



VALLEY
ACADEMY



Coyote News

From the Principal's Desk

Mrs. Brooks, M. Ed., Principal



The beginning of March is here, and I cannot wait to see you at this year's Spring Festival this Saturday, March 2nd. I am hoping for beautiful Arizona weather. It will be a fun day for us all.

In addition, spring break is just around the corner from March 11th-15th. I hope you all have relaxing plans for the break. I encourage you to remind your children to read, play educational games, and have meaningful conversations with you throughout the week. Meaningful conversations with adults build vocabulary and further the connection with your child. We hope your children's skills will be sharp when they return, as we will get right to work on our fourth quarter's curriculum and preparing for State Standardized Testing, which will take place the week of April 1st.

I would like to once again thank you for choosing Reid Traditional Schools' Valley Academy for your child's educational needs. We feel extremely fortunate to have the students and families we have in our school community. We are always looking to include others in our success, so never hesitate to recommend us to your friends and acquaintances. We always appreciate a great referral.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Brooks, M.Ed.

Upcoming Events

Spirit Day March 1st - All students in grades PK-8 may celebrate their school spirit with wearing spirit day t-shirts.

Spring Festival March 2nd from 11:00—4:00 p.m. - Come enjoy a rootin', tootin' good time.

8th Grade Promotion Pictures March 6th - All 8th grade students will be photographed.

Read In March 7th - Guest Speakers will visit our K-8 classes to tell students a little about their careers in various fields and to read a short excerpt from a book.

Early Release March 8th at 12:15 p.m. - All students in K-8 dismiss early. End of 3rd Quarter.

Spring Break March 11th-15th - No School

Report Cards March 20th - Students' work is assessed and report cards are sent home.

More Events Listed on Calendar Page



8th Grade Pictures - Wednesday, March 6th Make This Your Moment To Shine!

This portrait will be included in the promotion certificate given out in May. All 8th grade students will be photographed whether or not they purchase pictures. Your child received picture packet information this week, so please check with your child and go over the



dress code. You can order online at www.inter-state.com/order and enter the school order code 86056YB. Then, simply follow the online directions to complete your order.

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

NEWS & UPDATES



Dust off those cowboy hats and shine up those boots!

Valley's Wild West

Spring Festival

is this Saturday. YEE HAW!

Pre-sales in front of the office

Thursday, February 29th & Friday, March 1st

7:30—8:30 a.m. / 2:00—4:00 p.m.

We are so excited to announce all the new things we have in store for this year's Spring Festival.

As always, there will be the petting zoo, inflatable slides, obstacle courses, and bounce houses, including one bounce house just for kids 6 and under.

We will have lots of carnival games & prizes, a Spinning Barrel Ride, and a larger spinning ride for the older ones!

There will be 3 food trucks and a dessert truck!

We will be doing Potato Sack Races, 3-Legged Races, and Tug-O-War Matches.

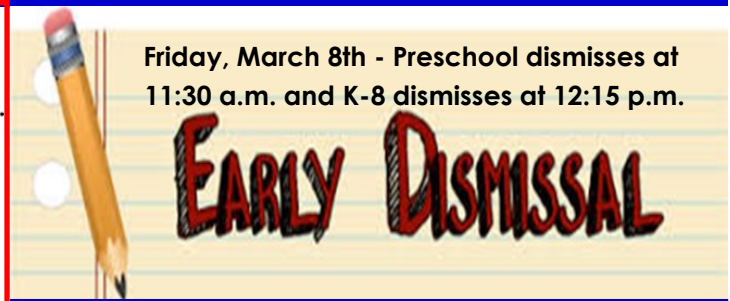
Is anyone ready for a Silly String Showdown? For only \$2 per can*, kids will be able to cover their friends in Silly String! Showdowns will be called by groups (7th & 8th, 5th & 6th, 3rd & 4th, etc.)

***Supply of Silly String cans are limited. Grab them before they are gone!**

Did I forget to mention the 25' tall Rock Wall*? Up to 5 people can climb at once. Race your friends up the wall!

***Kids must properly fit into the climbing harness to climb. Check the fit before you wait in line.**

DRESSING UP IS ENCOURAGED



Third Quarter Report Cards

The end of the third quarter is on March 8, 2024. Third quarter Report Cards assess students' work and will be sent home on March 20, 2024.



March 11-15, 2024

Our administration, teachers, and support staff wish you a wonderful, safe, and fun week off from school.

Messages From Home

Reserve space in the Valley Academy Yearbook for a message from YOU to your child.

