



VALLEY
ACADEMY



Coyote News

From the Principal's Desk

Mrs. Brooks, M. Ed. Principal



Dear Parents,

Fall is my favorite time of year. The days are cooling down, families know the routines of the campus, and the second quarter has begun for students to continue to learn and grow in new and exciting ways.

I also appreciate this time of year when we can share all the many things that we are grateful for. I personally feel it is an honor to work at our school. I feel that we are surrounded by caring, hardworking individuals who all value a good education. I

especially appreciate our teaching team that leads our students to success, and our strong support staff. I also am grateful to our Valley community. VAPO has a supportive council who work together to help with activities and providing a great environment on campus with Spirit Day ice cream and Caught Being Good to name a few. VAPO does not exist without all of you who continue to support our school in many ways. So, to all of you I say, thank you!

I hope you all are looking forward to having a special night here on campus on November 7, 2023. We will once again host our Fall Concert outside on the basketball courts. This year we are hoping to add a couple of food trucks so that you can make it a family fun-filled evening here on campus. Please feel free to bring a picnic blanket so you will be able to enjoy food options under the stars, along with listening to your children sing, and the opportunity to share a night with our Valley community. You are welcome on campus at 5:30 p.m. with the first group of singing students starting at 6 p.m.

Thank you again for your commitment to our school. I am truly thankful for the team we have here and the role we all play in it. May you have a restful Thanksgiving break. I hope you enjoy the extra time with your families.



Best Wishes,

Mrs. Victoria Brooks, M. Ed.

Upcoming Events

Fall Concert Tuesday, November 7th. "A Musical Evening in the Park" is a vocal concert by 1st—8th grades from 6:00—8:30 p.m.

Early Release/Staff Development Friday, November 3rd. Preschool dismisses at 11:30 a.m. and all students K-8 dismiss at 12:15 p.m.

No School Friday, November 10th. No school in honor of Veterans Day.

Progress Reports Wednesday, November 15th. Students' work is assessed and grades are also available online to view using ParentVUE.

Spirit Day Friday, November 17th. All students may participate in Spirit Day by wearing their Spirit Day shirt. For grades K-8, ice cream is available at lunch for purchase.

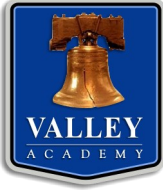
No School Monday, November 20th—Friday, November 24th. No school in honor of Thanksgiving Break.

More Information Listed on Last Page

For more information, please visit our website at www.ValleyAcademy.com



OPEN ENROLLMENT November 6th—19th



Do you have friends or family whose kids could benefit from the great education your child is getting? Would your children like to have their neighborhood friends at school with them? Would you like your friends to join the fun, working alongside you on the Valley Academy Parent Organization (VAPO)? Help us build the Valley Academy family by inviting your friends to join you here.



Open Enrollment is November 6th-19th for KG-8th grade. That's the best time for new students to apply. We could even contact them before Winter Break to let them know they have a spot reserved for next year!



If you have a kindergartener for next year, siblings receive admissions preference, but we need to have an application so we know to save their seat. If you have other children in any grade you'd like to enroll at Valley Academy, please apply during Open Enrollment.



Kindergarteners must be five years old on August 31, 2024, to attend during the 2024-2025 school year. After November 19th, any remaining openings are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, so encourage your friends to apply soon.



The Preschool Waiting List opens at 7:30 a.m. on November 6th, for children who will be four years old by August 31st. Preschool is a private, tuition-based program. Spaces are offered in the order applications are received, with a limited number of half-day positions.



November SHINE Recipients



Congratulations to the following students: Sparrow W., Hendrix H., Aisha N., and Addison M., from 2nd grade. They were selected by their 2nd grade teachers as their classes' "SHINE" recipients this month! SHINE stands for Successful, Hardworking, Individual, and Noble Example. I am so thankful to them for being shining examples for others to follow. This is a special award and I am so proud of them. Way to go, students!

Mrs. Breshears, M. Ed.
Assistant Principal



High School Night

For 4th—8th Graders and their Parents

We would like to invite you and your children to come to our Annual High School Night, Thursday, November 2nd at 6:00 p.m. in the M.P.R. We have invited several local high schools to come, share a little about their school and the special programs they have to offer.

Choosing the high school where your children will spend the next four years of their academic career is so important. We are hopeful that the information you receive will help you get a little closer to making that right choice for your children.

Thank you and hope to see you there.

Mrs. Carol Breshears, M. Ed.
Assistant Principal, RTS' Valley Academy



Reminder:
Early Release Day!

Friday, November 3rd
Preschool dismisses at 11:30 a.m.
K-8 dismisses at 12:15 p.m.

2nd Grade Field Trip Thursday, November 9th



Don't
Forget!

Students will need a sack lunch to take with them. Have fun, second grade!

REMINDER

NO SCHOOL on Friday, November 10th
in observance of Veterans Day.



NJHS Induction Ceremony

NJHS is a nationally recognized organization and members who are eligible for induction demonstrate the values of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship.

The NJHS Induction Ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, November 15, 2023. Congratulations to our eligible candidates. We look forward to seeing you at the Induction Ceremony.

Progress Reports available on ParentVUE November 15, 2023.





Valley Academy Toy Drive
Sponsored by NJHS
TO BENEFIT CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE



November 6th—December 8th

We are looking for donations of new, unwrapped toys or gift cards for ages 0—21.

For ideas of what gifts are needed, checkout the Amazon Wish List:

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/OISWRTXZT9T8>

Class with the most toys wins a pizza party!



