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STATE BUDGET CRISIS IMPACT CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS

By: Elizabeth Knarr
Reporter

As the budget crisis in the state of California worsens, the number of Reduction in Force (RIF) notices sent out to teachers each year heightens. RIF notices inform teachers that their services may no longer be needed in the next school year.

The RIF situation is more complicated than it appears at first glance, Mr. Jim Bell, principal of Valencia High School, explains. For the first year after they are hired, teachers have temporary status. These "temps" can be released after one year of teaching, with no RIF notice needed. However, during their second year of teaching, teachers receive probationary status, and their third year, they become permanent, or tenured.

Probationary and tenured teachers require RIF notices before they can be let go for the coming year. By state law, teachers must be notified via RIF notice by March 15 if their job is in jeopardy, and they must sign a paper saying that they received their RIF notice.

However, receiving a RIF notice is not the end of the road for most teachers.

RIF notices can be rescinded, depending on the budget scenario at the end of the school year. "I would estimate that over half the teachers on campus have probably been RIFed at some point in their teaching career," stipulates Bell.

With the current budget situation, Governor Jerry Brown is attempting to put in place a car license tax extension, to continue currently implemented tax increases for another five years.

This license tax extension, if passed, would be the best case scenario to save the public education system.

Even if the tax is extended, the school district will still have to cut an estimated \$7.5 million next year, most likely through furlough days. In this scenario, most teachers would have their RIF notices rescinded. However, if the tax extension

does not pass, over \$15.5 million will have to be cut from the school district budget, in which case the majority of the RIF notices will not be rescinded.

These budget cuts will be district-wide, explains Bell, and will probably affect our school less than others in the district. Because Valencia is the largest school in the district, and there are fewer younger teachers on campus, it won't be as greatly impacted,

which means Valencia will lose fewer teachers, coaches, and advisors as compared to other high schools.

"Even in the worst case scenario [car license tax extension doesn't pass], RIF will impact us less than the other three high schools in our district. What is worrisome, however, is that we will lose management and classified staff, which means the teachers will have less support in the classroom," says Bell.

"PINK SLIP HARVEST" SHOWS CARTOONIST'S REPRESENTATION OF THE LAST DAY TEACHERS CAN RECEIVE RIF NOTICES. CARTOON BY: KIARRA LUCKIE.



PORTABLES ROLL AWAY, TEACHERS FORCED TO PULL THEM BACK

By: Allen Lin
Reporter

Last Sunday, March 20th, several portables rolled away, causing property damage and obstructing traffic for more than an hour. Five portables rolled away, but two were stopped when they hit cars. Mr. Rogers, Mrs. Leone, and Mr. Borgese all had their portables roll away.

Nobody was harmed in the incident.

Few teachers were present to haul the portables back, but several nearby residents came out to help the effort. There were approximately forty volunteers helping the teachers.

"We had support from the community. One gentleman offered his truck to help haul the portables, but it couldn't take the load. It was going so hard, the tires were smoking," said Borgese.

Bringing the portables up was quite

difficult, as they had to be pushed uphill. They rolled downhill quickly (one bystander who had a stopwatch on hand timed it at four minutes), but it took approximately an hour and twenty minutes to bring them back up.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: DR. GREG VANDERKOOY, MS. CAROLYN DOUGLAS, MRS. CAROLYN DOUGLAS, MS. KENIA SANDOVAL-RODRIGUEZ, AND MR. MARK STANLEY. PHOTO COURTESY FROM: SEJAL PATEL.

"[The portables] rolled for a couple of minutes, and they were building speed until they hit the curb and stopped cold. I thought [the portables] were going to go through a couple homes," said Borgese.

The portables affected nearby traffic, as commuters and churchgoers struggled to get past the block.

There were an unusual amount of cars using the road that day.

"[Peoples' cars] were jammed, trying to get to church, but the street was blocked. People were going crazy trying to get by. Police showed up to direct traffic, and some resorted to driving on the sidewalks."

