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Location for the March 22 Board of Education Meeting

The March 22, 2016 Board of Education meeting will honor the SRVUSD Classified Employees of the Year. The meeting will be held at Diablo Vista Middle School in the MPR at 7 p.m.

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Stone Valley Middle School Demolition to Begin Soon!

SRVUSD Announces Teachers of the Year

The Blackhawk Chorus Music Education Support Fund Distributed \$20,000 to SRVUSD Choral Programs

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SRVUSD Review of Facilities-Use Policy and Rates



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News

SRVUSD Announces Teachers of the Year

On Tuesday, March 8, 2016, the San Ramon Valley Unified School District's (SRVUSD) Board of Education recognized Rachael Byron and Joyce Rooks as the 2016-2017 Teachers of the Year. Byron is a high school literacy coach and an Advanced Placement English teacher at Dougherty Valley High School (DVHS) in San Ramon. Rooks is a 3rd grade teacher at Creekside Elementary. Byron and Rooks will represent the San Ramon Valley Unified in the Contra Costa County Teacher of the Year Program.

"The students in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District are the benefactors of the great teaching that takes place each and every day in our schools. Joyce Rooks and Rachael Byron are exemplars of this commitment to ensuring that all our children receive an excellent education that meets their individual needs. I applaud both of these teachers for the difference that they have made in the lives of hundreds of our students," said SRVUSD Superintendent Mary Shelton.

Byron began her teaching career in 2008 as an English teacher at DVHS. In 2013, she began sharing her knowledge and teaching strategies with colleagues when she was hired as a teacher-on-special assignment focused on literacy. She continues her work with students by teaching one Advanced Placement English class at DVHS.

"Without Rachael's dedication, incredible work ethic, and intelligent and methodical approach to this project, the DVHS teaching staff would not be as successful as they have been in implementing the new Common Core Standards," said DVHS Principal Daniel Hillman. "She is relentless in the pursuit of finding new and creative ways to explain the complexities of the new standards to her colleagues. She possesses a true love for lesson design and prides herself in creating exciting and engaging learning opportunities for others."

During her 14 year teaching career, Rooks has worked at multiple schools and in very diverse assignments. She has taught kindergarten, 1st, 2nd and 4th grade at Creekside and Coyote Creek elementary schools. She also spent a number of years as a Computer Applications instructor and Computer Graphic Arts instructor at both California and Dougherty Valley high schools. She currently teaches 2nd grade at Creekside Elementary.

"Joyce's greatest strength is that she cares about her students and their learning at a level that is hard to describe. When one visits her classroom, one can see how hard she works to make her students love learning," said Creekside Elementary Principal Aaron Tarzian. "She is constantly working to meet the individual needs of her students in her awesome reading and writing workshop lessons, her engaging learning

activities and technology projects, and the special way that she circulates about her classroom providing just-in-time compliments and support for students. As a result, in her classroom, students THRIVE! Her goal is to get each one of her students to love school and love learning; making each and every day special for them."

Each year all Contra Costa County School Districts select Teachers of the Year. An expert committee, with representatives from education and the community, then chooses one of these candidates to represent Contra Costa County in the State Teacher of the Year Program.

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