



From the Principal's Desk

Mrs. Brooks, M. Ed. Principal



Every year at this time, I think how fast it feels that the school year has gone. We are happy that this school year was successful and that we earned another great award, U.S. News "Best School" for our accomplishments. Summer is just around the corner, but before then we still have much to accomplish. Students will be finishing year-end projects, doing presentations, and continuing to learn as much as they can until we break for summer. During the summer, please remember that weekly reading and math facts should be a part of your child's summer practice. These skills are important to every child and are best practiced regularly.

Next school year, I hope to see more parents on campus, volunteering in classrooms and becoming more active in all our events. Valley Academy's community is one of its strengths, and I want to thank you all for being a part of it. I know that coming to Valley Academy is a parental choice, and I appreciate the fact that you have entrusted us with your precious children. We hold that trust dear and thank you for your commitment to our mission and philosophy of education. Reid Traditional Schools are the best in the valley, and we are proud of all we do here. We provide an academically rigorous program while understanding that we are training young minds. Our students are given a well-rounded and nurtured environment, and it has proven to be successful over many years. I want to thank you again for helping us in our success. Together we can accomplish so much!

I wish you a wonderful summer and an enjoyable break.

Best wishes for a safe and happy summer,

Mrs. Victoria Brooks, M. Ed.

Upcoming Events

Spirit Day Friday, May 3rd—All students in grades PreK-8 may celebrate their school spirit with wearing spirit day t-shirts.

Spirit Week May 6th—10th—Students may participate for \$1/day to your homeroom teacher to participate. Funds will go towards a new shade structure on campus.

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week May 6th—10th—A week of appreciation for a great year of hard work and dedication from our wonderful staff.

Early Release Friday, May 17th—Students K-8 will release at 12:15 p.m. **There is no Coyote Club on the last day of school. All students should be picked up through drive through lanes.**

Report Cards Wednesday, May 22nd—Final 4th Quarter Report Cards will be available on ParentVue.

More Events Listed on Last Page

Tax Credit Heroes Contest Winners!

Thank you to all the Valley Academy parents, friends, and staff who donated this year for Tax Credit Heroes! We collected a total of \$10,500 towards a new shade structure for our students.

The contest drawing winners are Allwyn Ponnudurai, Manoj Kumar Vunnava, and Milana Novakovic, but really, it's your children who win when you give.

Thank you all for your generosity.

Feed My Starving Children NJHS Field Trip

Valley Academy staff, parents, their children, and members of NJHS did some good over Spring Break and packaged boxes of food for the non-profit Feed My Starving Children in Mesa. They had fun, worked on their community service hours, and came close to breaking the record number of boxes packed in one session while they were there! Great job!



Mrs. Sessler, Valeria C.M., and Ms. Page



Ahana C., Naisha M., Mrs. Sessler, and Mrs. Ferris.



Akshara S. and Teddy R.



Ms. Rohr and Mrs. Simon



Mrs. Matangi, Sophia S., and Nandika N.



From left to right: Kaison S., Teddy R., Zoe M., Akshara S., Sophia S., Naisha M., Valeria C.M., Nandika N., Nora R., Charlee F., Finley F., Ahana C.,

Boxes packed: 302
Meals: 65,232
Cost: \$18,917.28

Kids fed a daily meal for a year: 179

MATH COUNTS COMPETITION

On Saturday, March 23rd, 2024, two student representatives from Valley Academy competed in the state round of the Math Counts competition. This was Valley's second year participating in the Math Counts competition and our first year to have students invited to the state round. The two young men who represented our school in this very challenging competition were Ishaan A., an eighth grader and Ryaan M., a seventh grader. Congratulations to these two young men for their scholarly math abilities and hard work.



NEWS & UPDATES

SHINING HARDWORKING INDIVIDUAL AND NOBLE EXAMPLE

Congratulations to the following students: Valeria C.M., Charlotte Z., and Lyra J. from seventh grade and Ander S. and Elizabeth S. from eighth grade. They were selected by their seventh and eighth grade teachers as their "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



Preschool Learns All About Butterflies! Preschool learns a new theme each week. They have learned about insects including the four stages of the butterfly life cycle as they observed and cared for their classroom butterflies. From left to right, the first three pictures are from Miss Burns' Preschool class.