Messages should be encouraging, uplifting, and positive in nature. A limited number of messages will be printed, so they will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until the designated spaces are filled.

The deadline for submitting and paying for messages is Friday, April 5, 2024.

Yearbooks On Sale

[yearbook flier](#)

Valley Academy Yearbooks for the 2023-2024 school year are on sale now. This is a full color yearbook full of pictures and reminders to commemorate this school year. Yearbooks are ordered online only. Order online by visiting www.treering.com, click 'Buy Yearbooks', type in the passcode 1016827231844556. Then, simply follow the online directions to complete your order. All orders are due by April 22, 2024. Yearbooks are \$21.00 + tax. Get yours before it's too late.

Valley Academy's Read In is when

members from our community visit Valley Academy to discuss the importance of reading and how reading is important within their careers and lives. Each member will be joining a grade level on Thursday, March 7th for a short time in the morning. We welcome you to ask your child about the member from our community who joined their classes and what they learned.

"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader." - Margaret Fuller





TOP 10 REASONS IT'S BEST FOR YOUR CHILD TO ATTEND SCHOOL **EVERY DAY**

1

Greater Social Development — Students develop social and emotional skills that benefit them throughout their lives. At Valley Academy, they are learning to interact with others, make friends, and build relationships with adults outside their family, giving them the basis they need for their academic career.



Friendships bloom between Preschool students Evana D., Prisha P., Christina B., and Remington H.



Yanishk A. and Geetthika K. are sharing a book to read and interacting over the pictures.



Preschool students Sydney O. and Iniya K. are interacting with a Playdoh project in class.



Carly B. along with the rest of the students in the class have built a relationship with Miss Scrip, classroom Aide.

2

Routine and Structure — Attending school each and every day provides children with a sense of security. They are learning to follow rules and routines that give them balance outside their home that benefits their development.



A well structured classroom allows our Kindergarten students to thrive with their daily routines.



Students walk in a nice line following an everyday routine to get to and from the classroom.

Daily Schedules keep our students on track and provide students with structure.



3

Better Academic Performance — Student's academic performance and test scores excel when students are present each day in the classroom. Teacher instruction provides our students with valuable lessons and missing just one or two days can put them behind in the classroom.



First grade students, Arian J., Oliver M., Evelyn S., and Aafiyah E. are learning measurements by putting together Mr. Gallon.



First graders learn to count money with the help of manipulatives and assessments.



In first grade, students such as Anvi J. and Vedaansh Y. are using Tangrams, which help build math skills such as patterning and shape identification when building images.

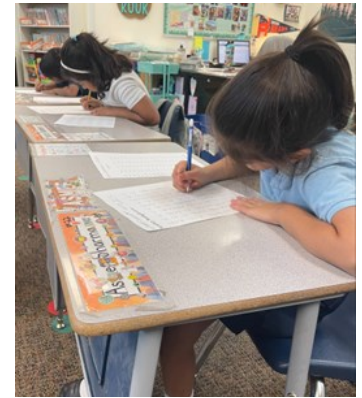


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4 **Increased Self-esteem** — As students attend school regularly and continue to master new skills, they feel confident in what they have learned and also feel good about themselves.



Second grade students such as Sidharth S., Sofia K., and Nishanth T. (pictured to the left) and Asmee S. and Aaisha N. (pictured to the right) are continuing to master math fact skills that allow them to complete math timed tests each week and move on to master higher skills such as subtraction, multiplication, and division.



5 **Increased Literacy Skills** — A strong curriculum and regular attendance proves that Valley Academy students have increased reading and literacy skills.



(To the left) Students in third grade practice daily Oral Reading Fluency for five minutes with a partner utilizing the text/story for the week. They read aloud for accuracy, automaticity, and prosody.

(To the right) Students identify and label their thinking when finding the elements of narrative, informative, and informative-narrative writing.

Pictured above are students Freya M. and Lincoln M.

Pictured left to right
Front row: Kirti S.R.C. and Samanyu P.
Second row: Saanvi S.S., Sreya L., and Ahalada C.
Back row: Ava V.



6 **Class-wide Benefits** — When all students are present each day, it is beneficial to a class as a whole. Students are able to learn together and move forward as a class without interruption rather than lose valuable time on backtracking and review.



Working in groups, fourth grade students are learning together to complete an assignment. Pictured to the left are Nevaeh S., Aadhya M., Ahad S., and Austin L. Pictured to the right are Hanishka T., Penelope B., Idunn R.-J., Meha M., Agasthian P., Liam S., and Dylan M.

