



REID TRADITIONAL SCHOOLS' Valley Academy



Principal's Message

As February arrives I think about how fast the school year is flying by. I think about all of the wonderful people that I interact with each day. I think of the beautiful faces of the students on campus that I have the honor to connect with and the staff that leads them daily on their path of growth.

I also assess our progress as a school to educate our students so that they reach their full potential. I oversee many factors that contribute to our success including our teachers, methods of instruction, curriculum, and students as a whole. I review data, do observations, and connect as much as possible to our school including its climate and culture. We focus strongly on academics while not forgetting that our students are whole children needing many things to flourish.

There are many factors that make us who we are, and I truly believe in what we do here. I am proud of the work we do and of the people who are a part of our organization. Valley Academy is not just a school, is it a community. I appreciate all of you who have made the choice to be a part of our community and I look forward to our future together.

As I close, I would like to bring to your attention that February is heart health month. In P.E. your children will be learning about healthy bodies and participating in the Jump Rope for Heart program through the American Heart Association. In addition, our staff will be wearing red to increase awareness. As a school we will finish the month off with our participation in the Boosterthon fundraiser which will be included in our fun and healthy Field Day for our students. I hope to see you here.

My best,



Mrs. Wilber, M.Ed.

February 2014 Newsletter

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Principal/Asst. Principal:	ext. 115
Business Issues:	ext. 116
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IMPORTANT DATES

February 2014

- 5 Progress Reports go home
 - 6 Student Council
Valentine Gram sales begin
 - 7 Spirit Day
 - 11 VAPO meeting 8:15 a.m.
 - 13 VAPO hosted breakfast for our staff
 - 14 Class Parties 11:15 a.m.
Early Release 12:15 p.m.
Parent Teacher Conferences
 - 17 No School Presidents' Day
 - 20 Read In 8:00 a.m.
Caught Being Good giveaway
 - 27 Field Day Grades 1-3
 - 27 School Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.
District Office
 - 28 Field Day Grades 4-6
- March 2014
- 1 Spring Festival 11:00-4:00

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 News

Mrs. Susan McIver, R.N. & Ms. Melissa Lintz, R.N.

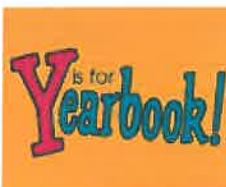
Achooo... We are in the middle of cold and flu season. Your donation of cough drops for sore throats and peppermint lifesavers for tummy aches would be greatly appreciated.

Please remember , if your child has a fever they must stay home from school and not return until they have been fever free for twenty four hours.

Attendance

If your child is absent, please remember to call the attendance line at (623) 516-7747 ext. 108, by 9:00 a.m. Please leave and spell the first and last name of your child. If this information cannot be understood, we will be unable to excuse the absence. You can also report your child's absence online at www.valleyacademy.com. If you wish to request homework, please do so at that time.

Teachers must be given appropriate time to gather the work. **Homework requested after 11:00 a.m. will not be available until the next day.**



TIME IS RUNNING OUT!! Please remember to place your order for a 2013-14 Valley Academy Yearbook prior to February 7th. Our pre-sale price is no longer available, but sales continue at \$17.00 per book. Books

will be delivered during the last week of school.

Students will have the opportunity to have friends and staff members autograph their books the day after they are delivered. **REMINDER:** Extra books will NOT be available for purchase in May.

Thank you!

Yearbook Sponsors



Box Tops for Education Monthly Tally

November

- 1st place 6th grade Mr. Smith- 612
- 2nd place 2nd grade Ms. Schambach- 430
- 3rd place 7th grade Miss Cunningham - 393
- 4th place 2nd grade Miss Malick - 347
- 5th place 4th grade Ms. Ray - 303

December

- 1st place 5th grade Mrs. Freeman - 337
- 2nd place 2nd grade Ms. Schambach - 296
- 3rd place 6th grade Mrs. Biesemeyer - 259
- 4th place 3rd grade Mrs. Mettes - 250
- 5th place 5th grade Mrs. Henry - 241

