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PONY EXPRESS NEWSLETTER

Friday, October 15 - 2010

Freshmen - TONIGHT Be Afraid, Be VERY Afraid! Its Halloween season and time to do the traditional 'scary' stuff' and hang out with friends to lament that the days of door-to-door 'trick or treat-ing' are over! Join Link Crew as they host ALL Freshmen for Halloween Movie Night - TONIGHT - Friday, October 15 from 6pm -9:30pm in the MPR. There will be a costume contest and of course a scary movie! Tickets are \$3 presale in room WW7 or \$5 at the door and include the Super Famous Link Crew Super Nachos (cheese, chili, sour cream jalapenos, yum!), drinks, prizes for best costumes (sorry, no masks or bare midriffs - school dress code will be enforced), Halloween activities, a dance off w/strobe lights & special effects and more. Don't miss this chance to hang with your freshman crew on a Friday night! Note: The varsity football game vs. Chaparral originally scheduled for tonight was last night - so you have a FREE Friday night!

Immunization Clinics ~ MVUSD wants you to have important information about a Pertussis or Whooping Cough and Flu Clinics being held this weekend. The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has declared an epidemic of Pertussis (whooping cough) in the State of California. Most children are vaccinated against this disease in early childhood, however, immunity wanes over time and a booster vaccine is now recommended for anyone over the age of 10. New legislation was just passed that will require proof of a Pertussis (Tdap) booster for all students in grades 7-12 before they can enroll in school next year. VaxAmerica is conducting two clinics for our community this week and both the Pertussis and flu vaccines will be available. This year's seasonal flu vaccine includes the H1N1 pandemic strain so only one shot is needed. The Pertussis vaccine will be available for anyone ages 7-64 for \$45 and the flu vaccine will cost \$25.00. Payment accepted at the clinic will be cash or checks only. The clinic will be held THIS Saturday, October 16 from 9am-12pm at Thompson Middle School. The Public Health Department is also offering free flu vaccines and Pertussis vaccines at the Lake Elsinore Family Care Center. For more information, please visit the district website at www.murrieta.k12.ca.us

Wash Me, I'm Dirty! After our recent rains, there are cars out there that definitely need a scrub down! Its Tennis Season for our Lady Broncos, so why not support them and get your vehicle washed this weekend at their car wash fundraiser THIS Saturday, October 16 for only \$7. Stop by the Albertson's shopping center on Cal Oaks Road at the 15 freeway between 9am to 2pm. Thanks for your support of the Bronco Tennis program!

Senior Scares! We're talking crazy, twisted horror-Poltergeist! This Halloween classic is sure to thrill, chill and entertain! Tuesday, October 19 in the MPR we will hold the Halloween Horror Film. The film is PG-13, but certain to scare even the most avid of horror pros. The event begins at 6pm and ends shortly after 8pm. Please bring a pillow and dress comfortably. Admission cost is free, but bring a few dollars for refreshments! Hope to see all seniors there!

YEARBOOK NEEDS YOU. Please send in pictures of yourself, your friends, your boyfriend or girlfriend to vmhsyearbook@gmail.com. You know how people get their yearbook at the end of the year and say, "Wow! I wish there were more pictures of me in the book!" Well, here's your chance! We are currently looking for photographs of Vista students with their pets, on the weekends, on vacation, at work, enjoying a hobby or extreme sport. Don't miss out - this is your chance to get in the book! Send in your photos NOW!

WEDNESDAY LATE START DAY - The next Late Start day is this coming Wednesday, October 20 and again this month on October 27, with bells from 9:50am to 2:30pm. ConnectEd phone and email messages are sent home early in the week to remind families. A calendar with all Late Start days for the year is posted on the website and is also listed in the Student Handbook. We appreciate you making sure that your student arrives to school on time on these staff development days.

