

# Welcome to Scotts Valley Unified School District

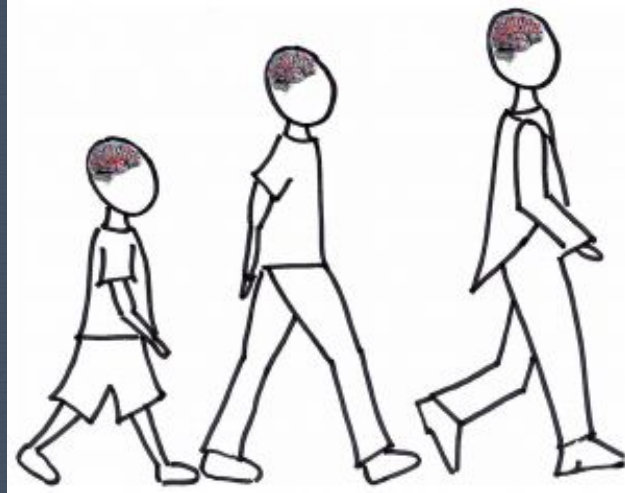


# The Scotts Valley Way



In Scotts Valley Unified School  
District...

We Grow with  
you!



# All About Our Schools

Get to know the SVUSD Schools



# Our Fab Team!



**Joshua Wahl**  
Principal  
Brook Knoll Elementary



**Tracey Neilsen**  
Principal  
Vine Hill Elementary



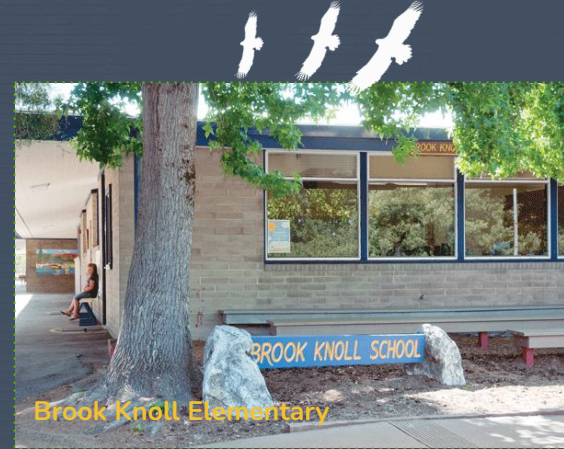
**Joe Allen**  
Principal  
Scotts Valley Middle School



