

# School News

September 2014



**VALLEY**  
**ACADEMY**



## From the Principal's Desk

Welcome Back! It is always my pleasure to begin a new school year with such a fantastic staff and wonderful community of parents and children. I look forward to another "A" school year especially because we are celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> year of excellence in education. Our campus remains focused on our mission and producing the best well-rounded students in the valley. In addition, we are waiting to hear whether we will be announced the winner of the National Blue Ribbon Award, so keep your fingers crossed. This just might be a very exciting September!

-Mrs. Victoria Wilber, M. Ed.  
Principal

## Campus Safety

As always, our goal at Valley is to ensure that our campus is safe and running efficiently. In order for it to be safe and efficient, everyone must follow the school's safety practices including our preferred drop off and pick up procedures. Here are some important suggestions that will make traffic flow safely and smoothly so that everyone's day can continue with ease.

- Give yourself plenty of time to follow the correct drop-off and pick-up procedures.
- If you need to park in a spot, please select one around the sides of campus or drive around to the east side of campus to safely enter the front lot from the east/ exit side of campus.
- Never enter campus using the east "exit only" driveway on Rose Garden Lane. It is for exiting traffic only!
- When traveling on Rose Garden Lane, please continue to drive unless children are in the crosswalk.
- Be cautious when entering the campus. Children are present and therefore you must drive at a slow speed using great caution and care.

## Upcoming Events

### Early Release/Staff Development

Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> 12:15 Dismissal K-8 12:45 Preschoolers

All students K-8 dismiss at 12:15. Teachers will participate in continuing education.

### Morning Assembly

Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> 8:15 a.m. Outdoor Courts

Students in grade 1-6 are honored for classroom achievements as selected by their teacher.

### VAPO hosted Scholastic Book Fair & Family Fun Night

September 22-26 during school hours in the Library.

This is an opportunity for families to purchase books and reading materials. Family Fun Night is the culmination of our Book Fair involving food, games, and entertainment.

### School Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. District Office (14841 N Black Canyon Freeway)

School Board meetings are open to the public, and parents are welcome to attend.

For more information please log on to our website: [www.valleyacademy.com/index.php/vapo](http://www.valleyacademy.com/index.php/vapo)

## And now, a word from our Government ...

As a public school, Valley Academy is asked to make our families aware of certain state and governmental notices. Here they are, in a nutshell:

- AZ HB2732-stipulates that 3rd grade students who obtain a score on the reading portion of the AIMS test that demonstrates the pupil is reading far below the third grade level may not be promoted from the third grade.
- Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) – Parents are allowed to inspect school records and have an expectation of privacy in educational matters. For more information on FERPA rights, check out the Academics/Curriculum/Special Education area of our website, or ask the school office for assistance.
- IRS Form 990 - A copy of the school's non-profit tax return is available in the school office upon request.
- Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) – The school has been inspected for asbestos and certified to be asbestos free. The required AHERA Management Plan and inspection materials are available in the school office.
- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) – Students with disabilities are entitled to a copy of procedural safeguards. For more information, check out the Academics/Curriculum/Special Education section of Valley Academy's website, or ask the school office for assistance.
- McKinney-Vento Act – Special guidelines on the enrollment and education of homeless children are outlined in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. For more information, see [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov)