You've Got Two Weeks - Boost Those Grades! Are you making headway on better grades since the first Progress Report? If you need help, be honest with yourself and get help! The next Progress Report (12-week) is coming - this grading period ends on Friday, October 29. Every Late Start morning tutoring is provided from 8-9:30am in the VMHS Library from National Honor Society students with 4.0+gpa and they want to help you!...and are very capable with basics and the tough stuff. Get help in all core subjects and more - English, math, science, world languages and social science. Don't miss this great resource which can help you be even more successful and don't wait until Finals Season! Set grade goals and get help! No sign up required, just come to the library with your questions! Thank you NHS!

New York in Murrieta Next Week ~The Drama Department is proud to be presenting Stage Door for their fall play to be held October 20-23 at 7pm in the VMHS PAC. This story, based in New York City and written by Edna Ferber and George S. Kaufman, is about the boarding house of Mrs. Orcutt, where the hopes and ambitions of 16 wanna-be actresses who have come there to pursue careers are hilariously revealed. The central plot has to do with courageous Terry Randall, who fights against discouragement for a position in the theater. One of her fellow aspirants gives up in despair, one gets married, and one goes into movies, but Terry, with the help of idealistic David Kingsley, sticks to her guns. This is a classic that the whole family can enjoy. Advance tickets are \$5 from the bookkeepers. The Box Office opens at 6:30pm and students w/ASB will be \$6 and no ASB \$8 with children 10 & under and senior citizens \$5.

Explorer Program Great Community Partnership ~The VMHS Explorer Program just entered its 5th year and has grown substantially since started. This program gives our students hands-on teaching experience to our feeder-school elementary students after school and includes lesson planning, classroom management and content delivery. Many students decide to become teachers after experience in this program. There are versions of this after-school program around the country, but VMHS was the first and still the only high school in our area with a program of this kind, where our students are inspired, trained and encouraged to "give back" to the community that they are from. It started small, about 70 elementary students at Antelope Hills, then grew quickly and now includes over 200 students, including Lisa J. Mails Elementary. Over 45 Bronco students, who receive community service for their efforts, provide lessons in ASL (American Sign Language), Boys Field Sports, Cheer, Homework Club, Crafting, French, Girls Field Sports, Oboe, Science Fun, Show Choir, Spanish, Tap Dance, Trombone and Violin. Elementary school parents love the program because there is virtually no cost, and it's both educational and fun for their kids! It also appears to have an affect on their test scores, as they continue to rise at Antelope Hills. It is a true K-12 partnership. If you are interested in being part of this program, please see Mr. Carrillo, Counselor.

Senior Yearbook Portrait Deadline NOW! All senior students and their parents/guardians should be aware of the deadline for senior portraits to be included in the 2011 VMHS Yearbook. If you have already made an appointment or had your senior picture taken at Studio 94, you are in good shape. But for anyone else who has actually not had their sitting or scheduled an appointment, this is a reminder that the deadline is October 29. Studio 94, your official yearbook and senior portrait photographer, is currently taking final appointments. To schedule an appointment, contact Studio 94 Photography at 1-877-363-9690 or schedule yourself online at www.Studio-94.com. Remember, your VMHS photo ID picture is NOT your yearbook picture. So, don't be left out of your senior yearbook, schedule your appointment today!

Career Training Right Here! Juniors and Seniors should consider CTE courses if they are looking for training in a career or job field. The Riverside County CTE (Career Technical Education) program offers all kinds of great, hands-on training courses. These courses offer high school elective credit while you are learning something new and interesting and/or preparing yourself for valuable job experience and get a certificate of training, possible college credits and maybe even be hired in the process. CTE courses are offered around the valley at different locations, some held on the VMHS campus (in the course catalog). Many of the classes are so popular that there is a waiting list to gain entry (cosmetology up to a year wait). Consider classes for next semester and next year which include: Culinary Arts, Retail/Fashion Merchandising, Office Technologies, CSI/Forensics, Law Enforcement, Nursing, Medical, First Responder, EMT, Auto Technology, Banking/Financial, Child Care, and many more. See our CTE Liaison, Sally Budnovich, located in our College & Career Center, for more information.

