

Dear Happy Valley Families,

It is hard to believe a day like today is in January! Students have been enjoying the weather and were thrilled with the start of Mini Courses. Thank you to the volunteers who made these worthy classes continue. From mosaics, mask making, sewing and jewelry to legos, skateboarding and myth busting to name a few, the students really have the opportunity to explore crafts and skills they would otherwise not be exposed to in a school setting. Open House for Mini Courses will be held on Wednesday, March 14th from 4:30-6:00. Save the date!

Last night, Pizza My Heart sponsored Happy Valley Night and I want to give a big shout out to Nicole Lostrie for organizing this event and to the families who supported this fundraiser. As you have heard through the parent club emails, our goal to reach \$100,000 is getting closer and closer. Sadly, the state of the education budget continues to be precarious at best. After reporting to you in December that the trigger cuts were only \$12 per student instead of \$250 this year, next year's trigger cuts to education would be \$370 per student if taxes are not extended in November. That said, we need to plan for the possibility of this cut now. In addition, because of the loss of transportation to some of the schools, another \$42 per child will be imposed to make sure all of the schools, not just the schools with buses will be affected in California. More information regarding the budget will follow.

As you turn into the driveway, I hope you all noticed the new mural created by our students during Arts Alive! Many thanks to Cyndi McNett for teaching this class and to her husband, P.D. for hanging it. It looks GREAT!

Have a fabulous weekend,

Michelle