.valencia.pvUSD.net) for agenda and more information.

Oct 12-16: Scholastic Book Fair

A family favorite, we hope to once again be able to hold the Book Fair in the Valencia library. Profits from the Book Fair are used towards library operating expenses which may also include the funding of Mrs. G's position. Profits last year exceeded \$3,000.

Oct 14: End Toyota "Drive for Schools" Ticket Sales

Don't miss this last chance to purchase tickets for a chance to win a NEW 2010 Prius. This is a 100% PROFIT fundraiser! Last year Valencia was among the top 5 schools participating in this event— let's make it to NUMBER ONE this year!!!

Oct 16: School Picture Make-up Day

If you missed having pictures taken on Sept 11 or would like to have yours retaken, this is the day! Be sure to bring your original pictures (if a retake) along with your completed paperwork and payment.

Oct 20: School Beautification 9am-12 noon

Join other parent volunteers in an organized gardening effort to spruce up the Valencia campus. Contact Kim Ferrell at kferrell@charter.net to learn more or sign up!

Oct 20: School Site Council mtg 7pm

Parents and Staff members meet to discuss issues related to curriculum and the School plan. Visit www.valencia.pvUSD.net for agendas and info

Oct 30: Spirit Day: Wear ORANGE

Show your school spirit and join fellow students in wearing orange today!!

Oct 30: Dinner & Harvest Festival 5:30-8pm

A Valencia favorite! Come dressed in costume and enjoy a family dinner and an evening of fun and games. The Festival typically raises approx. \$5,000 for the H&SC General Fund. The dinner, hosted by the 4th grade class, is a fundraiser towards the cost of their eventual 6th grade Outdoor Science School.

NOVEMBER 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 <i>Election Day</i>	3	4	5	6 1 st Trimester ends Valencia Spirit Wear Day	7
8	9	10	11 VETERANS DAY <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">NO SCHOOL</div>	12 8:30 am H&SC meeting	13 Report cards sent home Valencia Spirit Wear Day	14
15	16	17 7pm Site Council meeting	18 7pm District Board meeting	19	20 SPIRIT DAY Crazy Hair	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">THANKSGIVING BREAK: NO SCHOOL</div>						
29	30					

- Special reminders:**
- Donate non-perishable goods to Second Harvest Food Bank collection
 - Sign up to participate in Staff Appreciation Luncheon Dec 16
 - Continue clipping Box Tops for Education
 - Order your yearbook!
 - Encourage your Child's Classroom and Community to go green and go paperless. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.... AND SAVE!

Mrs. Higginbotham's Word of the Month: "SAFETY"

November events...

Nov 12: Home and School Club Meeting 7pm

All are welcome to attend. Please visit the website (www.valencia.pvUSD.net) for agenda and more information.

Nov 17: School Site Council mtg 7pm

Parents and Staff members meet to discuss issues related to curriculum and the School plan. Visit www.valencia.pvUSD.net for agendas and info

WOW, did you know all of the following can be recycled at **Cash for Trash** drives!!

COMPUTER RELATED ITEMS	HOME AND OFFICE ELECTRONICS	SMALL APPLIANCES
Cables, Ribbons & Wire of any length/size	Copiers, Fax Machines, Scanners	Blow Dryers, Curling Irons
CD Drives, DVD Drives	Cordless Phones, Cell Phones, Pagers	Clocks, Lamps, Fans
Computers – Desktops, Laptops, CPUs	Digital, Video & Film Cameras	Electric Can Openers, Waffle Makers
Fans, Heat Sinks	DVD Players, CD Players & VCRs	Electric Shavers & Toothbrushes
Hard Drives <i>We offer free data erasing</i>	Electronic Pencil Sharpeners & Staplers	Microwaves, Toasters, Ovens
Keyboards, Mice	Paper Shredders	Sewing Machines
Laptop accessories - batteries etc.	Power Tools	Vacuum Cleaners
Media including Floppy Disks, CDs, DVDs	Radios, Boom Boxes, MP3 Players	
Modem Cards, Network Cards	Satellite Dishes and Receivers	
Monitors, Flat Screens, LCDs, CRTs	Speakers and Sound Systems	
PC, PCI, ISA and Mother Boards	Stereos, Amplifiers	
PDA's, Palm Accessories	Telephone Systems, Headsets	Also...
Power Supplies	Televisions, any size and model	CAR AND TRUCK BATTERIES
Printers, Ink & Toner Cartridges	Typewriters, Manual & Electronic	and
RAM Chips, CPUs	VCR Tapes, CDs and DVD Movies	SHIPPING PEANUTS
Scanners, Speakers, Peripherals	Video Game Systems- <i>Playstation, Xbox, etc.</i>	and
Sound Cards, Video Cards		BUBBLE WRAP!
UPS Back-Up Units & Batteries		
Zip Drives, Floppy Drives		