Valley Academy Presents:

"A Musical Evening in the Park"

A Vocal Concert by 1st—8th Grades

How does an evening under the stars listening to beautiful music and enjoying some family time sound? Well, you will have that opportunity on Tuesday evening, November 7. Your children have been preparing for many months to sing for you, and I am so excited at the prospect of you getting to hear them!

When: Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Where: Valley Academy Basketball Court

Time: 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. (gates will open at 5:30 p.m.)

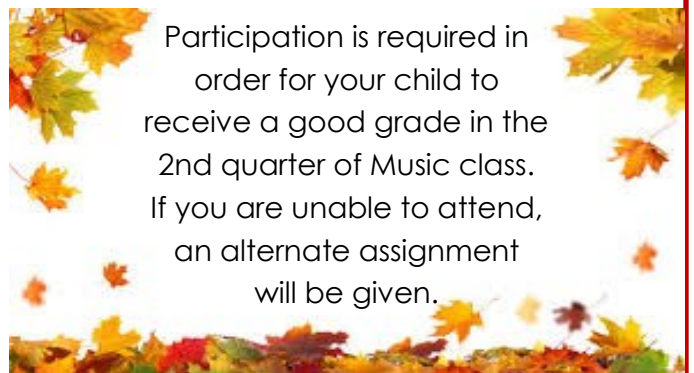
Cost: \$0 (snacks will be available for purchase and possibly food trucks on site)

Performance Times by Grade Level:

(There are 10 min. slots between each performance for students/parents to move to the appropriate location)

8th Graders need to report to Check-in at 5:50 p.m.

- 8th Grade: 6:00 p.m. – 6:10 p.m.
- 7th Grade: 6:20 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- 1st Grade: 6:40 p.m. – 6:50 p.m.
- 2nd Grade: 7:00 p.m. – 7:10 p.m.
- 3rd Grade: 7:20 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- 4th Grade: 7:40 p.m. – 7:50 p.m.
- 5th Grade: 8:00 p.m. – 8:10 p.m.
- 6th Grade: 8:20 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.



Participation is required in order for your child to receive a good grade in the 2nd quarter of Music class. If you are unable to attend, an alternate assignment will be given.

See what's happening in 1st grade!



Rory M., Rithvik M., and Rishab L.A. are all carefully planting their green bean seeds.

To the right is Abigail U. presenting a single green bean seed that she'll use to grow a green bean plant.



In first grade, the excitement was palpable as the young students embarked on a thrilling journey to learn about plants. Armed with curiosity and small green bean seeds, the classroom was transformed into a mini botanical laboratory. The children gathered around their desks and tables ready to plant with soil, potting cups, and their soon-to-be plant companions. With wide eyes and eager hands, they carefully planted their green bean seeds, each one placing their future plant into the rich, brown soil. The teachers explained the process of germination and the importance of nurturing these tiny seeds into robust green bean plants.



The left and above pictures are of Navilan N., Annorah V., and Alyssah V. tending to their plants. The bottom left picture is of Keegan I., Isabella G., Ava G., and Meesha G. planting their seeds.



Over the last few weeks, the classrooms have been a bustling hubs of plant-related activities. The first graders observed diagrams and documentation of seeds sprouting into delicate seedlings, and they learned about the essential components of plant growth - water, sunlight, and nutrients. Each day, they dutifully watered their plants and watched with wonder as their green bean plants grew stronger. They learned about photosynthesis and how plants turn sunlight into energy. Their exploration of the plant world not only enriched their scientific knowledge but also nurtured a deep appreciation for the beauty and vitality of the world around them.

NEWS & UPDATES



Future Valley Academy Student

"Elliot F. was beyond excited to wear his Valley Academy shirt! He even insisted on tucking it in like the big kids." - Mrs. Francisco, 1st Grade teacher



Morning Assembly Smiles

River P. dons a big smile after receiving an award at our October Morning Assembly. Students are recognized at the assemblies, and it looks like River received his award for being a Spalding Enthusiast! Way to go, River!



Turkey Trot November 17th!

Students in K-8th Grades wear your running shoes! You'll be racing against classmates in your grade level for a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner! Watch for more information from our Parent Organization and join the fun!



Little Masters

Students from Valley Academy often share their trophies with us to display in the office. Students like Shriyan R. win in tournaments at Phoenix Chess Academy. Shriyan won 1st place! Great job and very impressive.



Wishing your family good health and blessings this holiday season.



Congratulations to Ms. Uhlving, Office Manager, for winning the Transportation Reduction Program contest. She won a gift card for carpooling to work! Great job!

Thanksgiving Break
NO SCHOOL!

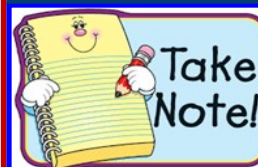


Thanksgiving Break
November
20th—24th

Logoed Sweatshirts on Sale November 1st-7th



Valley Academy logoed navy blue sweatshirts that can be worn year-round and in the classrooms will be available to order for 1 week this month. Crash Sports will have them available for sale on their website, www.CrashSports.org from November 1st—7th. Families will have two more opportunities this school year to order if you miss this month's open week, once from December 1st-7th, and again in January when Spirit Shirts go on sale again.



Spirit Day is on Friday,
November 17th this month.



November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 High School Information Night 6 p.m.	3 Early Release 12:15 Dismissal Staff Development	4
5	6 Toy Drive Begins 	7 Fall Concert 6 — 8:30 pm.	8	9 2nd Grade Field Trip	10 No School Veterans Day	11
12	13 Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.	14 VAPO Meeting 8:15 a.m. Caught Being Good	15 NJHS Induction Ceremony Progress Reports Available on ParentVUE	16	17 Spirit Day Turkey Trot	18
19	20	21	22	23 	24	25
26	27 Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.	28	29	30 Skate Night 4-7:00 p.m.		