**Sarah Gialdini**  
Principal  
Scotts Valley High School



# Campuses



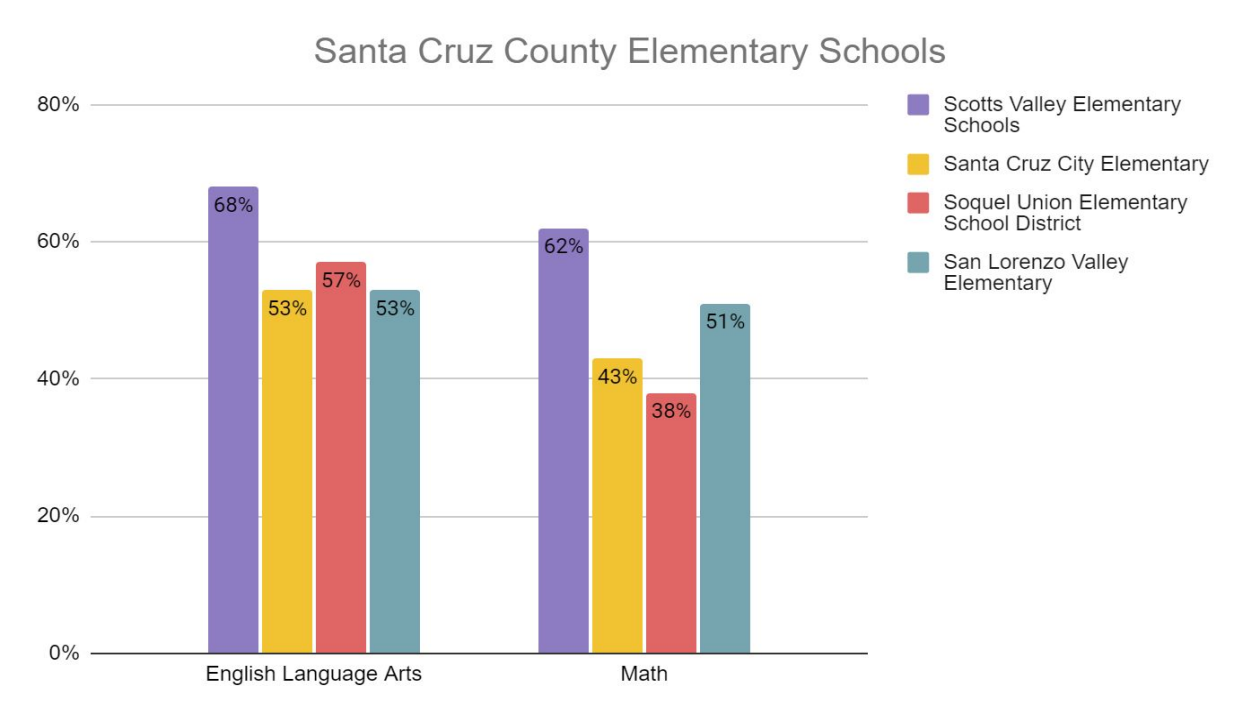
# What Makes Us Different?

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- We are a small district with a family-feel
- Our schools focus on the whole child
  - Social Emotional Learning
  - Counselors at all schools
- High Level of Academics
  - 2022-2023 State Test Scores were Top in the County
- Independent Study Options



# Santa Cruz County Elementary Schools Comparison

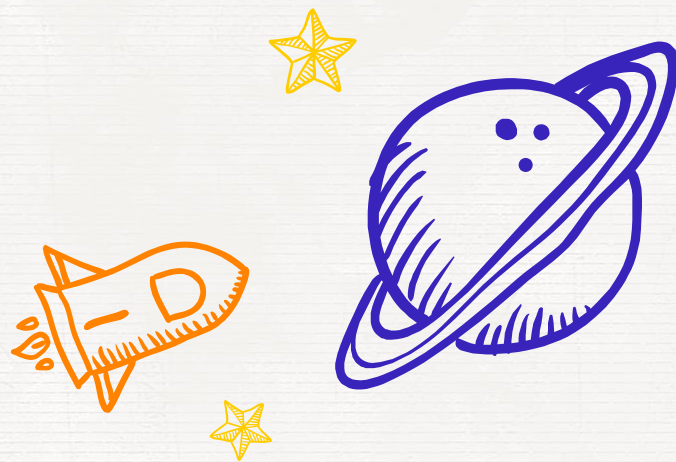


# What Makes Us Different?

- ✗ High School offers CTE pathways, International Baccalaureate programs, and a variety of clubs and sports teams
- ✗ SVUSD has one of the HIGHEST graduation rates in the county!

	% of Graduating Seniors
Scotts Valley USD	97%
Santa Cruz County	85%
State of California	87%





# What we offer...

Why is SVUSD Unique



# Elementary School Offerings

## Academic Offerings

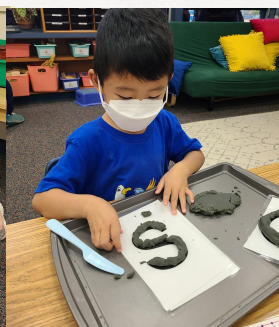
- ❑ Art classes
- ❑ Music classes
- ❑ Learning Gardens
- ❑ Reading Intervention
- ❑ PBIS/Kindness
- ❑ Hands on science

## Fun/Enrichment Opportunities

- ❑ Student Councils
- ❑ Student clubs
- ❑ Halloween Parades
- ❑ Cultural Celebration Days