Carnival Wrap Up ~ This year the Homecoming Carnival held on Friday, September 24, sponsored by the honor society CSF, was extremely successful. This event is quickly becoming a true Bronco tradition, an annual event that all students and staff look forward to. We just wanted to give a 'shout out' to all the people who made this event possible - club and team advisors, student leaders, booth operators, administrators and staff. It is a tribute to the culture of this campus that over 3,400 of us could gather on a very hot day and have fun in a safe environment. CSF students were amazing - they took charge and set up for the carnival; other students representing over forty clubs/teams planned and set up a variety of food, craft and activity booths. Mr.'s Pattison and Ruiz provided the extras like power, sound equipment and a live band. Mr.'s Carrillo, Charron, and Good were the "cheerleaders" and the extra hands that made coordination of the event possible, and all the other faculty members not involved in booth responsibilities who worked with our security and administrative staff to provide supervision and guarantee safety and cooperation for this very large gathering. And then there was the cleanup - everyone pitched and it was done in a record 30 minutes - only at VMHS! And finally, a gigantic Bronco thank you Mr. Aitcheson (English teacher & CSF/NHS Advisor) who brought the idea, enthusiasm, brains and organization to make this event happen - you are truly a Bronco Extraordinaire!

Get Out to VOTE! If you are or will be 18 before November 2, plan on voting in the November election. You need to register and Voter Registration Forms and information guides are available in the College & Career Center. Remember, you must be 18 by Voting Day (November 2) in order to register to vote. The deadline for turning in Voter Registration Forms is NEXT WEEK. ROCK THE VOTE!

Trading Post Offers Cool Bronco Gear & Treats... The Trading Post is the VMHS student store and is open before school, during break and lunches and after school until 2:45 p.m. Students and parents may purchase snacks, drinks (don't miss Juice It Up smoothies daily for \$4) and school-themed clothing. Most clothing comes in men's and women's sizes, in different styles and colors. T-shirts (\$12 - 14.00), hooded sweatshirts (\$27

- 35.00), hats (\$16- 25), custom Hawaiian shirts (\$27), jackets (\$30) and lanyards (\$3.75) and more. They take cash, money orders or credit/debit cards such as Visa, MasterCard, and American Express and they are located on the quad side of the Gymnasium. Check out the NEW "New Era" Hats that have arrived! Wear a school-accepted hat and still be C-O-O-L!!! Just \$25.00 at The Trading Post!

CCC Makes It Happen For ME! The CCC, better known as the College & Career Center is a great resource for all students. There is so much that happens at VMHS to prepare students for college and the work place - we want to make sure you know about a great resource - our College & Career Center. You can get information about monthly on-campus college presentations, upcoming college open house dates and college and job fairs as well as individual college information sessions in our area and work permit regulations. Official transcript requests for colleges and work permits are processed here. The College & Career center also coordinates information regarding career assessments, ASVAB, the financial aid application process, FAFSA, testing information, scholarships and community service opportunities. The College & Career Center, located in our library, is staffed by Guidance Technician Mrs. Kim and the hours are 8am to 2:45pm daily. Check out their webpage (accessed from the VMHS website at www.vmhs.net under School Directory) which has a ton of information and all the forms you need to download. For more information, please contact Mrs. Kim at 894.5750 extension 6589.

USC Trojans Here Monday! Yes, here at VMHS - THIS Monday at 9:30am! College admissions counselors from small and large private schools throughout the US are scheduled to visit the College & Career Center throughout the year. Students can ask individual questions that may not be found on their website. Many of the admissions counselors are also recent graduates of the college/university, so they can give students a personal feel/opinion of campus life. They also bring students brochures and students fill out a postcard so that they can receive further correspondence from the institutions they are interested in and be on that mailing list. Having communications with these actual admissions counselors can help students further understand the admission process. With the smaller schools, meeting their admissions counselor may help make a positive impression. These visits are normally scheduled during the school day, so interested students in any grade need to signup at the College & Career Center to get a pass to attend. Here are some visits scheduled for the near future:

