

Parent Educator's Conference

Registration Form

Name: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

There are 4 classes listed for each time slot. Class size is limited and we will do our best to place you in your first choice class. In the event that classes are too full to accommodate all requests, please rank your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices for each hour slot.

9:00 – 9:50

_____ **Everything You Want to Know About Kindergarten and More –**

This workshop will show you how to use the kindergarten grid curriculum to help you and your child succeed. Learning can happen even when having fun.

(Eknoian – Classroom 1)

_____ **Motivate Them!** - By taking an active role in their own education, students can make the most of each day. We'll talk about tools and strategies for helping your students think of themselves as learners, set goals for study skills, plan their productive day, and evaluate how things are going. Student-centered organization is key to success and a well-balanced life. (Robinson – Classroom 1)

_____ **Get MORE with MESH** – With over 400 additional resources in our MESH drawers available to our families, there is something for everybody and every need... the only trick is to find it. Come and see what we have, how to use it, and where it is. (Using our new library system will also be discussed.) After MORE with MESH you will walk away with a whole new bag of tricks for teaching your students. (L. Roberts – Elementary Meeting Area)

_____ **Write Now!** - Teaching writing is a challenge! This workshop will provide parents with a tool to help their 4th to 8th grade students improve their writing. An emphasis will be placed on the 4th and 7th grade writing standards and preparing for the state writing test. (Williams – Classroom 3)

10:00 – 10:50

_____ **Lapbooks - An Alternative to Worksheets** -This class, geared toward working with students 3rd-8th grades, will teach you how to create a lapbook! Bring your creativity and willingness to have fun! There is no right or wrong way to create a lapbook and they can be used for any subject area. (Stewart – Classroom 1)

_____ **Making Humdrum Fun** –Let’s start out the year right by putting the “Wow” into everyday lessons, making your student excited and eager to learn everyday stuff. (Johnson – Classroom 2)

_____ **Kindergartners Can Write, Too!** – This class is for parents of Kindergartners who want to learn strategies to motivate and inspire their little ones to write stories. We can show you how in one easy hour!
(Foy – Classroom 3)

_____ **Planning with a Purpose** – Planning is one of the keys to being a good teacher, as well as attributing to your child’s success in school. This class will show you how to take the grid and break it down into a daily schedule and give you some suggestions for setting up a productive day. *Class includes a lesson plan book to help get you started.*
(Davis – Classroom 4)

11:00 – 11:50

_____ **Don’t Say the “B” Word** - Don't say the dirty word, "Budget." Let's talk about being in control of the money that has been provided for you, not the money controlling you. Living within your means, knowing your income and expenses, living with a single income, best places to shop, showing love without going into debt (giving thoughtful gifts), using a computer to help. Eating healthier, Eating healthy can be less expensive. (Owens – Classroom 2)

_____ **Jumping for Joy at Home** –Come join in the fun and learn some moves for your primary child's fitness. Wear clothes and shoes that will allow you to exercise.
(Day – Classroom 2)

_____ **Transition Made Easy** – This session will be geared toward parents of jr. high students. We will be discussing ways to make the transition from 7th and 8th grades to high school easier for you, the parent, and your student. Some of these transitional strategies may include: grades, tests here at Valley Oaks, group activities, and mentoring. These strategies will be beneficial in increasing the chance of success for your student whether they attend Valley Oaks High School or any other high school.

(Shelton – Classroom 3)

_____ **Our Website Wonders** - VOCS Website tutorial. Learn how to navigate through the web to access core as well as supplemental materials, field trip information, the newsletter, upcoming events, online enrichment registration, library access, as well as many other pages to enhance your school year. (Duncan – Computer Lab)

11:50 – 12:25

Lunch – complimentary lunch will be served to parents only (students must bring a sack lunch and snacks if desired) (Classrooms)

12:30 – 1:20

_____ **Speak Up** – Oral language is important to a child's listening, speaking, and literacy development. In under an hour you will learn painless strategies to engage your child in oral language that will enhance all areas of the curriculum.
Winders – Classroom 1)

_____ **Got Gardens?** This workshop will feature information about using the school farm as a teaching tool and learning resource for students of all ages. The farm is a great way to introduce all kinds of subjects and offers several ways to incorporate topics such as; Art, Reading, Science, and even Math into a lesson plan and also provides opportunities for "hands on" activities that make learning fun.- (Foley – Classroom 2)

_____ **Let's Get Organized** - The home schooling lifestyle requires a balancing act. Learn how to help yourself and your students keep track of space, stuff, and time by teaching "executive skills". We will also talk about the flow of work from student to parent for grading, then back again. Parents will have an opportunity to make either a folder or workstation for their students. (Walker – Classroom 3)

_____ **More than Just Videos: United Streaming** – Not only is this website one of the best for educational video, there is also fabulous homework help, great writing prompts, and more! Join us to learn how to enhance the curriculum for your student.
(Miser – Computer Lab)

1:30 – 2:20

_____ **Making the Most of Manipulatives (primary level)** - Are you curious how to use all of the math manipulatives in those big plastic tubs? Do you know how to present them in a fun way so that your child will ask for more? I would love to share some simple, hands-on activities that you can implement into your math lessons immediately! At the very least, learn how your child can use the manipulatives for free

exploration while simultaneously expanding their spatial skills. If you have yet to "check out" a tub, they will be available at the end of the conference. (Medeiros – Classroom 1)

_____ **Let's Take a Trip!** - How can we compete with the fast paced, stimulating world we live in today? How can our books compare to a thrilling and adventurous Xbox game? Let's explore how to make your student's education exciting by tying your curriculum to field trips and make their education unforgettable. (Erickson – Classroom 2)

_____ **Your Style or Theirs?** - Is your child a "Mover and Groover", a "Verbal Gymnast" or even a "Wandering Wonderer"? Not all children learn the same way, and not all parents teach the same. We will talk about the different patterns of learning and ways that parents can identify their child's pattern so they can help them think, learn, and communicate to the best of their ability. (D. Roberts – Classroom 3)

_____ **Math Strategies for Jr. High** – Help! My student is in junior high math!

- Brief overview of the State expectations for 7th and 8th grade mathematics students
- Students as problem solvers, not masters of procedures
- Converting fractions to decimals to percents
- Working on equations

(Hill/Dane – Classroom 4)