Clean up was a major issue, as items in the classrooms rolled about and shook while the portables barreled down the street. In addition, wires were disconnected, which meant electricians had to come to repair them.

"When my portable hit the curb, everything slid forward, and things fell off the wall. I didn't manage to finish cleaning up that day, so I had to have my students help out. All the wires broke, so I was working without electricity," said Borgese.

Mr. Rogers' portable ran into a Volkswagen bug. The owner is not pressing charges against the school.

IN BRIEF

- April 8
End of 3rd Quarter
This marks the end of the 3rd quarter. Only one more quarter left tigers!
- April 9
Tiger Pride Day
Come show your school pride and help beautify our campus!
- April 15
Pancake Breakfast
Who doesn't love pancakes? Come get your FREE pancakes between 6:20 - 7:45 in the school cafeteria.
- April 18
Beginning of Spring Recess
Students have a week off from school. Have fun and be safe!
- April 26-29
STAR Testing
Standardized Testing and Reporting begins for freshmen, sophomore, and juniors. Eat a healthy breakfast and good luck!

JAPANESE CLUB RAISES MONEY FOR DISASTER

By: Jeremy Beyon
Reporter

On Friday March 11, 2011 at 14:46 JST (Japan Standard Time) in the western Pacific Ocean, a 9.0 magnitude earthquake hit the coast of Japan and triggered a extremely destructive tsunami wave up to 33 feet, minutes after the quake hit. This disaster resulted in over 9,199 deaths, 2,722 injured and 13,786 people missing. To make matters worse, six nuclear power reactors in Fukushima were forced to shutdown due to the earthquake.

It is very evident that Japan is not in good conditions, yet people all around the world are finding ways to help the nation. At Valencia High School, the situation is no different. The Japanese Club at Valencia High School has started to raise money for this disaster. The people in charge of this event;

Mrs. Carolyn Ikuta, Charlene Shi(10), and Nathene Cheng (12) have stated that this is the worst devastation to afflict Japan since the end of World War II and the Japanese Club want to help anyway possible. They hope to contribute in some way to the relief efforts to help the people afflicted in Japan. Donations made through the VHS Japanese Club will send the donations to the Red Cross. Besides donations, the Japanese Club will raise money through T-shirts, wristbands, and video game competitions with entrance fees. Donations are expected to be accepted through at least till the end of April or beyond that.

For now the Japanese club have no idea how much they hope to raise, but do hope to raise a good amount. Through this relief disaster funding, the VHS Japanese club hope to raise awareness that the disaster is the worst to hit anywhere, and though people perceive Japan as a rich nation, the country and especially people in Fukushima and Sendai areas are in desperate need of help.

BOYS STATE CANDIDATES HEADING TO CONFERENCE IN SACRAMENTO

By: Reetu Inamdar
Sports Editor

After the success in choosing the last three candidates for Girls State, the Boys State applications were sent out during the week of March 12. The Boys State conference allows selective students to learn more about the American government along with citizen's rights and responsibilities within the system. The three candidates were selected from our school to apply for this program. However, they were all chosen by default by the American Legion committee as the other schools failed to send representatives. William Nguyen (11), Jason Chi (11), and Kevin Romeyn (11) were all chosen to represent the schools in the Placentia-Yorba Linda district.

The three boys will be attending the Boys State Conference in Sacramento from June 17-24. Jason Chi says, "I am pretty excited and I look forward to spending a week at the boy's state conference." The Boys State conference is held by the American Legion Boys' State, founded by Hayes Kennedy and Harold Card. The selected students spend one week not only learning the system and forms of government, but they also enact the entire election procedure and form a small paradigm of the U.S government as well. "This is going to be a great experience and I am really interested in learning more about the government and politics," said William Nguyen.

On March 12 the boys selected from the school were sent to present a speech. Out of the three boys, only one was to be chosen to represent Valencia. Three boys from the district, one from El Dorado, Esperanza, and Valencia were to attend the conference. However, no representative from El Dorado and Esperanza showed up, allowing all three chosen candidates from Valencia to attend. Jason Chi commented, "It just shows how Valencia is a great school and how much we care about state affairs."