DECEMBER 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Valencia Spirit Wear Day	5
6	7	8	9 7pm District Board meeting	10 7pm H&SC/SSC Joint mtg	11 Wildlife Associates Science Assembly: "Creepy Critters" Valencia Spirit Wear Day	12
13	14	15	16 Staff Holiday Luncheon	17	18 SPIRIT DAY Holiday spirit	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	WINTER BREAK: NO SCHOOL	

- Special reminders:**
- Last chance to check for lost items in school "Lost and Found"
 - School resumes Jan 12
 - Save your e-waste for the January 23 "Cash for Trash" drive. Check the list of items in November's calendar to see what you have to contribute!
 - If you have not already done so, sign up for E-News when school resumes in January and help Valencia go Paperless!
 - Visit Valencia's Website during Winter Break for updates.

Mrs. Higginbotham's Word of the Month: "EFFORT"

December events...

Dec 10: Joint Home and School Club/Site Council Meeting 7 pm

Parents and Staff members meet to discuss school-related issues.
Visit www.valencia.pvusd.net for agendas and info

Dec 11: Wildlife Associates Science Assembly: “Creepy Critters”

Back by popular demand, *Wildlife Associates* returns with another of their wonderful live animal assemblies! “Creepy Critters” crawls with excitement and the adventure of learning. This program explores the gentler side of the most misunderstood squiggly and squirmy animals of the wild kingdom.

Dec 16: Staff Holiday Luncheon

The Holiday Luncheons is a terrific ways to show huge appreciation for our hard-working and dedicated Valencia staff. Join other parents in creating a beautiful and delicious luncheon to honor and give thanks to our wonderful teaches and staff.

Notes:

JANUARY 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2
3	4	WINTER BREAK: NO SCHOOL			8	9
10	11 Teacher Training Day NO SCHOOL	12 SCHOOL RESUMES	13	14	15 Valencia Spirit Wear Day	16
17	18 <i>MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY</i> NO SCHOOL	19 7pm Speaker Series Speaker TBA	20	21	22 Valencia Spirit Wear Day	23 9am-5pm Cash for Trash e-waste drop
24/31	25	26	27	28	29 SPIRIT DAY Twins H&SC Family Movie Night	30

- Special reminders:**
- School resumes Jan 12
 - H&SC and SSC will not meet this month; meetings resume in Feb
 - Bring a **BOX OF TISSUE** or a **REAM OF PAPER** to Family Movie Night on January 29
 - Check to see if your child needs to restock on any of their core school supplies!
 - Plan ahead for the entire class to dress alike on Twin Day Jan 29
 - Ask your Room Parent about our upcoming Spring Event. This is a first!
 - Yearbook prices have had their first price increase. Prices will increase once more time in May. Purchase your child's now!

Mrs. Higginbotham's Word of the Month: "COOPERATION"

January events...

Jan 19: Speaker Series Speaker TBA 7pm

Join Valencia and other area parents in the Valencia cafeteria for an informative evening. Expert speakers will present on parenting-related topics. An adults-only event. A nominal donation collected at the door will be used to support student community building and safety programs on campus.

Jan 23: Cash for Trash e-waste drop 9am-5pm FUNdraiser

A convenient, free and green way to purge your old and unwanted electronic waste while making money for the school! So EASY and environmentally friendly!

