



REID TRADITIONAL SCHOOLS' Valley Academy



A Message from the Principal...

As we finish up another school year here at Valley Academy, I think about all of the students on our campus, all of the families that are a part of our community, and the part we play in those lives. I think of the bright happy faces I see as I walk the campus. I also think about the hard work that those students are doing. 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 excelling school and its philosophy and mission.

When the end of May arrives, 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. Also, take the summertime to build your child's experiences. When you expand your child's world, you develop many beneficial skills such as creativity, vocabulary development, and reading comprehension. These skills are drawn from and used throughout the school year to help your child become more academically successful.

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, and congratulate us all once again on our National Blue Ribbon School nomination.

Best wishes for a safe and happy summer,

Mrs. Victoria Wilber

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IMPORTANT DATES

May 2014

- 2 Spirit Day
- Family Fun Night/Art Show
- 6 VAPO Hosted Staff Luncheon
- 8 Chorus/Band Concert 7:00 p.m.
- 10 8th Grade Dinner 6:00 p.m.
- 7/8 Grade Dance 8:00 p.m.
- 12 Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.
- Sports Recognition Night 6:30 p.m.
- 13 VAPO Meeting 8:15 a.m.
- 14 New Parent Orientation 6:30 p.m.
- 20 Honor Roll Ceremony Gr 3/4 6:00
- Grades 5-8 7:30 p.m.
- 22 Caught Being Good Give-away
- 8th grade Promotion 7:00 p.m.
- 23 Last Day of School
- Early Release 12:15 p.m.
- Report Cards go home

Board Meeting

The Board of Directors meets on the fourth Thursday of each month unless otherwise posted. All regular meetings are open to the public, and parents are welcome to attend. Board Meetings are held at the Reid Traditional Schools conference room at 14841 N. Black Canyon Highway. If you wish to contact members of the Board, you may send a letter to the school or leave a message at the Reid Traditional Schools office, (623)478-2344.

Health Office

Please remember to send a water bottle with your child every day. It is important to remain well hydrated, especially with our rising temperatures.

If your child receives any immunizations over the summer, please remember to update the Health Office with a copy of the record. They may be mailed or faxed to 623-516-2703 to our school office.

Any medication in the Health Office needs to be picked up by the last day of school. It will not be kept over the summer for next year.

Staff Changes for Next Year

Congratulations to Mrs. Szostak, the principal at Painted Rock Academy, on her retirement at the end of the 2013-14 school year. She will be missed as their principal, but will still be a part of both campuses as a valued substitute. We wish Mrs. Szostak well and are happy that she does not plan on going too far. In addition, we would like to wish a warm welcome and congratulations to Miss McMillan, who will be the new principal at Painted Rock Academy. We are happy for her and her new assistant principal, Mr. Bauer. It is wonderful to see such a strong team carry on the values of Reid Traditional Schools. Good Luck and Best wishes!



Year End Parties

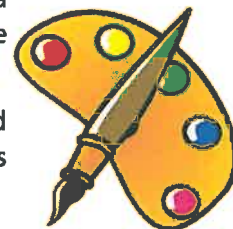
Remember that year end parties are for current students of Valley Academy. Valley Academy prohibits former students, minor siblings, friends of students, and underage relatives from attending class parties. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sports News Hello, sports fans! Another year has come and gone for Valley Athletics. We just completed our first ever track season and did wonderfully. Our students had the opportunity to showcase their running prowess against four other schools, and some even earned the opportunity to run under the lights on a college track. Our soccer team has just wrapped up a grueling regular season and is getting ready for a playoff run that is sure to be exciting. Great job this year to all Valley athletes. Way to go Coyotes!

ART NEWS

Come to the annual School-wide Art Show! On Friday, May 2nd, every student will have work on display during the Book Fair's Family Fun Night. Take a tour of the hallways and stop by the Art Room to enjoy a feast for the eyes! Valley Academy's National Junior Art Honor Society members will also give art demonstrations and guide art visitors.

More great news: Congratulations to Kate E. and Bhavagna Y! Both had their artwork selected by the Arizona Department of Education for a statewide student art show in Tucson this summer. Go Valley!



Big Preschool News!

Thank you to our wonderful preschool teachers, Miss McCartney and Miss Agee and their incredible aides, Mrs. Baczynski and Mrs. Modi. It takes such special people to be able to work with our youngest Valley Academy students. Whenever I am able to stop by the preschool I am amazed at how much the students have learned and grown this school year.