Yearly Class Leaders up to December

- 1st place 3rd grade Mrs. Keely-2478
- 2nd place 5th grade Mrs. Henry-1882
- 3rd place 2nd grade Ms. Schambach -1595
- 4th place 2nd grade Mrs. Calderon-1037
- 5th place 2nd grade Mrs. Freeland-949
- 6th place 6th grade Mr. Smith-946
- 7th place Kindergarten Mrs. Trotter-899
- 8th place 3rd grade Mrs. Breshears-829
- 9th place 2nd grade Miss Malick-797
- 10th place 3rd grade Mrs. Mettes - 792

Valentine Classroom Parties

Classroom Valentine parties will be held on February 14th at 11:15 a.m. Remember that a visitor's badge or a Valley Academy picture ID must be worn while on campus. Please remember that it is against Valley Academy's policy to bring small children, siblings, and/or friends of students on campus while visiting the classroom parties. Also, no red colored drinks are allowed at classroom parties, and all food must be store bought. Dress code will be enforced. Please respect our campus rules and have fun at the parties!

Valley Academy 6th-8th grade students were inducted into the National Jr. Art Honor Society in a special ceremony this month! Please congratulate them as they develop art scholarship, leadership, and character. Valley Academy's chapter of the NJAHS meets after school every Tuesday, except for the first Tuesday of the month.



Student Information Page

Read-In

On February 20th, Valley Academy will host its annual Read- In. We invite members of our community to read their favorite story and answer questions from our students. We will have our Student Council accompany each of our readers and assist in the success of our Read-In. Be sure to ask your child about it.



Student Council in action!

Valley Academy Student Council would like to thank our Valley families for helping out with our Salvation Army clothing, food, and toy drive! It was a huge success! We were able to donate over 11,800 items to those in need last holiday season! The Salvation Army representative said it was the most he has ever seen from one school, so we should all feel very proud!

Next up for the Valley Academy Student Council is our annual Valentine Gram sale! We will be selling Valentine's Day Lollipops for \$1 from February 6th to February 13th. Each lollipop will come with a personalized message from the person who buys it, and it will be distributed by Student Council Reps during the Valentine's Day parties on February 14th. Buy them for your friends and teachers. Parents, you can even surprise your children with a Valentine Gram! All proceeds go to student activities.

See Mrs. Simon, Miss Cunningham, or Mrs. Licano for details!

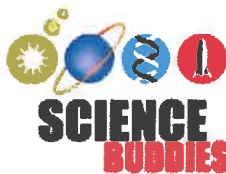
STUDENT COUNCIL

Hello Sports Fans!

Basketball season is in full swing, and your Valley Coyotes Boys' Basketball team has been laying it on the line for the last month. We are half way through the season and find ourselves in a tough spot. It has been rough, with some stiff competition, but we are ready for the remainder of the season with more home games, and the possibility of dribbling into the tournament. Please check our Valley Academy website for times and locations. Don't forget the game on February 12th at Painted Rock, our sister school. This will be the first athletic battle between Reid Traditional Schools. Make sure you bring your own chair because seating is limited.



The girls' basketball team is off to a great start with a few wins under our belts and we hope to continue on towards another successful year for the girls! Our next home game is February 3rd at 4:00 p.m. against Adams. Be sure to come out and support your coyotes!
Miss McCartney, Coach
Mr. Woodbury, Coach



Science Buddies Science Buddies has just kicked off the second semester! A curious group of fourth and fifth graders meets every Thursday to explore the world of science through exciting hands-on projects that are a blast – sometimes literally! Led by Mrs. Lewandowsky, Mrs. Freeman, and Mrs. Christopher, Science Buddies offers the opportunity to engage in fun, yet academic based projects that enhance our curriculum. We are always updating our projects to find the best variety. Although we are full for this year, please make it a point to sign up next year!

Planning for Eighth Grade Promotion is underway. We have a lot of volunteer opportunities that can be completed at home or at school. If you are interested in helping please contact Mrs. Brock at [\(605\)571-1179](tel:6055711179) or jennybrock@cox.net

CLASS OF 2014

VAPO Information Page

Volunteer of the Month

The Volunteer Family for the Month of December was **The Smith Family**. To earn this honor The Smith family volunteered 35 hours! Congratulations and thank you so much for your dedication! We love families like you! The following families volunteered over 25 hours:
Smith Family 35 hours Mathur Family* 30 hours

*Denotes VAPO Council Board member 2013-2014

Reminder to all Parents: Please remember when you are completing the volunteer forms you must include both **first and last names** of yourself and your child, and don't forget to **print legibly**.