10/18 University of Southern California 9:30 am
10/18 Boston University 11:45 am
10/21 University of Redlands 9:40 am
10/27 University of California, San Diego 11:30 am
11/30 La Sierra University, Riverside 8:00 am

Kids & Teens Fall Youth Cheer Clinic at VMHS The VMHS Cheer Team will be holding their annual Fall Cheerleading Youth Clinic on Sunday, October 24 from 8am-noon at VMHS. This event is for any student in the region from kindergarten through 8th grade. If you like to cheer and just want more experience, if you've never cheered and want to try or if you are a future Bronco - this event is for you! There will be different groups based on age and ability and you'll learn a dance, stunting and cheers and get a free picture with the school mascot, Gallop E. Bronco. The cost is \$25 per person and includes a t-shirt and all participants will be invited to cheer at the home Bronco Varsity Football game vs. Great Oak in Bronco Stadium on Friday October 29 (admission free with a paid adult). You may pay by cash or check (to: VMHS Cheer) with the pre-registration deadline of October 22, or you may signup the day of the event for \$30 (with completed forms and parent signatures). For more information, please visit

www.vmhscheer.com which includes the registration form and permission slip or contact head coach, Debbie Rausa at drausa@murrieta.k12.ca.us or call 951.894.5750 x6783.

Need a Ride? Grab the Bus! The local RTA (Rapid Transit District) last year introduced a new bus route that services all 3 area high schools including VMHS! Or, wanna hit the beach on the weekend? Catch the bus from our valley for just a few bucks! Pick up a current RTA Bus Schedule at the Reception Desk, or contact the RTA Customer Service Information Center at 1-800-800-7821 for more information on routes, times and prices.

Fundraiser for Creekside High School - Help our MVUSD continuation high school raise money for their Attendance Rewards Program and Senior Activities. Attend Rubio's restaurant on October 23 between 2 and 11pm and the school will receive 20% of whatever you order to eat in, take out and catering orders. Be sure to mention MVUSD/Creekside High School when you pay, so they

Alumni Basketball Event! This annual event is being expanded this year to include more activities for participants and spectators - alumni players vs. the current Bronco varsity players with alums and current Broncos cheering on their favorite players and team. It will be held on Wednesday, November 24, the day (evening) before Thanksgiving, in order to get the most alums possible that may be in town for the holiday. Players entering this event are Bronco men's and women's basketball alumni and will get a free BBQ dinner, but need to join the Bronco Alumni Association for single lifetime payment of \$25 (purchase at The Trading Post Online). We encourage anyone (all alums and current students and families) to attend this great event. There will be a Women's Game at 5pm, half-time activities (3-point shooting contest and slam-dunking display), and a Men's Game at approximately 6:15pm. After the games, there will be a catered BBQ dinner in the small gym, with tri-tip, chicken, and all the fixin's. Admission for game and dinner is \$35 and must be purchased by Nov 1 and 'game only' tickets are \$10 and will be available at the door. There will also be raffles and a silent auction. For more information about this event, please contact Head Coach, Mr. Chris Jones at 951.970.6268. Come on Alums - get the word out and be here for this Bronco tradition.

2nd Annual VMHS Library Read-A-Thon Teen Read Week is coming October 17-23 and to celebrate reading and earn funds for the purchase of new books, our library is sponsoring their annual Library Read-A-Thon on Tuesday, October 19 from 2:30-4:30pm. The VMHS Library will host students who have gathered pledges for reading the two hours in the library and students can read their own personal book from home, a book from the library, or required reading for classes such as AP Government, English, etc. Students MUST stay and read the entire 2 hours. Snacks will be served, and there will be a prize for the person who gathers the most in total pledges. There will be Literature Games and a drawing for prizes. Students sign out a pledge envelope from the library Front Desk (available now) with all pledge envelopes due Wednesday, October 13. A minimum of \$10 TOTAL in pledges per student is required in order to attend the Read-A-Thon and space will be limited, so sign up early. Please encourage your student to participate, take a break from all the stress and curl up with their favorite author in our comfy lounge chair and join us in this celebration of READING! Parents are also invited to join in!

