



REID TRADITIONAL SCHOOLS' Valley Academy



Dear Valley Academy Families,

The weather forecast is predicting rain for this weekend, but for the last several weeks it has felt like spring had arrived early. Trees are budding, flowers are blooming and your children are blossoming! We can see how much they have grown and changed over these last few months.

This early spring brings with it a lot of activity here on campus. There is excitement about our Spring Festival; the junior high students are getting ready for their Spring Dance; and the Field Day was a big hit. With all of this activity outside of our classrooms we need to remember to "keep our eye on the ball" when it comes to academics. So much learning is still taking place in our classrooms and sometime students tend to lose focus this time of year. Please remind your children of the importance of staying focused and learning as much as they can. AIM's testing is coming up and it will give them an opportunity to show just how much they have learned so far this school year.

Along with academic growth, comes physical growth. Take a peek at your children when they are heading out the door in the morning. They have grown taller. This is that time of year when their uniforms are getting shorter and tighter. We like to see our Valley Academy students looking neat in appearance and have their clothes fitting well. If you can let out hems to help, we appreciate it. Otherwise, remember that gently used uniforms are always available in the VAPO room, to help you get through the school year with properly fitting uniforms.

Remind your children that school continues until the end of May and we need to continue to work hard and follow the school's dress code right up until summer break.

Happy Early Spring!

Mrs. Browne

Mrs. Browne
Assistant Principal

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IMPORTANT DATES

March 2014

- 5 8th Grade Promotion Pictures
- 7 Spirit Day
- 7/8 Grade Spring Dance
- 7/8 Grade Softball Game
- 10 Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.
- 11 VAPO Meeting 8:15 a.m.
- 12 Harkins Movie Orders Due
- 14 Early Release 12:15 p.m.
- Staff Development Day
- End of 3rd Quarter
- 17-21 Spring Break
- 24 Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.
- 26 Report Cards go home
- 27 Caught Being Good Give Away
- School Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 28 8th Grade Group Picture
- 29 Spring Festival

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.**



Spring Break Schedule

Early Release 12:15 p.m.

March 14, 2014

No School

March 17-21, 2014

VAPO would like to thank ALL of the parents who supported the Boosterthon by asking your friends, family, dentists, doctors, and acquaintances to become a sponsor. We are so close to our goal of raising \$15,000.00 that we are keeping the website and pledges open for an additional two weeks. All prizes will be honored for pledges received after the fun run. We will be working with Boosterthon to collect all of the pledges in the next few weeks! You made this possible! THANK YOU!



Box Tops for Education Monthly Tally

January leaders

1st grade - Miss Faber - 288
2nd grade - Mrs. Freeland - 237
4th grade - Miss Gross - 186
3rd grade - Mrs. Keely - 182
Kindergarten - Miss Hauser - 180

February leaders

4th grade - Miss Gross - 492
5th grade - Mrs. Lewandowsky - 439
3rd grade - Miss Crabtree - 342
2nd grade - Ms. Schambach - 322
6th grade - Mrs. Biesemeyer - 246

Yearly leaders

3rd grade - Mrs. Keely 2753
5th grade - Mrs. Henry 2086
2nd grade - Ms. Schambach 2012
4th grade - Miss Gross 1336
2nd grade - Mrs. Freeland 1299
5th grade - Mrs. Lewandowsky 1272
2nd grade - Mrs. Calderon 1255
2nd grade - Miss Malick 1202
Kindergarten - Mrs. Trotter 1078
3rd grade - Mrs. Mettes 1093



Student Information Page

**CLASS
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2014**

Wednesday, March 5, 2014 Eighth grade students will have picture day in a dressy outfit that follows school standards.

Friday, March 7th at 1:00 p.m. The 7th and 8th grade softball game will be held in the field. Parents are welcome to come watch and cheer on their favorite team!

2014 Class T-shirts will be available to order. For more information, please contact Mrs. Leuders at lueders4@gmail.com or pick up an order form in the office. All 8th grade students will be requested to wear their shirts on Friday, March 28th for class pictures first thing in the morning. The 8th grade students may then wear their class shirts every Friday until the end of the school year.

8th Grade Decoration Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at Mrs. Snyder's home at 6:00 p.m. For more information, contact Mrs. Snyder at phxsnyderfamily@yahoo.com or (623)587-9678.