7 **An Emphasis on Education** — Here at Valley Academy education is our top priority and our students learn that it is important and try to do their best.



Classes such as last year's 5th grade students understand the importance of participation and try their best while having a love for their education.



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8 **A Shot at a Better Future** — By sixth grade, high attendance leads to high academics, and at Valley Academy, our high standards and academics lead to an excellent future in High School.



Our sixth graders are eager to share the knowledge they have gained by knowing all the right answers when verbally quizzed. Pictured are Elianna M., Rayhan A., Maya D., Manha S., Wil M., and Vanessa B.

9 And 10 **Increased Preparedness will lead to A Good Habit That Will Last** — In seventh and eighth grade, our

students begin to prepare for high school. Those who are in attendance each day master how to manage a rotation of five classes/teachers and how to keep up with assignments which better prepare them for tests and quizzes. Establishing a great attendance record will set your child up for success in their future school careers.



The 8th graders took the AZ State Civics Exam and received the highest average that Valley Academy has ever had! Their average as a class was a 98% with 20 of them receiving a 100% and another 17 of them receiving a 99% or a 98%! The group pictured received a 100% on both the AZ State Civics Exam and their Government Unit Exam and this was also the largest group who has ever received this honor. It is safe to say that this group is just outstanding!

Pictured top row left to right: Aqsa A., Chinmayi A., Nureen K., Kashvi R., Jeytra R., Prayukta M., Marcel G.V., Ishaan A., and Sujana S.S.

Pictured bottom row left to right: Tanuja K., Deeksha K., Meena S.K., Kayla L., Aiden Q., Ben U., and not pictured is Sarah W.

March SHINE Recipients

Congratulations to the following students: Diva S., Imaya S., and Mason R., from 5th grade. They were selected by their 5th 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



HAPPY SPRING BREAK!

WE HOPE YOU HAVE A SAFE & RESTFUL WEEK!



NEWS & UPDATES

Our National Junior Art Honor Society made bowls on pottery wheels and by hand building to donate to Empty Bowls charity event in Tempe. The bowls are sold at Empty Bowls to raise funds for United Food Bank and other relief organizations, feeding approximately three million local people per year. Thank you for using your art to create a better world, NJAHS members! ♥

Amoolya H. and Sameeksha G.S. learning to make bowls on pottery wheels.



Group photo of members with the bowls they made that they are donating to Empty Bowls. (Some members not pictured.)



Thank you, Student Council, for buying an outdoor Volleyball net for students to use during recess.



Congratulations to our Girls' Basketball team who made Playoffs and to our coaches, Mr. and Mrs. Maxey, who have done an outstanding job this season! Pictured from left to right is: Emma M., Prayukta M., Sarah W., Yasmin H., Olivia Y., Aubrey B., Deeksha K., Chinmayi A., Sienna P., Zahra S., and Julia M.

Valentine Party Fun!



Enjoying a Valentine activity are Willow D., Stella B., Aster S., Saara S.S., Akshara P.



Hudson B. showing off his Valentine craft.



Working on a fun Valentine activity is Jackson B., parent volunteer, Mrs. Bonifasi, Emerson B., and Abhigna P. What fun students have on party days!



VAPO — Meet our Valley Academy Parent Organization Committee Chairs who help make events on our campus come alive!



Back row: Mrs. Chrissy Gorman, Mrs. Amy Sessler, Mr. Aaron Smith, Mrs. Sweta Dahiya, and Mrs. Vanessa Eckles
Front Row: Mrs. Brandi Paucek, Mrs. Karolina Morawa, Mrs. Brie Gebhart, Mrs. Rosa Sadeghi, Mrs. Candy Ushakov, and Mrs. Erica Billings



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Open to all Arizona taxpayers.

See official rules on the contest entry page.

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March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Spirit Day	2 Spring Festival 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. 
3	4 Boys' Basketball Tryouts 	5 Coed Soccer Tryouts 	6 8th Grade Promotion Pictures Picture DAY 	7 Read In 	8 7/8 Field Day Early Release Staff Development 12:15 Dismissal End of 3rd Quarter	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK March 11th - 15th						
17	18	19 VAPO Meeting 8:15 a.m. Caught Being Good	20 Report Cards Go Home 	21	22  8th Grade Class Shirt Pictures 7/8 Dance 6-8 p.m.	23 Spring Festival Rain Date 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
24 31	25	26	27  Sonic Fundraiser	28	29 No School Spring Recess Day 	30