## Outside of School

- ❑ Homework clubs
- Enrichment programs (fee-based)



# Middle School/High School Offerings

## Academic Offerings

- Art and Drama
- Music Classes
- Horticulture
- IB classes
- Course Recovery
- Intervention Support
- Accelerated Math
- HS Alt. Ed Academy

## Enrichment Opportunities

- Student Council / Govt.
- Kindness week
- Spirit Days
- PBIS Activities
- Math & Spelling contests
- Student Clubs
- Science Fair
- Community Service
- Homecoming
- Pep Rallies
- Career Fair

## After School

- Homework clubs
- Sunrise Club
- Esports
- Sports
- Theater Performances
- Dances
- Haunted House



# Other Programs for Students

## Independent Study Hybrid Program

- Individualized programs
- Support for families to engage at home
- Mix of in person and virtual platforms
- Allows for flexibility of programming for students to meet standards

## High School IB Program

- Equitable to AP programs
- International Baccalaureate provides a world-view

## High School Course Based Independent Study

- Supports student work study
- Provides flexibility to take courses for CTE or Cabrillo courses



# School Initiatives

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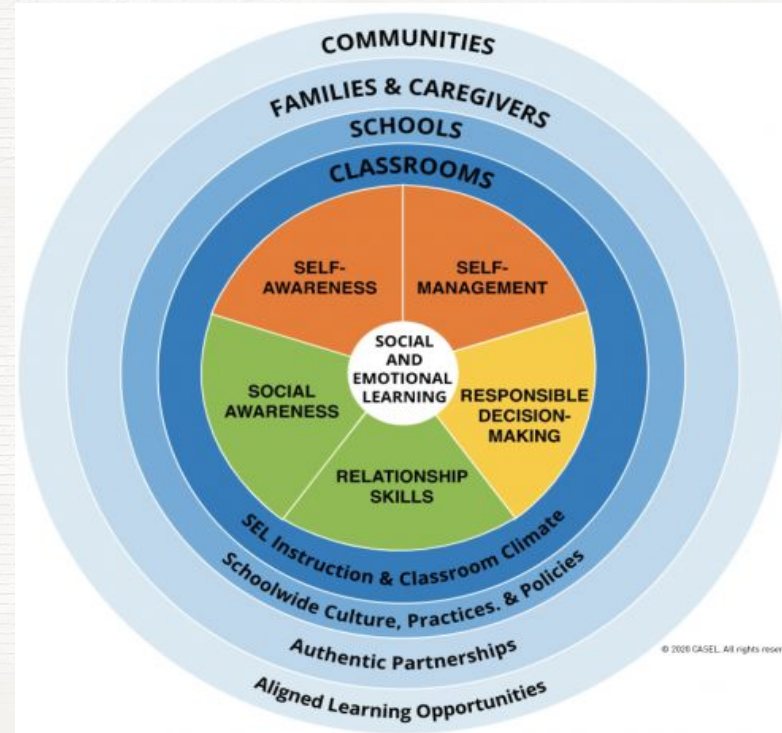
- ❑ Environmental Literacy
- ❑ Reading Incentive Programs
- ❑ Monthly Cultural Awareness Events
- ❑ College and Career Readiness Week
- ❑ Science Labs
- ❑ PBIS/Kindness Challenges
- ❑ STEM spotlights



# Social-Emotional Learning

We believe that the social-emotional well-being of our students and staff is foundational to learning. As a district, we value the Collaborative, Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL) framework of five social-emotional competencies and incorporate social-emotional learning in the classrooms.

- Self-Awareness
- Self-Management
- Social Awareness
- Relationship Skills
- Responsible Decision-Making



# Parent Engagement Opportunities

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- ❑ PTO/PTA
- ❑ Career Week/Career Spotlights
- ❑ Classroom Volunteers
- ❑ School Site Council
- ❑ Family Events
- ❑ Guest Readers
- ❑ Room Parents
- ❑ Playground Parents
- ❑ Scotts Valley Educational Foundation (SVEF)



# Special Services Offered

SVUSD has a variety of additional supports for students with different abilities.