Early Release? Students with Early Release will not be allowed to leave campus without a current school ID card which has their picture and appropriate Early Release information. You will be asked by Security to return to the Attendance Office to have your parents called to verify your reason to leave campus. You may have your photo taken for free and/or your ID card replaced at the Trading Post (student store) - see Mrs. Charron for details.

Recycling Fair Coming ~ It's that time again, recycling season and ASB is again hosting this recycling event to help you rid your home of anything recyclable or

electronic. So, save the Earth and recycle your stuff. Two dates this month - October 23-24, Saturday and Sunday from 8am to 3pm in the VMHS front parking lot. Come on folks, get rid of: CAR BATTERIES, COPIERS, RADIATORS, CELL PHONES, COMPUTERS, REMOTE CONTROLS, CRV BOTTLES, FAX MACHINES, STEREOS, CRV CANS, MONITORS, TV'S, COMPUTERS, PRINTERS, VCR'S and more. All proceeds from this event go to VMHS Student Activities and Athletics. Thanks for thinking GREEN and supporting Bronco Student Programs!

The White Zone Is For Immediate Loading and Unloading of Passengers

Only... Think the classic movie Airplane! But really, due to heavy congestion in our front parking lot and drop-off zone, for safety reasons, no cars are allowed to park along the curbs in front of our gymnasiums and directly in front of the administration and theater buildings. This entire area is a high traffic area and becomes hazardous for drivers and pedestrians when there are parked cars. You will notice most curbs are now painted red or white and No Parking signs have been posted. If you are parked in either of these zones (red or white) and not in your car you will be ticketed - these are municipal tickets and can be issued by MPD or our campus security and if not paid, will go on your driving record. This includes parking during any before/after hours sporting and school events/practices. Please use the ample parking spaces we have on campus, many just steps away from this area, and let your students walk a bit further - it's healthy! Thank you for your support!

Seniors ~ It's Official - The CSU college application period has now opened. All CSU applications must be submitted via www.csumentor.edu by midnight, November 30 (Tuesday this year). Likewise, seniors can begin the UC application process at <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/>, however you cannot submit until November 1. Like the CSU application, the UC application is due by midnight, November 30. Do not wait until November 30 to submit your application. Reality Check: Often at this time of year, near the deadline, the CSU and UC application servers crash and thousands of applications are lost, so take precautions and get it done early! Do not be one of those students whose time and effort are wasted due to procrastination. Any questions, see your counselor. AND lastly...all UC and CSU schools will accept the December administration of the SAT or ACT, except for San Diego State, who only accepts the November administration as the last college entrance examination. Seniors do not take any SAT or ACT after the December administration, as virtually no schools will accept those scores for Fall 2011 admissions.

Prudential Spirit of Community Award... Over the past 15 years, The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards have become the country's largest and most prestigious recognition program for middle and high school students who volunteer in their communities. This award is given each spring to top youth volunteers. State Honorees receive an award of \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion, and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for national recognition events and National Honorees receive an additional \$5,000, an engraved gold medallion, a crystal trophy for their school, and a \$5,000 grant from The Prudential Foundation for a non-profit, charitable organization of their choice. The process for selecting VMHS recipients for the 2011 award is now underway, so if you feel that you've made a positive difference through any specific volunteer activity, or many volunteer activities during the past year, please contact Mrs. Kim in the College & Career Center (library) for an application and/or check their website at www.spirit.prudential.com or call 877-525-8491 for more information. Good luck! The deadline is Monday, November 1.

Bus Citations - A Reminder... It is important for students and parents to know that behavior expectations at school extend to students on their way to and from school, including on district buses. MVUSD bus drivers are actively engaged in supporting proper

student behavior, which includes all high school students. In recent years, School Board action changed Board Policy 5131.1(a) as it applies to transportation: "The Superintendent or designee may deny a student the privilege of using school transportation upon the student's continued disorderly conduct or his/her persistent refusal to submit to the authority of the driver (5CCR 14103)", however, change to positive behavior remains the primary focus and ultimate goal. Bus drivers will warn students, but if poor behavior choices continue, the student will be given a citation which will go immediately to school administration, as well as to the parent. This process can result in suspension of bus privileges. The citation process is not intended as a tool to "kick students off the bus", but to foster acceptable behavior among all student riders.