Not sure what to do with that old cell phone, television, computer monitor or small appliances? We can help! Save them for one of our scheduled quarterly e-waste collection days. Valencia will earn “cash for trash” based on the total weight of the items collected. Spread the word to friends, family, neighbors and local businesses. More than just a fundraiser, it offers a chance to teach our children about recycling and being earth friendly. Please visit EarthCare Recycling’s website at http://www.earthcarerecycling.com/Recyclable_items.html, or the Nov calendar page, for a long list of recyclable e-waste. You’ll be surprised at how much you have to contribute!

Jan 29: Spirit Day: Twins

Make plans to dress like your friends and classmates...entire classes can even make plans to dress alike!

Jan 29 : Family Movie Night (time tba)

Kids, grab your parents and join us at Valencia for popcorn and a movie in the cafeteria! Stay tuned for more information as plans unfold. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

FEBRUARY 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3	4	5 Valencia Spirit Wear Day	6
7	8 <i>PRESIDENTS HOLIDAY</i> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">NO SCHOOL</div>	9 7pm Site Council meeting	10	11 8:30 am H&SC meeting	12 SPIRIT DAY Wear Red	13
14	15 <i>PRESIDENTS HOLIDAY</i> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">NO SCHOOL</div>	16	17	18	19 Valencia Spirit Wear Day	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Valencia Spirit Wear Day	27
28						

- Special reminders:**
- Save your e-waste for the April 23 drive
 - Sign up for Spring Weeding on the March 23 Beautification Day
 - Plan ahead to attend our first H&SC Spring Event.
(Ask your Room Parent for more information).

Mrs. Higginbotham's Word of the Month: "FRIENDSHIP"

February events...

Feb 9: School Site Council mtg 7pm

Parents and Staff members meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month to discuss issues related to curriculum and the School plan. Visit www.valencia.pvUSD.net for agendas and info

Feb 11: Home and School Club Meeting 7-9 pm

Parents meet the 2nd Thursday of each month to discuss ways to enrich the Valencia experience. All are welcome to attend. Please visit the website (www.valencia.pvUSD.net) for agenda and more information.

Feb 12: Spirit Day: Wear Red

Students are encouraged to **WEAR RED** in recognition of Valentines Day.

MARCH 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 2 nd Trimester ends Valencia Spirit Wear Day	6
7	8	9	10	11 7-9 pm Joint Site Council & H&SC meeting	12 Report cards sent home Valencia Spirit Wear Day	13 <i>Daylight savings time – change clocks One hour forward</i>
14	15	16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> SPIRIT DAY Wear Green!	18	19 Valencia Spirit Wear Day	20 <i>Spring Begins</i>
21	22 BEGIN Smith and Vandiver Mothers Day Event	23 9 am-noon School Beautification Work Day	24	25	26 5:30 pm Valencia Spring Family Event	27
28	29	30	31			

Special reminders: - Save your e-waste for the April 24 “Cash for Trash” drive
 - Check your year-to-date donations and exercise your **Cash for Kids** tax-deductible donation options!

Mrs. Higginbotham's Word of the Month: “ORGANIZATION”

March events...

March 11: Home and School Club/School Site Council Joint Meeting 7pm

Parents and Staff members meet to discuss school-related issues.
Visit www.valencia.pvusd.net for agendas and info

March 17: Spirit Day: WEAR GREEN!

Irish or not, green is the color of the day today! Show your school spirit and participate in this long standing tradition of literally “going green for a day”!

March 22: Begin Smith and Vandiver Mothers Day on-line Sale FUNdraiser

(through April 23)

Calling all Dads... this is an ultra convenient way to pamper mom, support a local business and give back to the Valencia community, all at the same time. Smith and Vandiver offers an extensive line of shower, bath and body care products based on natural and eco-friendly formulas and includes many organic products. Orders placed on line will be shipped directly to you, making shopping almost effortless. You're welcome, Moms!