Donations We need your help finding donations for our raffle room during spring festival. If your company or a company you know would like to donate a product or a service please contact Mrs. Chapin at hiedi.chapin@cox.net

The **Staff Appreciation Committee** is asking for volunteers to help prepare and serve a Valentine-themed breakfast buffet for the entire Valley Academy Staff on Thursday, February 13th between 6:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. If you would like to participate either with preparing/purchasing food, setting up, serving, or cleaning up, please go to www.signupgenius.com. You do not need to have an account to participate. Simply click on "Find a Sign Up," type in tamaradevans@gmail.com, and choose the "February Staff Breakfast." You will be able to pick the food item(s) of your choice and/or time to assist with the event. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Evans at [\(602\)799-6593](tel:6027996593). Thank you!



VAPO Meeting - 2nd Tuesday of every month
This month it is Tuesday, February 11th at 8:15 a.m. All are invited. Please join us.

Dear Parents,

This month is a busy one at Valley Academy. We have a class party on February 14th from 11:15 - 12:15 p.m. All supplies for your class baskets are due to your HRP on that same date, February 14th. If you are the parent in your class putting the basket together, it is due Thursday, February 20th wrapped in clear cellophane, a typed list of items in the basket and approximate value. Then Boosterthon, our main fundraiser for this semester kicks off February 18th. I have visions of this being very successful, so much so that we could stop doing Cookie Dough and have only one fundraiser for the whole year. Field Day and the Boosterthon Fun Run are on February 27-28th. Then Spring Festival, the BEST party of the year, is Saturday, March 1, 2014 (rain date, March 29, 2014).

I know we ask a lot of our parents this month. I want to say thank you, and I feel your pain. If you are available, we need you this month. There are lots of GOOD things going on, but no one person should feel the weight of planning and carrying out these activities. Please take a minute and volunteer. There are many names and contact numbers list in this newsletter. Email or call one of them today. You will make someone's day and feel good when you volunteer. Thanks for being the best parents of any school I know.

Mrs. Nuttall
VAPO President

Student Recognition Committee needs your help! If you are able and willing to help out with Caught Being Good once a month at lunchtime, we need you! Also, all 3rd - 8th grade Honor Roll parents, we have a great need for a team of parents to plan the Honor Roll Reception in May. Planning meetings should start in February, but right now there is no one. Will you help us? Please take a minute and contact Mrs. Laswell at amandalaswell@gmail.com (623)742-5129

Caught Being Good is February 20th this month. Do you know what this program does? Our staff has Caught Being Good "tickets" and hands them out when they witness a good deed. Once a month, the students can bring their tickets to lunch to redeem a prize. It's an awesome program. If your child has a Caught Being Good ticket, remind them to bring it to lunch on Thursday, February 20th.

Boosterthon is coming! Not sure what this is? Check out this more than a run video here: www.morethanarun.com

Here are some times and dates for you:

Boosterthon Pep Rallies and Kick Off : February 18th during recess or lunch recess for K-8th grades.

VAPO hands prizes to students: Feb 19, 20, 21 - Volunteers needed. Can you help?

Boosterthon Team Huddle Schedule: February 24, 25, 26,

Location – Corner of the Basketball Court

9:30-9:45 a.m.	1 st and 2 nd grades
9:45-10:00 a.m.	3 rd and 4 th grades
11:30-11:45 a.m.	Kindergarten in their playground area.
11:45-12:00 p.m.	5 th and 6 th grades
12:35-12:50 p.m.	7 th and 8 th grades

Boosterthon Fun Runs: Feb 27th & 28th

Location: Field – Students run in Boosterthon half of their Field Day time, then spend the other half at rotations.