- 504 Plans
- Individualized Education Programs (IEPs)
- Mental Health/Counseling Services
- Behavior supports

Questions? Visit the [Special Educational Services](#) webpage.



# Parent Resources

- ❑ School Newsletters
- ❑ Principal's Newsletters
- ❑ District Newsletters
- ❑ School Websites
- ❑ Teacher Websites
- ❑ ParentVue



**Weekly News  
& Updates**

November 2022 |  
Beartracks Issue 10

**NEW Vine Hill School Website**



Important Dates

**Upcoming News and Events**

- November 8: Graduation Month!
- November: Indigenous Peoples Month
- November 21st – 25th – Thanksgiving Break
- November 29th, 9:30 am – Read to Achieve Assembly (SC Warriors)

**Dear Vine Hill Families,**

A big thank you to all the Vine Hill students, families and staff! I am so grateful for you.  
Have a wonderful Thanksgiving Break!

Sincerely,  
Tracey Neilsen  
Vine Hill Principal

Dear Scotts Valley Community,

Welcome to December!

First, a big congratulations goes out to Ashlyn Boothby who placed 8th in the state during Cross Country finals and also to her sister, Amber, who placed 15th - impressive! A big shout out to SVHS girls Cross Country team who took 6th place statewide and SVHS boys Cross Country took 7th place - outstanding! An amazing growing for the Falcons.

In November, connected to "Unite Against Hate," World Kindness Day was observed this year on Monday, November 14th. Each school brought their own special touch to the day, but every school honored the message of kindness towards ALL throughout the week or even throughout the entire month of November. Some examples were libraries displaying plenty of books for students to enjoy, cutouts of students' hands with a pledge against hate displayed in the shape of a tree, handprints of kindness dispersed around campus, a class spirit poster competition, and gratitude events at lunch. Kindness towards all is not only important during the month of November, but valued each and every day of the year.



Our schools are continuing their focus on the Diversity and Heritage Calendar. December and January are Holiday Celebrations from around the world. Schools will be sharing various holiday traditions around the world inspired by our school community. In January, schools will also be celebrating the Lunar New Year. 2023 is year of the Rabbit, starting from January 22nd, 2023, and ending on February 9th, 2024. The sign of the Rabbit is a symbol of longevity, peace, and prosperity in Chinese culture. 2023 is predicted to be a year of hope.

We would like to recognize our SVUSD Community Advisory Committee (CAC) members for the 22-23 school year: Samantha Nelson, Jeanette Bent, Liz Pennington, and Trina Bowdler. We appreciate your dedication as teachers and parents alike for investing in inclusive practices for our students with special education needs throughout Santa Cruz County.

<https://www.scottsvalleyusd.org/>

# Before and After Care

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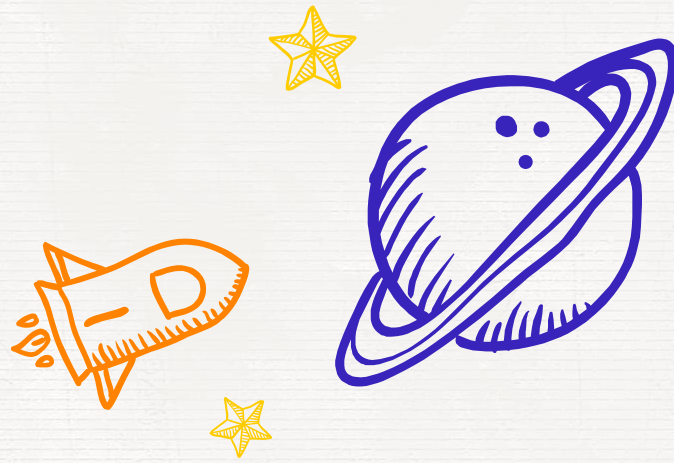
SVUSD is committed to supporting our community and parents will have the following opportunities:

- Before school care
- After school care

More information can be found on our website

<https://www.scottsvalleyusd.org/page/childcare>





# A Day in the Life

What your TK or Kindergarten student will experience..