March 23: School Beautification 9am-12 noon

Join other parent volunteers in an organized gardening effort to spruce up the Valencia campus. Contact Kim Ferrell at kferrelldesign@charter.net to learn more or sign up!

March 26: Valencia Spring Family Event FUNdraiser 5:30 pm

This all inclusive Family dinner, silent auction and raffle event will be held at Valencia. Planned auction items include an assortment of terrific student projects, class baskets, special donated teacher services and community donations. Local crafters and artisans will be invited to participate in a “locals only” craft sale. An evening of family fun! If successful, this family friendly dinner event will alternate years with the more formal “parents-only” auction event.

APRIL 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 SPIRIT DAY Mismatch Day	2 NO SCHOOL	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
SPRING BREAK: NO SCHOOL						
11	12	13 7pm Site Council meeting	14	15 8:30 H&SC Meeting Board Elections Fundraising proposals	16 Valencia Spirit Wear Day	17
18	19	20 7pm Speaker Series: speaker tba	21 <i>Secretary's Day</i>	22 EARTH DAY	23 END Smith and Vandiver Mothers Day on-line sale Valencia Spirit Wear Day	24 9am-5pm Cash for Trash e-waste drop
25	26	27	28	29 8:30 am H&SC Special Meeting on Major Fundraisers	30 SPIRIT DAY Eras Day	

- Special reminders:**
- psst, Dads...don't forget to order your Mothers Day gifts with Smith and Vandiver
 - Attend the Apr 15 H&SC mtg to elect the new 2010/2011 Board
 - Submit new fundraising ideas for 2010/2011 at the Apr 15 and Apr 29 H&SC meetings
 - Ask your Room Parent about the May 4 Staff Appreciation Luncheon May 4 and Walk for the Arts on May 14.
 - Do something nice for the EARTH on April 22nd!
 - Purchase your child's Yearbook NOW. Prices increase next month.

Mrs. Higginbotham's Word of the Month: "PATIENCE"

April events...

April 1: SPIRIT DAY: Mismatch Day

Today is your chance to break all rules of fashion and wear anything you want! Two different shoes, socks, stripes and plaids, the sky's the limit. Have fun!

April 13: Site Council meeting 7pm

Parents and Staff members meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month to discuss issues related to curriculum and the School Plan. Visit www.valencia.pvusd.net for agendas and info

April 15: H&SC meeting 8:30 am

Parents meet to discuss ways to enrich the Valencia experience. All are welcome to attend. **Board elections for the 2010/2011 school year will take place.** Please visit the website (www.valencia.pvusd.net) for agenda and more information.

April 20: Speaker Series: Speaker tba 7pm

Join parents in the Valencia cafeteria for an informative adults-only evening. An expert speaker will present on parenting-related topics. A nominal donation collected at the door will be used to support student community building and safety programs on campus.

April 23: END Smith and Vandiver Mothers Day on-line Sale FUNdraiser

Last chance to order for Mother's Day! Delivery to your doorstep takes approx 2 weeks. See March calendar of events for event description.

April 24: Cash for Trash e-waste drop 9 am-5 pm FUNdraiser New!

A convenient, free and green way to purge your old and unwanted electronic waste while making money for the school! So EASY and environmentally friendly!

Not sure what to do with that old cell phone, television, computer monitor or small appliances? We can help! Save them for one of our scheduled quarterly e-waste collection days. Valencia will earn "cash for trash" based on the total weight of the items collected. Spread the word to friends, family, neighbors and local businesses. More than just a fundraiser, it offers a chance to teach our children about recycling and being earth friendly. Please visit EarthCare Recycling's website at http://www.earthcarerecycling.com/Recyclable_items.html (or the [Nov page](#)) for a long list of recyclable e-waste. You'll be surprised at how much you have to contribute!

April 29: H&SC Special Meeting on 2010/2011 Fundraisers 8:30 am

Parents meet to discuss and decide upon major fundraisers planned for the 2010/2011 school year. All are welcome to attend. Please visit the website (www.valencia.pvusd.net) for agenda and more information.

April 30: SPIRIT DAY Eras Day

It's a blast from the past! Come to school dressed like you are from another era in time!