8th Grade Promotion Planning Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at Mrs. Harford's home at 6:00 p.m. For more information, contact Mrs. Harford at sellaz@cox.net or (602)619-7895.

Valley Academy Coyote car window decals are for sale for \$8. The white decals are available to families of all grade levels to purchase and will be available at the Spring Festival, later this month. Please contact Mrs. Ho if you are interested at may.vapo@gmail.com or (623) 670-3387.

**Harkins
Theatres**
ULTIMATE MOVIEGOING™

Harkins Summer Movie Fun order forms are due Wednesday, March 12, 2014. This is a great inexpensive way to entertain your family over the summer. Don't miss out! The order is being sent home Monday, March 3rd with your child.

What an amazing season the Lady Coyotes had! The girls really proved that hard work and perseverance pay off. I could not be more proud of them for bringing home another trophy for Valley Academy! Thank you to all of the parents, players, and fans for helping us to have such an awesome season! To all of my basketball stars out there, remember: Champions are made in the off season! See you all on the court next year!

Coach McCartney

Hello Sports Fans!

Well, another season has come to an end at Valley Academy. This year's boys' basketball team, while in a rebuilding year, fought hard but lost a tough quarter final match up. The boys had a great season and made tremendous growth. Well, as they say, as one door closes another one opens for Valley athletics. We are on to soccer and our first ever track season. Tryouts get underway the first week of March. We are looking forward to another exciting and entertaining season from our talented athletes. See you all on the field and at the track.



**STUDENT
COUNCIL**

It has been a busy month for Student Council! During the month of February, student council representatives sold candy grams to students to celebrate Valentine's Day. All together, over 800 pieces of candy were sold and distributed! Student Council would like to thank every student or parent who supported us by purchasing one. Coming up in March, we will be sponsoring 7th and 8th Grade's Spring Dance. The dance will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room on Friday, March 7 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Thank you,

Mrs. Simon, Mrs. Licano, and Miss Cunningham

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 or jennybrock@cox.net

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VAPO Information Page

**HELP
WANTED**



Calling all 3rd -8th grade Honor Roll families!

We need you! The big Honor Roll Ceremony is scheduled and now we need to start planning. We are looking for parents to help Mrs. Laswell, a

kindergarten parent, plan this event. We need volunteers to make invitations and programs, and purchase refreshments. Help is needed to pick out and order the trophies and ribbons. We will also need a crew of parents for the decorating committee. Please contact Mrs.

Laswell and let's get planning!

amandalaswell@gmail.com

Caught Being Good is March 27th 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, March 27th.



Volunteer of the Month The Volunteer Family for the Month of January was **The Smith Family**. The Smith family volunteered 52 hours! Congratulations and thank you so much for your dedication! We love families like you!

The following families volunteered over 25 hours:

Rachel Smith	52.00
Meghna Mathur*	38.00
Adriana Iugan	27.00

*Denotes VAPO Council Board member 2013-14

Reminder to all Parents: 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.

Dear Valley Families,

We made it! It's March. The busy month of February is over and I want to say THANK YOU! I'm sure everyone had a great Read In, Fun Run, Field Day, and class party. Enjoy your March and especially your Spring Break! Be safe and don't forget to volunteer at the upcoming Spring Festival on March 29, 2014. If you don't know where to sign up to volunteer, contact me.

Many hands, make light work,

Mrs. Nuttall

VAPO President

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Valley Academy Parents,

Did you know that you are part of the Valley Academy Parent Organization? Have you ever wondered how you can help or get more involved in fundraisers, helping to choose curriculum and books, and organize extra school activities? As a VAPO parent, you have the unique opportunity to be a part of an organization that makes our school great! In May, the current VAPO Council will be holding open elections for the 2014-2015 VAPO Council, and there will be committees that will need new leaders. Many of our current VAPO Council Chairpersons work for outside employers, so don't think you can't help because you work. We need parents like you who are committed to making Valley Academy a continued success! Please feel free to contact any current VAPO Council Chairperson with any questions, join us at an upcoming VAPO meeting, or stop by the front office for your application. We look forward to working with you!

VAPO Council

Twelve Members Strong!

VAPO Meeting - 2nd Tuesday of every month

This month it is Tuesday, March 11th at 8:15 a.m. All are invited. Please join us.

Spring Festival is to be fun and eventful not cold, wet and dreadful.
Thunderstorms and rain are heading towards us
to turn our Jungle Jazz Safari in to a rain forest!