# A Sample Schedule

Please note start times vary by school and schedules vary based on teacher and student needs. This is only a sample of what types activities happen in TK and K. Tk is a ½ day program and Kinder is an extended day program

## Transitional Kindergarten

### Daily Agenda

- 8:20-8:30 Arrival & table activities
- 8:30-8:50 Morning meeting (calendar, counting the days we've been in school, letter bag sharing)
- 8:50-9:40 Small Group Academic Centers (math, phonics, fine motor skills)
- 9:40-10:15 Snack & Recess
- 10:15-11:00 Reader's Workshop, Science, Art, Music, Library
- 11:00-11:35 Discovery Time
- 11:35-11:45 Closing Circle (Sweet & Saltys)
- 11:45-11:50 Pack up Backpacks & Goodbyes

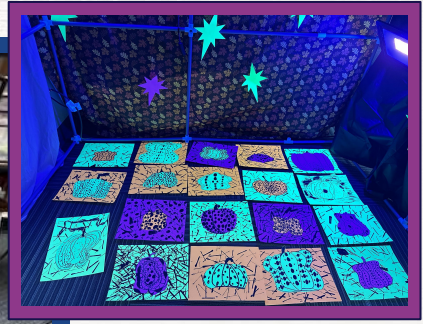
Monday	Garden
Tuesday	Music
Wednesday	Library
Friday	P.E.

## Kindergarten

### SHARING Kindergarten Daily Schedule

- 7:40-8:15- Arrival & Morning Work
- 8:10-8:30- Phonics
- 8:30-9:35- Daily 5/ELA Groups
- 9:35-9:40- Bathroom
- 9:45-10:25- Specials
- 10:25-10:40- Bathroom and Snack
- 10:40-11:00- Science or Social Studies
- 11:00-11:30- Math Groups
- 11:30-11:45- Story time, Brain Break
- 11:45-12:00- Sight Word Stations
- 12:07-12:37- Lunch
- 12:37- 1:15- Calendar Time/RTI
- 1:15-1:35- Math Centers
- 1:35-2:10- Recess
- 2:10-2:20- Pack up and Dismiss

# Fun in TK and K



# Getting Ready for TK and Kindergarten

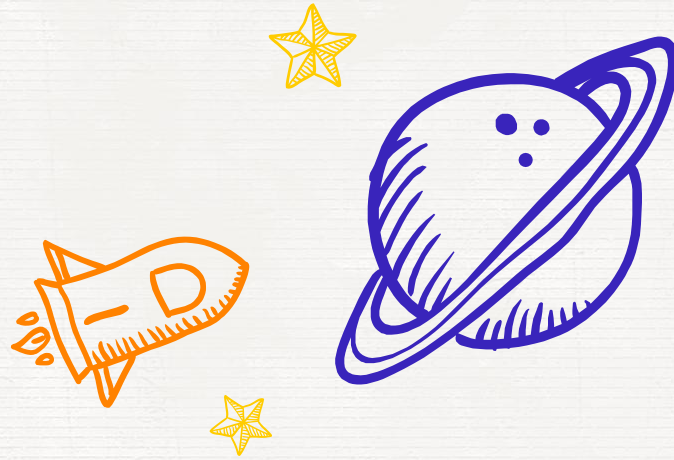
## Things your children will need before entering school:

- Go to the bathroom on their own
- Cut with scissors (K)
- Use a pencil (K)
- Sit and Listen to a story
- Follow 2-3 step oral directions (K)