MAY 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		CALIFORNIA STATE TESTING - Grades 2-6				
		National Teacher's Day Staff Appreciation Luncheon			Valencia Spirit Wear Day	
9 <i>Mothers Day</i>	10	11	12	13	14	15
		CA STATE TESTING - Grades 2-6			WALK FOR THE ARTS	
		7pm SSC/H&SC Joint Meeting: Budget Adoption	2pm Parent Appreciation		Valencia Spirit Wear Day	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		9-12 School Beautification Work Day		Open House 5:30pm Dinner 7 – 8pm Open Classes	SPIRIT DAY Crazy socks	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
					6 th Grade Dance	
30	31					
	MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">NO SCHOOL</div>					

- Special reminders:**
- Make sure your child is at school and on time during state testing
 - Solicit pledges for Walk for the Arts May 14
 - Donate gently used shoes for “Walk a Mile in my Shoes” program
 - Order your yearbook

Mrs. Higginbotham's Words of the Month: “PROBLEM SOLVING”

May events...

May 4: Staff Appreciation Luncheon

The Spring Luncheons is a terrific ways to show huge appreciation for our hard-working and dedicated Valencia staff. Join other parents in creating a beautiful and delicious luncheon to honor and give thanks to our wonderful teaches and staff.

May 11: Home and School Club/School Site Council Joint Meeting 7pm

Parents and Staff members meet to discuss school-related issues. The working H&SC budget for 2010/2011 will be discussed and voted on. Visit www.valencia.pvUSD.net for agendas and info

May 12: Parent Appreciation 2pm

Valencia teachers and staff treat parents volunteers to a feast fit for a king. An afternoon not to be missed!

May 14: Walk for the Arts FUNdraiser

Always a FUN student event, the annual Walk for the Arts fundraiser is the sole source of funding the Arts program at Valencia. By walking the Valencia track, students earn money through sponsorships from family, friends, neighbors and, sometimes, even themselves! Last year's event raised \$12,000.

Remember to save your no longer needed shoes for the "Walk a Mile my Shoes" shoe collection!

May 18: School Beautification 9am-12 noon

Join other parent volunteers in an organized gardening effort to spruce up the Valencia campus. Contact Kim Ferrell at kferrell@charter.net to learn more or sign up!

May 20: Open House Dinner and Open Classrooms 5:30 pm dinner/ 7pm open classrooms

Enjoy a family dinner before visiting your child's classroom to view their classwork and visit with their teacher. The dinner is hosted by the 3rd grade parents to fundraise for eventual attendance in 6th grade Outdoor Science School.

May 21: SPIRIT DAY: Crazy Socks

Socks, socks, socks...we want to see your craziest!!

May 28: 6th Grade Dance

Music, dancing, pizza...fun, fun, fun for graduating students in the school cafeteria.

JUNE 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 FIELD DAY and Barbeque	2 TALENT SHOW	3 8am Staff vs. 6 th Graders Softball Game	4 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 9am 6 th Grade Promotion Ceremony Report cards sent home	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

- Special reminders:**
- Check for Lost Items in the School Lost and Found
 - Last chance to get a yearbook! Hurry before they are all sold out.
 - Have you made your donation toward Walk for the Arts and your child's art next year? It's not too late.
 - Remember to check Valencia's Website periodically during the Summer for updates. Visit the suggested sites and educational links.
 - Ask a H&SC Board Member about ways to participate in the decisions being made for the following school year, including SPECTRA artist selections.
 - Enjoy the Summer Break!!

Mrs. Higginbotham's Word of the Month: "SUCCESS"

June events...

June 1: Field Day and Barbecue

Students participate in fun outdoor activities organized by the teachers. May include sack races, obstacle courses, jump rope, etc

June 2: Talent Show *times to be announced.*

Come cheer on our talented Seastars as they perform for all to see!

June 3: Staff vs. 6th Graders Softball Game

6th graders, how much fun is that?!

June 4: 6th Grade Promotion Ceremony 9am cafeteria

Parent and guest parking on the school field.