We are looking forward to next year when we are making some big changes to our preschool. Next year we will no longer be offering three-year-old preschool. We will be offering two full-time classes for only four-year-olds. By moving to a full day program we will be giving our teachers more time to get students ready for our kindergarten. We are looking forward to these changes and are happy so many of our current three-year-olds have already registered.

If you have questions regarding our new full time program, please feel free to contact me. Have a wonderful summer!
Mrs. Browne, Preschool Director

Proper Dress Code Starts at Home...

Please remember that Valley Academy has a dress standard, and it is expected that students come to school in appropriate attire throughout the entire school year. Even though the school year is coming to a close, it is still expected that students follow all parts of the dress code. Please take a look at your children's uniforms. Your children have grown over the school year. Pants and skirts might be getting short, shorts may be getting tight, or they are just wearing out. You might consider stopping by the VAPO room to trade some of the uniforms your children have outgrown for the next bigger sizes. Students are reminded not to wear dark nail polish, more than one earring per ear, or unnatural make-up. Hair must be a natural color. Please make sure when you send your child to school that he or she is in proper dress code.



Band News

Spring Concert Time! First, I just want to say a quick thank you to everyone who attended the performance of the beginning and advanced bands at the Spring Festival. Parents and family are always the most important audience to our young performers. The Valley Academy Bands have been working diligently on new rhythms, high and low notes, and new musical arrangements. They have come a long way since the first day, it is very exciting!

Please mark your calendars:

Beginning and Advanced Bands Spring Concert will be Thursday, May 8th, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room

See you at the concert!

Mr. Laird, Band Director

Chorus News

Choir has a busy month ahead. We will be performing at the Book Fair on Friday, May 2nd at 6:00 p.m. There is a combined Choir / Band concert on May 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the M.P.R. I encourage any student considering joining choir or band next year to attend and see what you have to look forward to learning.

Mrs. Wright, Chorus Teacher

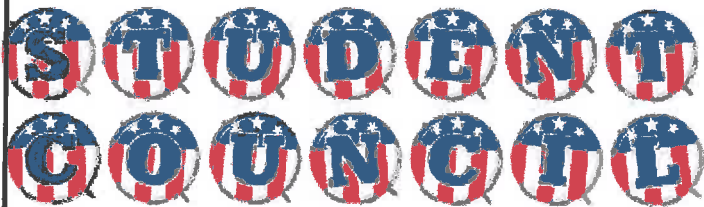
Sports Awards Recognition Night

May 12, 2014 is a special night for our student athletes. At 6:30 p.m. in the M.P.R. Mrs. Browne, our Athletic Director, along with our coaches, will celebrate all of the students who participated in athletics. Invitations have been sent out and a great turnout is expected. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Browne at school, extension 115.

Scrabble Club

Scrabble Club has been a lot of fun this year. We had a bigger group of students than in years past. This provided more discussion of words and challenge with the students getting ideas from each other. The students enjoyed trying to get words that went with a certain theme to earn mints or fruit snacks. The most fun was hearing students explain how their word went with the theme. This year, Ms. Jubb joined Ms. Vig and myself as co-facilitators. Her input and ideas were very welcome. All three of us are looking forward to starting again next year.

Mrs. Freeland, Facilitator



Student Council would like to thank everyone who has helped make this year so great! The 7th and 8th grade dance was a huge hit!

Movie Night was a blast. The Student Council members did a great job helping to run it. The members of the 2013-2014 Valley Academy Student Council were great to work with!

Thank you for your continued support!

Mrs. Licano, Mrs. Simon, and Miss Cunningham

From The Valley Academy Parent Organization

Dear Valley Parents,

It has been my honor to serve this school and represent you this school year as VAPO President. As I look back and reflect on this school year, I want you to know a few things. I had the privilege of being a tour guide this year to families who are researching schools and are interested in coming to Valley Academy. This opened my eyes to a few things. We are blessed. We have awesome teachers, a great staff, and wonderful administration. I'm so excited that Valley is here to welcome parents and their input. No school is perfect, but I think Valley comes really close, after talking to other parents from other schools.

On that note, please consider stepping up to be one of 12-VAPO Council Members. We are in need of 4-5 more parents or guardians to volunteer for a two-year commitment of ten hours a month and to be a committee leader. VAPO does a lot to support our children and this school, but can't possibly do every event next school year, without a full 12-member Council.

VAPO Elections are held at the May 13, 2014 VAPO meeting at 8:15 a.m. Please fill out an application to serve on the VAPO Council from the office by May 8, 2014.

