



## From the Principal's Desk

**Mrs. Brooks, M. Ed., Principal**



It was nice seeing some of you at the spring festival this year. It was a beautiful day, and it was great to have so many of our community enjoying the campus. As a reminder, it is part of Valley Academy's philosophy that all parents volunteer a minimum of three hours each month. This instills a strong connection between school and home and helps with strengthening our school community. I hope that you take this policy seriously as we need your help in maintaining our events and traditions. If you need direction in how to help, please either email me directly or email VAPO. We would love to get you started.

Spring has arrived, and with spring comes the very important state assessments. Through the week of April 1<sup>st</sup> our campus will be closed to visitors until 11:30 a.m. for state testing. AASA will take place in grades 3 – 8. We would appreciate it if you would make a conscious effort to please provide your children with a nutritious breakfast each day and have them to school on time every day. It is also important for them to get a good night's rest and to understand the importance of these tests. We will begin testing at 8:30 a.m. and keep all the students in the classroom until 11:30 a.m. Once testing has begun, students will not be permitted to enter the class, so please have them here on time. If you need to schedule a doctor's or dentist appointment, please schedule them in the afternoon. Your cooperation in these matters is greatly appreciated.

I wish you all a wonderful spring and a strong, academically focused end to the school year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs. Brooks, M. Ed., Principal

## Upcoming Events

**Arizona Academic Standards Assessments** April 1<sup>st</sup>—12<sup>th</sup>

**Spirit Day** Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> — All students in grades PreK-8 may celebrate their school spirit with wearing spirit day t-shirts.

**Progress Reports** Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> — Students' work is assessed and reports are available to view on your ParentVUE.

**School Board Meeting** Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, Reid Office (14841 N. Black Canyon Freeway) - School Board meetings are open to the public, and parents are welcome to attend.

**Early Release** Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> — Students in PreK will release at 11:30 a.m. and K-8 will release at 12:15 p.m. Teachers will participate in a Staff Development day.

**More Events Listed on Last Page**

# NEWS & UPDATES

## Why Reading Matters

Reading helps to IMPROVE student concentration.

Reading helps to DEVELOP language skills.

Reading helps students to DO BETTER in all subjects.

Reading fosters CURIOSITY about the world we live in.

Mrs. Dever, our school librarian, assists students in finding books to read for pleasure or for book reports.



Vivaan S. (above) and Avitaj S. enjoy books.



Carter P. reads to students Andrew F., Aiden Q., Karthick P., Ander S., Joseph G., and Ben U.



Aime V. (above) and Jameson H. (to the left) enjoy books.



## Field Trip Fun for Kindergarten



Aster S., Jackson B., Hudson B., and Jolene L.



Karanraj M. paints a dinosaur.

Kindergarten classes enjoyed time at the Children's Museum of Phoenix for their field trip this year. The Children's Museum of Phoenix allows children to use their creativity, imaginative play, their large and fine motor skills, some social play, and some science and mathematics.

## Travel Reduction Program

Valley Academy participates in the Travel Reduction Program, and one of the perks to using an alternative mode of transportation to work is being entered into a drawing each quarter. Our 3rd Quarter Travel Reduction Program winner is Mrs. Loveless, our music teacher. Congratulations, Mrs. Loveless! Thank you for your participation in helping to do our part in reducing pollution.



To the left is Stella B., Saara S.S., and Emerson B. To the right is Rihan R., Pranavya G., and Aria K.



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## Talent is Apparent—Some of our Talent Show Participants Showcased!

Valley Academy's Talent Show had such wonderful talent with some great acts showcased including singing, dancing, karate, instrumental playing, hula-hooping, magic acts, and a Rubik's cube act! To all the participants in front of, behind, and to the side of the curtain, job well done! We look forward to next year's event!



Dancing is Surya N. and Swati N.



Aarav N. with a Rubik's Cube



Mr. and Mrs. Matangi on Guitar and Violin



Snack Bar; Akshara S., Naisha M., Nishitha C., and Chinmayi A.



Nevan M. on Piano



Our Hosts; Sujan S.S., Kashvi R., Charlee F, an Ben U.



Dancing is Seerat K., Snigdha K., Ira K., and Harper W.



Anika M. doing a Hula Hoop Dance



Singing is Eva C. and Keyara K.



Our Stagehands; Oviya M.S., Valeria C.M., Snigdha N., Kayla L., Neal R., Nandika N., Nureen K., and Mia P.



On Drums is Aryaman J.



Ishita C. is Dancing



Arnav J. and Ishaan J. Singing



Our Sponsors; Mrs. Simon, Mrs. Francisco, Miss Webb, Mrs. Lander, Mrs. Ferris, and Mrs. Brooks



Anish K. on Piano



Mrs. Schmidt is Singing



Kyleigh A. plays the Guitar



Matthias S. is Singing

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Congratulations to Rayaan M. who represented Valley Academy at the Maricopa County Region II Spelling Bee on February 9, 2024. We are so proud of such a wonderful accomplishment from one of Valley Academy's students. Way to go, Rayaan!