## What can you do to help them prepare?

- Read, Read, Read with your child every day
- Play games and talk about letters, numbers, shapes and colors
- Practice following instructions
- Develop fine motor skills (pencil coloring, cutting with scissors)





# Ready to Enroll?

The Registration Process



# TK and Kindergarten Requirements

## Transitional Kindergarten eligibility:

Turns 4 by  
September 1st  
2024

Ratios: 1:10

Class size: 20

## Kindergarten eligibility:

Turn 5 by  
September 1st 2024

Ratios 1:24  
Class size: 24

## All other grade levels:

Students are  
placed depending  
on last grade level  
completed & age





# How to Pre-Register a New Student

## STEP 1. Create a new ParentVue account.

- Click on the link below
- <https://tinyurl.com/yjsvbsrs>
- Answer the three questions, click continue
- Accept the privacy statement
- Fill out the form with your personal information
- Look for a confirmation email in your email inbox (check spam)
- Click the link in the email to activate your account and create a password.



## STEP 2. Pre-Register Your New Student

- Choose the “2024-2025 New Student Pre-Registration” box

2024-2025 School Year



New Student Pre-Registration



SCAN ME

- Follow the instructions on each page, review, and submit
- Having trouble? Email [help@scottsvalleyusd.org](mailto:help@scottsvalleyusd.org)

## What Forms are Needed to Register?

Check out the District's Pre-Registration Page for all the details! [Website Information](#)

### Important Health Information Needed:


1. Verification of Immunizations
2. Health Form (by 1st day of school)
3. Dental Form (by 1st Month of School)
4. Optional- Health Forms can be found online


# Outside of SVUSD?


If you do not live in the SVUSD boundaries you may apply to attend our schools. The process is called Interdistrict Transfer, please visit our website for more information.

## INTERDISTRICT TRANSFERS TO SVUSD

### IT'S AS EASY AS 1, 2, 3

1 **PRINT A REQUEST FOR  
INTERDISTRICT ATTENDANCE  
PERMIT (IDT REQUEST FORM).** 

2 **FILL OUT AND SUBMIT THE FORM  
TO YOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OF RESIDENCE.** 

3 **WAIT FOR YOUR WELCOME  
LETTER FROM SVUSD!** 

[www.scottsvalleyusd.org](http://www.scottsvalleyusd.org)



# More Opportunities to Learn

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Do you have more questions?  
Want to learn more about our  
schools?

Save the dates for our  
upcoming Parent Info Nights &  
Tours...



# Upcoming Parent Nights & Tours

## Brook Knoll

### Parent Night March

Parent Tours for TK/K:

- ❑ Feb 1st @ 10 a.m.
- ❑ Feb 6th @ 9 a.m.
- ❑ Feb 14th @ 10:30 a.m.
- ❑ March 1st @ 11 a.m.
- ❑ March 7th @ 9 a.m.
- ❑ March 2nd @ 9 a.m.

## Vine Hill

### Parent Night March

Parent Tours for TK/K:

- ❑ Feb 1st @ 1:15pm,
- ❑ Feb 6th @ 1:30 p.m.
- ❑ Feb 14th @ 11 a.m.
- ❑ March 1st @ 9 a.m.
- ❑ March 7th @ 11 a.m.
- ❑ March 16th @ 1:30 pm.



# Upcoming Parent Nights & Tours

## SVMS

**Parent Night** April 24th  
6:30-7:30 p.m.

**6th Grade Welcome @  
VH & BK** - February 2024

**Shadow Days:**

#1 February 7th

#2 May 8th (Including VH  
& BK 5th Grade Visit)

## SVHS

**Parent EXPO Night** February  
21st 6:00 p.m.

**Parent Info Night** February  
20th 6:00 p.m.

**8th Grade Welcome @  
SVMS** February 12th

**Parent IB Night**

**Shadow Days:**

#1 February 5th

#2 March 11th





# Thanks!

Any questions?

Email [registration@scottsvalleyusd.org](mailto:registration@scottsvalleyusd.org)