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# Keeping You Informed

## Upcoming Events

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**Memorial Day Holiday**  
Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>  
No School

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All School "Crazy Hair Day"  
Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>

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**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation**  
Thursday, June 1  
Church Sanctuary 9:00 AM

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**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**  
**EARLY DISMISSAL**  
Friday, June 2

**'Clap Out' for Pre-K and**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students**  
12:00 Noon

**Ice Cream Social**  
Friday, June 2  
12:15 – 1:00 PM  
Trike Area  
Ventana Office

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**End-of-Year BBQ**  
Friday, June 2  
Lower Lawn 5:00 -7:00 PM

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**Final Edition of Keeping**  
**You Informed**  
Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>

## SPECIAL NOTICE

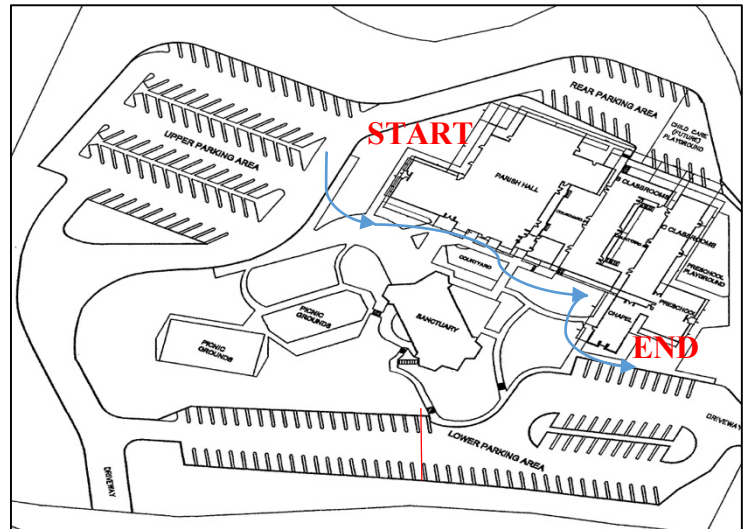
All parents having  
SCHOOL/CHURCH  
Property Keys  
are reminded to  
**TURN IN KEYS**  
to the *school office*  
on or before  
**Friday,**  
**June 2, 2017**

## Graduation 2017

The faculty and staff of Ventana School will pay tribute to those 5<sup>th</sup> grade students who will be moving on to middle school in the fall. The *Graduation Ceremony* will take place on **Thursday morning, June 1<sup>st</sup>** in the church sanctuary. Parents, friends, and the general community are cordially invited to be with us. The sanctuary will open at 8:30 and guests are asked to be seated no later than at 8:50 AM. The students will begin the processional promptly at 9:00 AM. The event, featuring songs by Ventana students and reflections by both children and teachers, should conclude at 9:45 AM. Join us next week to honor Ventana's third graduating class.

## The "CLAP OUT" Celebration!

Swiftly becoming a tradition at Ventana is honoring those children & students who have reached a milestone in their educational journey. This year will be no different. Our pre-kindergarten children in the Fish and Dove Rooms – those headed for kindergarten in the fall - will be escorted by their 5<sup>th</sup> grade Sapphire Room - counterparts who are headed to middle school – as they pass between clapping and cheering family and friends. These graduates will assemble in the upper parking lot at **11:50 AM on Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**. They will process down the large, sloped sidewalk, cross in front of the church, and proceed down the large set of steps by the chapel toward the lower parking lot and trike area. They will be at the head of the line and the first to receive ice cream treats at the Ice Cream Social. Family and friends and all Ventana classes will line up along this "Parade Route." Spectators will clap and cheer these graduates, then follow the procession to the trike area once it has passed. The ice cream social begins at 12:15. Preschool families should plan to attend.



## ANNUAL PARENT SURVEY

The annual Parent Survey **closes TODAY**. Thank you to those who have made their voices heard. If you haven't taken the time to share your thoughts, please do so right away. We thank you in advance for your participation. Here is the link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ventanasurvey2017>



## End-of-the Year BBQ

Join us for the Annual End-of-the-Year BBQ! This get together of the members of Ventana School and Christ Church will take place on **Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00 – 7:00 PM.**



The Church is hosting the event on the Lower Lawn and will do all the cooking. They will also provide hamburgers and hotdogs, as well as a vegetarian option. And, a touch that has traditionally pleased the kids; the Church will erect a “Castle Bouncy House!” Because we

cannot mix ages and/or weights of children enjoying the bouncy house, the school will need to provide 15-20-minute timed monitoring for this activity. Please email or call Yesi [office@ventanaschool.org](mailto:office@ventanaschool.org) or 650-948-2121 to volunteer to provide this important safety net for our children.

With over 158 people signed up to attend already, Ventana families are asked to bring “pot luck” picnic side dishes (e.g. green and pasta salads, chips, pickles, baked beans, etc.) and desserts. Our VePA board members will provide the drinks, paper goods, and clean-up support.

This event is a great way to kick off the summer and a wonderful way to bring the Church and School communities together. New-to-Ventana families have been invited to attend. This provides a unique opportunity for you to welcome the new comers and strike up new family associations. So, set your calendar alert today! And save room for “s’mores!” Join us for a picnic on the lawn just one week from today!



## THANK YOU

The Los Altos Pet Parade was great fun! We thank the dozen-or-so families for coming out to support our school. Many of our four-legged friends joined us on Main Street for the fun-filled march.



## Notes and Reminders

- **YESI GUIZAR** will be taking a WELL DESERVED extended summer vacation beginning the 5<sup>th</sup> of June. We wish her a fond bon voyage as she treks around Europe with friends. She will return the end of July. Shobha Solomon will be filling in as Office Manager in her absence.
- **BRAINMATTERZ:** Tere Linzey of *BrainMatterZ* will be on hand **Tuesday, May 30 at 2:45 PM** to chat with elementary parents regarding her summer camp program. Look for her at pick up on Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Pick up a brochure and have a conversation. For more information about Tere Linzey or her program go to <http://www.brainmatterz.com/>
- **LOST AND FOUND:** We have accumulated many pieces of outerwear this spring. Please look over the array displayed on the fence in the trike area or on the rack in the upper piazza and take what may belong to your child. Garments left after June 2<sup>nd</sup> will be donated. Thank you.
- **ENROLLMENT PACKETS:** All forms, sent last week, are **due back in the office before school closes for the summer June 5<sup>th</sup>.** AND: Sign up for the special ‘zero-period’ Advanced Spanish class closes June 5<sup>th</sup>. Please email or call Yesi or Shobha to express your interest.

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