## Phoenix Chess Academy



Students from Valley Academy often share their trophies with us to display in the office or to share that they won on behalf of representing

Valley Academy. Students like Advait P. and Shreyan R. win in tournaments at Phoenix Chess Academy. Great job and impressive!

## Spring Festival Special Event

Our future kindergarten students were invited to a special event featuring a special tour, Q&A, photo ops, special gift bag and free tickets to our Spring Festival afterwards. Below is a picture of our wonderful team of Kindergarten teachers who helped with the event, Mrs. Sutaris, Miss Olson, and Mrs. Johnson along with Mrs.



Brooks, our Principal. One of our current preschool families who will be attending next year, came to the event with excitement for their Kindergarten year and greatly enjoyed the festival. Pictured below is Christina B. and Carly B. ready to be 'Future Valley Academy Students.'



## Spring Festival Performances from AZ Instruction

Arizona Instruction's Jr. Cheer and Jr. Dance gave superb performances at this year's Spring Festival event. Some great pictures were captured! Way to go, Arizona Instruction after school classes!



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**Our annual Read-In** guests consisted of various readers from our community. Published authors, Mrs. Kendra Cuzick, a children's author who advocates reading for young children and Mrs. Shannon Eastin, the first female official of the National Football League (NFL), came to share some of their favorite books with students. Other guests who read to our students were Mr. Rick Webb, race car driver; Mrs. Emily Pritchard, Channel 12 News Anchor; Mrs. Elizabeth Rivera, nurse; Mr. Drew Freeman, paramedic; Mr. James Smith, engineer; Mr. Michael Davis, robotics; and Mrs. Amy Sessler, mech/plumbing. They all contributed to a very exciting morning. Additionally, Surprise Police Officer Gomez spoke about his profession and the impact of lifelong reading. Below are pictures from the event.



Mr. Smith, Engineer



Mrs. Cuzick, Author with Aubrianna B.



Mr. Webb, Race Car Driver with Miss Webb, Diya D. and Charlee F.



Officer Gomez, Surprise Police Department



Mr. Freeman, Paramedic with Chinmayi A. and Hansha M.



Mr. Davis, Robotics



Mrs. Eastin, Author



Mrs. Rivera, Nurse



Mrs. Sessler, Mech/Plumbing



Mrs. Pritchard, 12 News



A special 'Thank You' to Mrs. Dever, Librarian, for her hard work to put the Read In together and our Student Council members who assisted with the event by greeting and guiding our guests. From left to right, Sameeksha G.S., Diya D., Hansha M., Hank O., Baani A., Aubrey B., Mrs. Dever, Dominic B., Naisha M., Danica B., Michelle B., Chinmayi A., Ahana C., Nandha N., Charlee F., and Surya K.N.



Former student, Brandon N. stopped in to say hello to Mrs. Brooks, Principal and Mrs. Breshears, Assistant Principal. It's always wonderful to see our former students.

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## April SHINE Recipients

Congratulations to the following students: Surya K.N., Deetya M., and Aaliyah H., from sixth grade. They were selected by their 6th 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  
Valley Academy



## Arizona Academic Standards Assessments

April 1st – April 12th  
Testing will take place on campus for grades 3-8. Please have your child to school on time every day.

Progress Reports will be available to view on ParentVUE Wednesday, April 17th.



**S**HINING **H**ARDWORKING **I**NDIVIDUAL AND **N**OBLE **E**XAMPLE



6th Grade will be visiting Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament on Friday, April 19th.



7th Grade will be visiting the Phoenix Art Museum on Thursday, April 25th.

## 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 HAS BEEN EXTENDED to Friday, April 12, 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](http://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.



Friday, April 26th

PreK dismisses at 11:30 a.m.  
K-8 dismiss at 12:15 p.m.





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**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL**

# April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Arizona Academic Standards Assessments	2 Soccer Game Paradise Cove Park 4:30 p.m. Basketball Game Stepping Stones Acad. 4:30 p.m.	3 Soccer Game Desert Heights 4:30 p.m.	4 Basketball Game Valley Academy 4:30 p.m.	5 Spirit Day	6
7	8	9 VAPO Meeting 8:15 a.m. Caught Being Good	10 Basketball Game Desert Heights 4:30 p.m.	11	12 Messages From Home Due	13
14	15 Basketball Game Adams Traditional 4:30 p.m.	16 Basketball Game Valley Academy 4:30 p.m.	17 Progress Reports Soccer Game Deer Valley Park 4:30 p.m.	18	19 FIELD TRIP 6th Grade	20
21	22 Soccer Game Deer Valley Park 4:30 p.m.	23	24 Soccer Game Deer Valley Park 4:30 p.m.	25 FIELD TRIP 7th Grade Board Meeting 6:15 p.m.	26 Early Release 12:15 p.m. Staff Development	27
28	29 Basketball Game Hearn Academy 4:30 p.m.	30 Soccer Game Deer Valley Park 4:30 p.m.	S C H O L A S T I C   B O O K   F A I R			
				Family Fun Night		