Conservation Summer? Student Conservation Association is offering a tuition-free summer on a national Conservation Crew to high school students who want to help take care of America's public lands. It's a chance for our students to join a team of 6-8 students, and spend 3-5 weeks in the wilderness helping to build trails, and clean up our national parks or they have locations near urban and beach areas. Check out their webpage for more information, an application, schedules and deadline at <http://thesca.org/serve/national-crews>

Hey Parents - Are You Interested in Working at VMHS? School is looking for committed parents to be substitute employees at our school site. Instructional Aides, Special Education Assistants, Campus Supervisors, and Nutrition Services Workers are needed on any given day for our school site should the regular employee be absent. We think our Moms and Dads make the best employees for our students. Hours for each job vary and can be for a minimum of 1 hour or up to the length of the school day. Hourly rates range from \$8.64 - \$12.02. An information meeting will be held at the District Support Center on October 19 at 10am where you can obtain most of the paperwork needed to begin the process. If you are interested in attending, please reserve a spot by emailing Maggie Estep at mestep@murrieta.k12.ca.us or call her at 696-1600 ext. 1204.

Keeping Kids on the Right Path... For those of you who do not know about YAT, Youth Accountability Team, it is an intervention program involving the Riverside County Probation Department, Murrieta Police Department, Riverside County District Attorney's Office, Murrieta Valley Unified School District, and Family Service Association. Our Murrieta YAT team consists of John Therien (Murrieta Police Department), Probation Officer Martin Jasso (Riverside County Probation Department), Yvette Poullard (Riverside County District Attorney's Office), and Counselor Angela Garcia (Family Service Association). Community-based organizations and other county agencies provide services to area youth and their parents. A wide variety of counseling services are available, including substance abuse, anger management and individual treatment. YAT focuses on misdemeanor offenders and at-risk youth ages 12-17 for delinquent behavior, exhibiting one or more of the following: substance abuse, school discipline problems, family conflict, mental health issues, gang association and truancy. Contact is made at the school, home and in the community. An assessment of needs is made, followed by appropriate referrals for services. Participants can be placed on Informal Probation contract for up to six months. The majority of our referrals come from police reports however anyone in the community can submit a referral throughout the school district - this includes staff members, other students, parents and community members. They are housed at Vista Murrieta High School, but support all the MVUSD schools. If you have referrals, please contact John Therien at 894.5750 x6657 or email jtherien@murrieta.k12.ca.us

Health Careers Exploration October 18! If you are looking for a resource to explore careers and healthcare is on your list, check out the new district Career Path Initiative, in concert with the Lifelong Employment and Academic Planning (LEAP) Center, which will be holding a series of information nights for students and parents

pertaining to specific career clusters, the first of which will take place on Monday, October 18, and will feature careers in Health Science. The featured speaker will be Chuck Dart from Loma Linda University Allied Health. For more information, please contact Mrs. Kim in the College & Career Center.

Blue on Blue... Do you dream of getting a classy Bronco navy blue letterman's jacket? Well, you don't have to be an athlete to get one. You can earn academic letters and letters for band and other commitments on campus. Our letterman's jacket representative from Fancy Stichin' visits our Athletic Director's office every other Thursday during lunches - stop in and check out the jackets and patches available and pick up an information sheet on prices. There are many patches available such as; varsity letter available at end of each season; scholar-athlete for a 3.0 minimum GPA for those who earned a varsity letter; tri-sport athlete for athletes who letter in three varsity sports; school of character (remember, VMHS was awarded unprecedented back-to-back awards in 2005 and 2006 and in 2009!) and these are for anyone who attended VMHS after 2005; Max Prep sports spirit awards (again, back-to-back awards in 2009 & 2010), another remarkable VMHS award for varsity letterers who attended VMHS after 2008 as well as chevrons for repeat awards. You can also customize your jacket with embroidery of names/nicknames, quotes etc. Check it out, the cold weather is coming and you'll look great in the classy navy-on-navy Bronco jacket!