Due to the weather conditions, the Spring Festival “Jungle Jazz Safari” that was scheduled for this Saturday, March 1st, has been moved to the rain delay date of March 29, 2014.

What does this mean? Everything for you would remain the same, but the event would be postponed until Saturday, March 29th. We will still need you as volunteers at your class booth on the new date. Some events could change a little, but overall it will still be an amazing Spring Festival!

Pre-Sale Tickets will be available for purchase before and after school on Thursday, March 27th & Friday, March 28th.

Pictures of the raffle baskets are available for preview online and in the front office.

We know you are looking forward to dunking our teachers and staff in the dunk tank. The rain delay gives you a little more time to keep practicing and warm up those throwing arms.

We appreciate your support in making this fun filled event a wonderful success.

-The VAPO Governing Council & The Spring Festival Committee

Our last book fair of the year is April 28th – May 2nd. Now is a great time to fulfill your monthly volunteer commitment. We need help in the Fiesta Biblioteca and Family Fun Night. Family Fun Night will be May 2, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. There will be lots of great books, fun, games, entertainment and yummy food. Meetings will be each Wednesday at 8:15 a.m. in the VAPO room starting March 12th.



To help during Family Fun Night contact Mrs. Chapin at (623)203-4478 or hiedi.chapin@cox.net. A sign up genius will post up shortly and a link will be sent out shortly to sign up for both the Fiesta Book Fair and Family Fun Night. Any questions about the book fair please contact me, Mrs. Snyder at tracey@traceybsnyder.com or (602)722-9092.

March 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Spring Festival Postponed Until March 29th
2	3	4	5 8th Grade Promotion Picture Day	6	7 Spirit Day 7th/8th Gr. Softball Game Student Council 7th/8th Gr. Dance 6-8:30 p.m.	8
9	10 Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.	11 VAPO Meeting 8:15 a.m.	12	13 Preschool Picture Day	14 End of 3rd Quarter Early Release 12:15 Dismissal Staff Development	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Spring Break No School						
23	24 Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.	25	26 Report Cards Go Home	27 Caught Being Good Give Away Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. District Office	28 8th Grade Group Picture Day	29 Spring Festival 11:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Valley Academy

2014—2015 School Year

July 2014

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August 2014

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September 2014

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December 2014

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August

Aug 8 Meet Your Teacher
Aug 11 First Day of School

September

Sept 1 No School-Labor Day
Sept 5 Spirit Day
Sept 17 Progress Reports
Sept 19 Early Release-Staff Development

October

Oct 3 Spirit Day
Oct 13 No School-Columbus Day/Staff Dev.
Oct 17 End of 1st Quarter
Oct 22 Report cards go home
Oct 23-24 Early Release-Conferences

November

Nov 7 Spirit Day
Nov 10 No School - Staff Development
Nov 11 No School - Veterans' Day
Nov 19 Progress Reports
Nov 26-28 No School-Thanksgiving Break

December

Dec 5 Spirit Day
Dec 19 Early Release-Winter Break
Dec 19 End of 2nd Quarter
Dec 22-Jan 2 No School-Winter Break

January

Jan 5 School Resumes
Jan 7 Report cards go home
Jan 9 Spirit Day
Jan 16 Early Release-Staff Development
Jan 19 No School-MLK Day
Jan 21 100th Day
*100th Day + 100% attendance = 100% funding
Please make every effort to be in school today!*

February

Feb 6 Spirit Day
Feb 11 Progress Reports
Feb 13 Early Release-Conferences
Feb 16 No School-Presidents Day

March

Mar 6 Spirit Day
Mar 13 End of 3rd Quarter
Mar 13 Early Release-Staff Development
Mar 16-20 No School-Spring Break
Mar 25 Report cards go home

April

Apr 3 No School - Spring Day Recess
Apr 10 Spirit Day
Apr 13-17 Standardized Test Week
Apr 22 Progress Reports
Apr 24 Early Release-Staff Development

May

May 1 Spirit Day
May 22 Early Release-Last Day of School
May 25 Memorial Day-Office Closed

January 2015

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February 2015

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March 2015

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April 2015

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May 2015

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KEY

- = No School
- = Early Release
- = End of Qtr.
- = Spirit Day
- = Testing
- = Progress/Report Cards
- = First & Last Day of School
- = 100th Day of School