



April Tattler

Important dates coming up!

over;December 15, 2018: All Star Event

Location to be determined

over;November 29, 2018: Parade of Lights

January, Day to be determined, 2018: Project Skills Day

Held at Korematsu Middle School, El Cerrito

over;January 18-20, 2019: Bay Coast Summit

The theme this year is Be the Change, at Walker Creek

over;January 26, 2019: Presentation Day

Held at Korematsu Middle School, El Cerrito

over;February 9, 2019: Food Fiesta

March 16, 2019 Showmanship Clinic

Borges ranch (location not final)

over;April 9, 2019 Fashion Review

Location to be determined.

over;April 12, 2019- Movie Night At Grange



over; April 13, 2019- 4-h Earth day

6pm-8pm watching; Shrek

April 27, 2019- Sheep Shearing day

May 16-19 County Fair

May 26-27, 2019- Art and Wind Festival

Central Park, 11am-7pm, 4-h Booth

June 22-23, 2019- Summer Fest

Downtown Danville, Hearth Avenue

June 26-29, 2019: 4-H Camp

-Registration by June 16th

-Chaperone registration due March 1

July 4, 2019- Parade

4-h Float

Spring Flowers, April Showers

Spring Flowers and April Showers

Bring us along to Hot Summers and cold Popsicles

New life blossoming, new life beginning

Pop!

Another flower blooms

Soft pastels of yellows and pinks

Glaze this time of year

Fawns start to take their first steps



Bunnies take their first hop
Birds spread their wings
Bears come out of hibernation
Butterflies migrate back
Warm rains
Or cool showers
Help the new life to begin
Children pull on rain boots
To stomp in puddles
Spring Flowers, April Showers
~Mallory Rieth

April Absurdity

During the month of march, it is common to hear the words “March Madness” thrown around during daily conversation. When one hears these words it’s likely that they are hearing about the yearly NCAA basketball tournament, though it can also be used whenever something crazy happens during this month.

But in reality, with the 4-H year coming to a peak, the last month of school before finals, and the weather changing, more 4-Hers can probably relate to something I termed as: **April Absurdity**.

Our common 4-H year starts in September and runs until May, but for many of us, all of our projects are working towards one thing: Fair. Fair happens every year during the third week of May. For many still exhibitors, this means that online entries are due and your creations need to be made. For livestock kids, this means that by mid-April, we need to have our buyers letters given out, animal weights stabilized, showmanship almost perfected, and attend fair-prep meetings.



April is a peak for other 4-H events, we have officer elections, Fashion Revue, Movie Nights, Clean up days, and all our project meetings. It can be hard to figure out how to attend the ones you want! But do not fear, finish reading this article and you will know exactly what to do.

For SRVUSD high schools, April is also the last month before AP tests and finals, so the teachers like to assign crazy amounts of homeworks to prepare us for these tests. The further you get into high school, the crazier this time becomes. It is also time to start preparing for the next school year, so auditions or try-outs for many school teams or classes are being held after school.

Lastly, the weather is finally starting to change! This means beautiful green hills and blooming flowers, but it also means the every hated allergies are back. It seems like every single SRVUSD schools have those specific trees that smell terrible and are the absolute worst for allergies, and those trees bloom in april. April is also when the days become hot, but the nights are still low 40s, so be prepared to wear layers!

Now, with that being said, what can you do to minimize this April absurdity? Well, time management is key. For me, I do my homework right after school, and then I go to the farm, so once I come home I can do 4-H work until dinner and bed. Time management is different for everyone, but an easy way to make sure you spend your time wisely is to make clear schedules or to-do lists every day. It is also important to never sign up for more than you can handle, this might mean taking one less project a year, or studying with our friends at lunch. And while there is nothing we can do about the weather, anticipating the patterns and dressing in layers can help with handling the change in temperature, and spending less time in flowery areas and showering after being outside can help with those pesky allergies. I wish you all luck in going through the month of April!

~Nikhita Dhamrait



Oswald

Munching

Crunching

Away on his hay and carrots

His ears perked up

Hip Hop

Pitter patter

Goes his little paws

Jumping through the grass

His black

And white fur

Makes him stand out

From his surroundings

Curled up at night

Zzzzz

Oswald sleeps happily

~Mallory Rieth