2nd Grade Hatches Baby Chicks!



Second grade students learn about the life cycle of chickens and monitor stages while learning about their growth during incubation. Eighteen have hatched so far!



The picture to the far right above and two bottom pictures are from Miss Uhlving's Preschool class.



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VALLEY ACADEMY SPIRIT WEEK

May 6th - May 10th



Valley Academy is hosting Spirit Week! Pay \$1 a day to your homeroom teacher to participate. Participate in all 5 days, or just one - either way it will be fun!

Day 1 - Monday, May 6th: Fictional Character Shirt Day

Day 2 - Tuesday, May 2nd: Crazy Hat Day

Day 3 - Wednesday, May 3rd: Vibe your Favorite Color Day

Day 4 - Thursday, May 4th: Twin Day

Day 5 - Friday, May 5th: Jersey/Sport Team Day



Must adhere to the rest of the Valley Academy dress code. Must adhere to school policy of no religious symbols/icons, no political messages, or nothing offensive or controversial.

Teachers will not make change, so please pay with exact change only. There will be a consequence if you come to school dressed to the theme without paying.

Valley Academy Teachers and Staff are truly SPA-Tacular!



A week of pampering May 6TH-10TH

Relax. Unwind. and Take a Break!



Next week, May 6th – 10th, we will be celebrating Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week on campus. This year, the theme is **Spa-tacular**. Below is an itinerary of weekly events Administration and VAPO are planning along with a suggestion of ways you can contribute to the fun of showering our teachers and staff with the appreciation they deserve!

MON. 6th

Our staff will be enjoying Root Beer Floats today because we are **BUBBLING** over with "Thanks" because they are so amazing.



It's a Spa-tacular day to have your child bring in their favorite **BUBBLING** treat for their teacher!

TUES. 7th

As a Thank You for working so tirelessly, they will be receiving Spa-tastic Snacks from our Recharge Station with VIP Room Service.



It's a Spa-tacular day to have your child write a letter of gratitude for their teacher!

WED. 8th



You Live Long and Prosper. VAPO will be providing a Buffet Lunch for Staff today.



Please see an email sent from VAPO to see how you might help!

THURS. 9th

There's no "Masking" it...Our Teachers and Staff seriously **ROCK!** Our staff will be enjoying some SPA-licious Chips and Dips today.



Have your child draw a picture showing how their teacher **ROCKS!**

FRI. 10th

Because our Staff is "Essential" to our school, they will be enjoying a "Sweet" and "Salty" Trail Mix Bar today.



Have your child bring in a "Salty & Sweet" treat for their teacher!

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The Last Week of School, May 13— May 17, 2024

Tuesday, May 14th — Our 8th grade students will participate in their 8th grade breakfast with their core teachers, special area teachers, and administrators. After breakfast, they will leave for their field trip.

Tuesday, May 14th — 3rd - 8th grade students who received Honor Roll for at least three quarters this year will be recognized at the Honor Roll Ceremony.

Wednesday, May 15th — Our students in grades K-7 will participate in Visiting Day. Students in each grade level will move to a grade above to visit a classroom to discuss what to expect next year.

Wednesday, May 15th — 8th grade promoting class will participate in a promotion ceremony rehearsal.

Thursday, May 16th — Preschool's last day of school.

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Friday, May 17th — All grades will commemorate the year with awards presentations followed by classroom celebrations beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Friday, May 17th — **No Coyote Club available** after dismissal at 12:15 p.m. All students must be picked up as our campus will be closed.

EARLY RELEASE

Early Release
Friday, May 17th.
Students in K-8th grades
dismiss at 12:15 p.m.

PRESCHOOL
Preschool's
last day is
Thursday, May 16th.

No Coyote Club
on the
Last Day of School!



As a reminder, there is NO Coyote Club on the last day of school, Friday, May 17th. All students must be picked up on time through the pick up line, or walkers can be picked up across the street. To minimize traffic inside the building, we ask that parents do not pick up from the front office. Thank you.

Classroom Awards Presentations

May 17, 2024

Grades 5 & 6 8:45 — 9:30 a.m.

Grades 3 & 4 9:30 — 10:15 a.m.

Grades 1 & 2 10:15 — 11:00 a.m.

