

# VALLEY AIR NEWS

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## Governor appoints Capitman to District Governing Board

On Feb. 5, Governor Brown announced the appointment of Central Valley Health Policy Institute Executive Director, John Capitman, Ph.D., to the Valley Air District's Governing board.

Dr. Capitman fills a vacant science seat on the board. He brings a vast background in research related to Valley Health problems such as substance abuse and ethnic disparities in cancer care.

Board member Capitman's more than 20 years of experience in the research field include appointments at the Virginia Center on Aging, California Department of Health Services, Medical College of Virginia/Virginia Commonwealth University, and Brandeis University.

## Healthy Air Living Schools protects student health

Educators, health professional and the Valley Air District this month jointly urged Valley schools to take advantage of a free, valuable school-based program that provides tools for educators to protect their students' health from the harmful effects of air pollution.

The Healthy Air Living Schools program, developed by the Valley Air District, notifies schools when air quality is not conducive to outdoor activity, and educates teachers and students about maintaining and improving the lung health of Valley students.

The program components include the Real-Time Air Advisory Network (RAAN), Anti-idling campaign and the Air Quality Flag program, helping schools inform their student body of air quality conditions and educating students, parents and staff about healthy air living choices.

Materials, training and support are provided at no cost.

For materials and information, e-mail [public.education@valleyair.org](mailto:public.education@valleyair.org).



At right, students of Cypress Elementary School in Tulare, proudly participate as a Healthy Air Living School.

## Spring events to put on your calendar

March 8 - Tune In, Tune Up (TITU), Chowchilla. 9a-3p. More info: [valleyair.org/grants/pass.htm](http://valleyair.org/grants/pass.htm)

March 22, TITU, Fresno

April 4 - Earth Day at Fresno State, 10a-4p. More info: [benson.earth.day@gmail.com](mailto:benson.earth.day@gmail.com)

April 5, TITU, Stockton

April 6 - Earth Day, Stockton, Victory Park, 10a-4p.

April 19 - Earthday Modesto, Graceada Park, 10a-4p.

April 26 - Garden Fest, Bakersfield College, 9a-4p. More info: [891418088421670332.weebly.com/](http://891418088421670332.weebly.com/)

April 26 - TITU, Turlock

May 1 - World Asthma Day, Health Fair, Memorial Medical Center, Modesto, 10a-2p.

May 3 - World Asthma Day Health Fair, Mercy Medical Center, Merced, 8:30a-1p.

May 10 - TITU, Bakersfield

May 14 - Bike to Work Day, Stockton, 6:30-9a.

May 15 - Bike to Work Day, Modesto, 6:30-8:30a

May 23 - Earth Day Celebration at Golden Valley Health, Merced. 10a-3p.

May 31 - TITU, Tulare

June 14 - TITU, Los Banos

June 28 - TITU, Lemoore