The boys who are selected to go not only create a stimulation of the election processes for the executive, legislative, and judicial branch, but they also make time for recreational purposes. William Nguyen says, "I'm pretty pumped about going to Boys state and I am sure that I will have a great time."

NHS RECOGNIZES TOP STUDENTS OF THE SCHOOL

By: Boyoung Kim
Reporter

Valencia High School's top students have been evaluated for admission in the National Honor Society (NHS) during the past month. The NHS is one of the nation's most prestigious organizations designed to recognize outstanding and well-rounded high school students and reward these students with a generous scholarship.

In order to be eligible for membership, students must demonstrate excellence in each of the four areas of the Society. These four areas consist of scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

Scholarship is determined through the requirement of maintaining a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. These students who have achieved this GPA are then further considered for their activeness in leadership, service, and character.

Students of commendable leadership are those who promote their

school or community, contribute novel ideas in order to move the school or community forward, and are dependable and resourceful. These students portray the epitome of a valuable leader with strong optimism and enthusiasm, while inspiring other students to strive to make the school a better environment.

Service is another significant aspect of the NHS membership, and it requires that students make valuable contributions to their community or school without any form of payment. These students donate their service to their community without expecting any rewards, and do so solely for the purpose of being a good citizen.

Through all these activities,

students of the NHS are expected to culminate their academic careers with good character, which is defined by high morality, ethics, cooperation, high standards of honesty and dependability. These students are chosen for their courtesy, concern, and respect for others, while leading a clean lifestyle.

The NHS, however, not only recognizes these students through admission and an accompanying ceremony, but also urges them to pursue further proactive involvement and leadership in their schools. One such example is Tiger Pride Day, during which students will participate in a campus-cleaning.

Acceptance into the NHS will be honored during the Induction Ceremony on Apr. 13 in the Valencia auditorium, when students will receive their membership card.



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"PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE" HITS A SCHOOL NEAR YOU

By: Nathaly Romanes
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On Wednesday, April 6, Ezperanza High School will be hosting "Pathways to the Future" from 6:30-9:00 p.m.

This event is targeted at all eighth through eleventh graders and their families interested in learning about colleges, careers and more. It is expected to revolve around twenty-five workshops about: UC Admissions, CSU Admissions, Private Colleges, Community Colleges, Trade/Technology Schools, Military Academies, SAT/ACT, Scholarships, Financial Aid, College Athletics, College 101, and ROP just to name a hand full.

College is an essential tool for people to have, educators have stressed to high school students, especially in this economy. A lot, but not all, of high school students don't take further education very seriously.

A person that graduates high school and only has their high school diploma only earns about \$1.2 million in their lifetime, compared to the minimum \$2.1 million with a bachelor's degree. Clearly these numbers prove that it's incredibly smart to continue educating themselves after high school. It is important for students and their parents to inform themselves about what steps they have to take to pursue their dreams to have success. Programs on Valencia's campus, such as AVID (Advanced Via Individual Determination), focus on guiding students to take the right classes that fall into the "A-G" category. The "A-G's" represent the general education courses California schools of higher education (college/university) expect from students applying to their campus. Note, colleges and universities expect a minimum of 2.0

G.P.A, which now-a-days does not really get you anywhere, since it has become very competitive because people are aware that college is their future. Becoming aware of what options students have is essential for their success, which is expected and should be wanted from each and every individual. Like Mr. Brandon Frank explained,

"There are so many things about preparing for and applying for college that are not common knowledge, so this event [Pathways to Future] will uncover the hidden curriculum associated with post-secondary education." To get to Ezperanza High School, the school's address is 1830 N. Kellogg Drive, Anaheim, California.

SUCCESS IN COLLEGE BEGINS WITH THE RIGHT ATTITUDE. PHOTO COURTESY FROM: NEWSCHOOLS.ORG