Thanks for your consideration,

Mrs. Nuttall

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Volunteer News

The Volunteer Family for the Month of March was the McLemore family. To earn this honor the McLemore family volunteered 26.5 hours! Congratulations and thank you so much for your dedication! We love families like you! VAPO members and other families who have already won Volunteer of the Month in this school year are not eligible. The following families volunteered over 25 hours:

McKinnon*	167.25	Chapin*	28.75
Mathur*	92.50	McCulloch	28.25
Day	39.00	McLemore	26.50
Smith	38.00	Estrada	25.00
Nuttall*	31.50		

*Denotes VAPO Council Board member 2013-14

Reminder to all Parents: Approximately three dozen volunteer hours couldn't be recorded this month due to incorrect listing of the child's name or because the handwriting was not readable. Your child's name must be the name on file at Valley Academy NOT a nickname. Please remember when you are completing the volunteer forms you must include both first and last names of your student and yourself and print legibly.

Book Fair/Family Fun Night

We are having a great spring Book Fair and Book Drive. I want to thank all the wonderful volunteers; without you we couldn't do it! The money raised will be used to purchase new books and resources for your children to use while in the library and for their school reports. We hope everyone will visit our Book Fair and Family Fun Night. Have a great and safe summer.

Mrs. Snyder

VAPO Library Chairperson

Honor Roll Ceremony

On May 20, 2014 we will be having two Honor Roll Ceremonies at Sandra Day O'Connor High School. The ceremonies recognize students, who have earned Honor Roll at least three out of four quarters. Parents, we will need your help that night with set up and clean up and with the refreshments table. If you are able to lend a hand, please contact Mrs. Laswell at (602)359-6186 or amandalaswell@gmail.com

Caught Being Good The last *Caught Being Good* for this year will be held May 22nd during lunch. Students, don't forget your tickets!



Student News

The 8th grade committee would like to thank all of the awesome 7th and 8th grade parents who volunteered throughout the year. We are very excited about the upcoming Promotion and Dinner/Dance event. Our amazing parents and 8th graders worked hard to make these events possible. THANK YOU!



Box Tops/Labels for the month of April

Mrs. Johnson, Kindergarten	653
Ms. Schambach, 2nd Grade	615
Ms. Jubb, 1st grade	491
Miss Gross, 4th Grade	446
Mrs. Lewandowsky, 5th Grade	430

Overall Contest Class Leaders

Mrs. Keely, 3rd grade	3664
Ms. Schambach, 2nd grade	2761
Mrs. Henry, 5th grade	2506
Mrs. Freeman, 5th grade	1926
Miss Gross, 4th grade	1827
Mrs. Lewandowsky, 5th grade	1786
Ms. Jubb, 1st grade	1677
Mrs. Johnson, Kindergarten	1570
Mrs. Freeland, 2nd grade	1485
Mrs. Calderon, 2nd grade	1478

Hello Parents,

Thank you for participating in the labels for education submission. It helps our school tremendously. May 2, 2014 will be our last collection day. Please send in all the Box Tops, Labels for Education, and Prang Power UPC's. The top three collecting classes will earn pizza and/or ice cream parties.
Thank you.

Class of 2014!

Just a quick reminder about some upcoming dates that need to be marked in your date book!

- May 1st - Pictures due for promotion video
- May 2nd - RSVP's and money for dinner due
- May 9th - 4:00 p.m. Dinner decorations night in MPR
- May 10th - 6:00 p.m. Dinner at Valley Academy
- May 10th - 8:00 p.m. Dance at Valley Academy for 7th/and 8th grade
- May 20th - 8th grade Breakfast, Field Trip
- May 21st - 8th grade promotion rehearsal, lunch at Deer Valley Park
- May 22nd - 8:15 a.m. Transport decorations and gowns to North Hills and decorating
- May 22nd - 7:00 p.m. Promotion at North Hills Church
- May 23rd - Last day of school PARTY!

Also, just a reminder that your 8th grade child can wear their promotion shirt to school each Friday for the rest of the year. Your 8th grader may also wear their promotion shirt to school on May 20th for the field trip and on May 21st for the rehearsal at North Hills Church.

Mr. Harford
VAPO 8th Grade Committee
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May 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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VAPO Book Fair All Week →						
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25	26 Offices Closed Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31
		School Office Hours May 27-August 1 Monday through Thursday 7:30-4:00 p.m. Office Closed June 30-July 6 Independence Week				