Feb 27th

12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.	1 st grade
1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.	2 nd and 3 rd grades

Feb 28th

8:15 a.m. -9:15 a.m.	7 th and 8 th grades
10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Kindergarten
12:20 p.m.-1:20 p.m.	5 th and 6 th grades
1:20 p.m.-2:20 p.m.	4 th grade

*****We will need 5-8 volunteers per Fun Run to help hydrate students*****

Field Days for 1st - 6th grades are coming up on February 27 and 28! We are looking for volunteers to help run the games and rotate with the students. We will need 4 to 8 volunteers each day to run the field day portion of events. Parents are encouraged to attend this event! Bring a chair and water bottles. Please contact Mr. Harford if you can volunteer at rick.harford@gmail.com or (602) 619-7896

Times and Date for Field Days for each grade:

Thursday, February 27, 2014

12:00 - 2:00 p.m.	1 st and 2 nd grades
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	3 rd grade

Friday, February 28, 2014

12:20 - 2:20 p.m.	5 th and 6 th grades
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	4 th grade



February 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 Progress Reports	6 Student Council Valentine Gram Sales begin	7 Spirit Day	8
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March 1, 2014
11:00am - 1:00pm

Valley Academy 2014 Spring Festival

Jungle Jazz Safari

10 Wristband Attractions



Presale
Wristbands & Ticket Flyer
COMING SOON!
Buy early and save.
Preorders due February 22, 2014
Buy wristbands & tickets at the table in front of the office before and after school on Thursday, Feb 29th & Friday, Feb 28th.
Wristbands and Ticket prices go up the day of the event

Are you willing to loan an item or two?

LOOKING FOR:

- Boy Scout & Girl Scout Troops
- Canopies
- Coolers
- Jungle or Safari related décor
- Volunteers
- Raffle Room Volunteers
- Store Bought Cupcakes

(Donations welcome for cupcake walk)

Contact Mrs. Combs

jodykay5@gmail.com 480-254-6612

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Performers on Stage:

If you want to perform on stage contact Mrs. Combs at 480 254 6612

- Valley Academy Chorus
- Valley Academy Beginning /Advanced Band
- Valley Academy Cheerleaders
- AZ Instruction Jr. Cheerleaders
- AZ Instruction Jr. Dancers

Raffle items for class baskets

Turn into your homeroom parent by February 14th!

Do you know of a business that would be willing to donate to the raffle?

Contact Mrs. Chapin
hiedi.chapin@cox.net



**COME FOR THE RIDES,
STAY FOR THE SHOWS!**

Special Thanks to the Art Contest winners:

- 1st Place (shown to the left) Ashwin M.
- 2nd Place Akarsh J.
- 3rd Place Tanvi K.
- Honorable Mention Dhanya L. & Daniel Z.

These 5 student will receive an award and certificate redeemable for game tickets to the festival. Great job to all who entered the art contest.





Valley Academy

-Lunch Menu-



Lunch Pass = \$3.00




Extra Pizza = \$1.25



Extra Milk = 50¢



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2/3 <i>Choice #1</i> Chicken Dippers <i>Choice #2</i> Veg. Mini Ravioli	<i>Choice #1</i> Teriyaki Glazed Chicken <i>Choice #2</i> Veg. Cheese Pizza	<i>Choice #1</i> Chicken Fajita Salad <i>Choice #2</i> Veg. 3 Cheese Panini	Pizza	<i>Choice #1</i> Spaghetti & Meatballs <i>Choice #2</i> Veg. Pizza Dippers Spirit Day!
2/10 <i>Choice #1</i> Mini Corn Dogs & Chicken Fun Mix <i>Choice #2</i> Veg. 3 Cheese Panini	<i>Choice #1</i> Meatball Sub <i>Choice #2</i> Veg. Pizza Dippers	<i>Choice #1</i> Crispy Chicken Fillet <i>Choice #2</i> Veg. Bean & Cheese Burrito	Pizza	Valentine's Day Party Early Release
2/17 NO School Presidents Day! 	<i>Choice #1</i> BBQ Chicken <i>Choice #2</i> Veg. Cheese Pizza	<i>Choice #1</i> Chicken Fajita Salad <i>Choice #2</i> Veg. 3 Cheese Panini	Pizza	<i>Choice #1</i> Hot Dog <i>Choice #2</i> Veg. Macaroni & Cheese
2/24 <i>Choice #1</i> Chicken Dippers <i>Choice #2</i> Veg. Bean & Cheese Burrito	<i>Choice #1</i> Beef Burrito <i>Choice #2</i> Veg. Cheese Pizza	<i>Choice #1</i> Cheeseburger <i>Choice #2</i> Veg. 3 Cheese Panini	Pizza	<i>Choice #1</i> Penne Pasta <i>Choice #2</i> Veg. Pizza Dippers

All lunches include Milk and Salad Bar—Menu subject to change.



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