Come and Salsa! The VMHS Latino Union is again hosting FREE Salsa dancing by instructor Aaron Perez in the Dance Room (A157 across from the Pool) from 6-7:30pm ALL Mondays that are NOT HOLIDAYS beginning September 20th - November 15th. Aaron and his father have worked very hard growing the Salsa community here in Murrieta for the last couple of years. Once comfortable with some salsa moves, meet the Latin Dance Club Wednesday's afterschool in Room E220, and Andy's Café on Friday nights - where Salsa is HOT! The club is open to students but Andy's Café is open to students, parents, friends and the VMHS community. All you die-hards from last year, please note there will be a beginner's class and an intermediate-to advanced level!

COMMUNITY SERVICE You may download the Community Service Hours form from our website at www.vmhs.net from the tabs School Directory/Counseling/Parent Student Downloads - form near the bottom. Community service must be for a formal non-profit organization (501C3 tax status) - no babysitting, lawn mowing etc. For a suggestion list of local non-profits, or if you have questions, see our community service page in our 10/11 Student Handbook, also on-line.

E Hale Curran Elementary Red Ribbon Week Carnival - Friday October 22 from 4:30-7:30pm they are looking for volunteers to help with setup starting at 3:15pm, then running booths and clean up until 7:30pm. Please contact parent volunteers Robin Harrington at harrington.robin@yahoo.com or Aimee DeLaCruz at aimeedelacruz@ca.rr.com to sign up.

Teen Volunteer Program - Hospice of the Valleys offers a unique volunteer program to support and provide care to patients and families. \$1,000 scholarship is available to student volunteers who have completed 50 hours of service. Call (951) 200-7800 for more information about the Hospice of the Valleys Teen Volunteer Program.

Temecula United Methodist Church Craft Faire - This local church is having a Craft Faire on Thursday, 10/21 and Saturday 10/23 and they need student volunteers. See Mrs. Kim in the College & Career Center for details and contact information.

Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure - This great national event is being held in our region on Sunday, 10/17 at the Temecula Promenade Mall. Volunteer applications are available in the College & Career Center.

Lisa J. Mails Elementary Fall Festival - they are looking for student volunteers for their Fall Festival on Friday, October 22. Volunteers needed for set up, clean up and to work during the festival. Various times available. Contact Linda Lunn at (951) 926-2623 or

email at Linda@lunnville.com. Don't forget to take your community service log sheet with you.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Outstanding Sophomore Students - Look [HERE!](#) The HOBY (Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership) Award, sponsored by the Hugh O'Brien Foundation, is given each spring to outstanding high school sophomores. VMHS is seeking a distinguished 10th grade student to send to our (HOBY) Seminar/Camp - someone who has demonstrated leadership abilities at school and through community service will be chosen and awarded come Spring. If you are sophomore and have outstanding oral and written communication skills, strong decision-making skills, sensitivity to the needs of others, a charismatic personality and have proven how to show C.L.A.S.S., see Mrs. Kim in the College & Career Center by the deadline, Monday, November 15. Visit www.hoby.org for more details on this great opportunity.

Coca-Cola Scholarships - If you are a motivated, dedicated, involved senior, the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation is awarding \$3 million a year in scholarships to 250 deserving students across the country just like you. A few minutes of your time could help get you through college and beyond. The deadline to receive completed applications is October 31 - apply online today! For additional information go to www.coca-colascholars.org

Miss a Pony Express? You wouldn't...you couldn't! But if you do, remember the Pony is posted every Friday on our website under School Info and Newsletters. So, if you hit that delete button or are looking for information or history...Tadah! We value your readership and want to hear from you if you have comments or suggestions - contact Tracey Cooper at tcooper@murrieta.k12.ca.us.