Kindergarten Scheduled by Teachers



If parents are unable to attend due to having children in several classes, possible adjustments in presentation times may be made with the teacher. Siblings are permitted to attend the Classroom Award Presentation. However, siblings both older and younger are not permitted to attend the classroom parties or to remain on campus without parental supervision. See you then!

Last Day of School Reminders

On Friday, May 17th, the last day of school, students will be celebrating the end of the school year with an End of the Year party in their classrooms beginning at 11:00 a.m.

- * **All parents picking up students must use the pick up line, or walkers can be picked up across the street. To minimize traffic inside the building, we ask that parents do not pick up from the front office.**
- * All parents must have a current placard. Please see Mrs. Lowery in the front office prior to the last day of school if you need one printed.
- * **Classes dismiss at 12:15 p.m. and students must be picked up promptly. There is **NO Coyote Club on the last day of school.****

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Wishing One Teacher Luck and Welcoming One Teacher's Return Back Into the Classroom Full Time!

I would like to take the opportunity to inform you of one teacher change on campus that will be taking place for next school year.

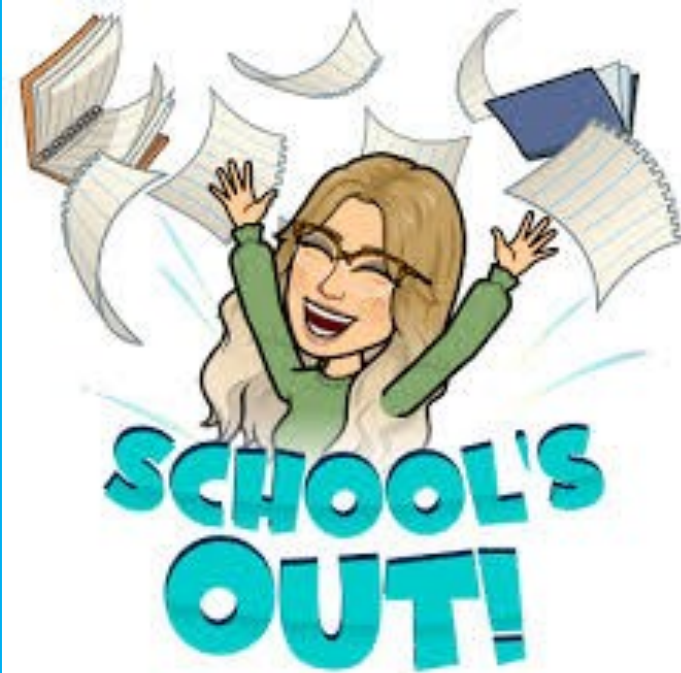
Miss Block, current fifth grade teacher, will not be back next school year as she will be starting work on her Master's Degree. She will be missed, but we are fortunate to have Mrs. Meyer, former Valley Academy teacher and current substitute teacher, returning to fill her position.

If you would like to make a new request for a fifth-grade teacher, please see the office staff for the form. We are dedicated to having only the best teachers on our campus, and we are excited for the 2024-2025 school year.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Victoria Brooks, M. Ed.

Principal




School's Out for Summer!

The last day of school is Friday, May 17, 2024. We hope that your family has a safe, wonderful, summer that is filled with new memories made. We look forward to seeing all of our students return for the 2024-2025 school year. The upcoming school calendar is on our school website.



May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Basketball Game Valley Academy 4:30 p.m. 	2 Soccer Game Paseo Highlands Park 4:30 p.m.  Family Fun Night 6-8	3 Spirit Day	4
5	6	7	8	9 Sports Recognition 5:00 p.m.	10	11 8th Grade Dinner 6-8 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Dance 8-10 p.m.
12	13	14  8th Grade Breakfast & Field Trip VAPO Meeting Caught Being Good Honor Roll Ceremony 	15 8th Grade Rehearsal Visiting Day	16 8th Grade Promotion 7:00 p.m. 	17 Classroom Parties Early Release 12:15 p.m. No Coyote Club Available End of 4th Qtr.	18
19	20	21 New Parent Orientation 5:00 p.m.	22	23	24 Office Closed	25
26	27 Office Closed Memorial Day	28	29	30	31 Office Closed	