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Coyote News

From the Principal's Desk

Mrs. Wilber, M. Ed.,



Is it March already? Where does the school year go? It seems each year passes more quickly. I hope that you all have had a good first three quarters of the school year. As March arrives, we look ahead to many things including our Spring Festival on March 5th, Spring Break March 14th -18th, and then state assessments to finish off the month starting on Tuesday, March 29th. AzMerit and AIMS Science are quite a bit earlier this year and therefore we really would like your cooperation to help our students do the best they can. Please make sure your child is here on time after eating a nutritious breakfast. Encourage them to be thoughtful and focused as they complete all of their assessments. The state testing will take place through Friday, April 1st, so as a school, we have postponed all normal activities for that Friday such as Spirit Day, 7th & 8th Grade Assembly, and the 8th grade promotion shirt pictures to the following Friday, April 8th. We want to minimize distractions on campus so that these ever important assessments are our only focus.

On behalf of my entire staff, we hope you will enjoy your week away from school, enjoy the nice weather, and return safely on March 21st. We also encourage you to remind your children to read, play educational games, and have meaningful conversations with you throughout the week. Meaningful conversations with adults build vocabulary and further the connection with your child. We hope your children's skills will be sharp when they return, as we will get right back to work on our fourth quarter's curriculum and completing the State Standardized Testing.

I would like to once again, thank you for choosing Reid Traditional Schools' Valley Academy for your child's educational needs. We feel extremely fortunate to have the students and families we have in our school community.

My best,
Mrs. Wilber, Principal

Upcoming Events

8th Grade Promotion Picture Day March 2nd. All 8th graders are photographed for their promotion gift.

Read In March 3rd Members of the community read to our students and discuss the importance of reading within their profession.

Spirit Day March 4th All students in grades K-8 may participate in monthly ice cream and special t-shirts to celebrate Spirit Day.

Morning Assembly March 7th Students in Grades 1-6 are honored for classroom achievements

Early Release March 11th at 12:15 p.m. End of 3rd Quarter

Spring Break March 14th-18th No School

Report Cards March 23rd Students' work is assessed and reports are sent home.

No School March 25th & 28th Spring Day Recess & Staff Development

State Testing Week March 29th-April 1st

School Board Meeting March 31st Reid Office (14841 N. Black Canyon Freeway) School Board meetings are open to the public, and parents are welcome to attend.

More Events Listed on Calendar Page



Young Engineers Club. Our 8th grade math teacher, Mr. Hayo, leads the club building projects that use engineering concepts. The club meets on Wednesdays.

For more information, please visit our website at www.ValleyAcademy.com

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Do you have a child or know of a child who will be 4 years old this year? Valley Academy Preschool is now enrolling 4 year olds for the 2016-2017 School Year. We offer a full day program that runs Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Valley Academy's preschool has a strong academic focus. Students will learn skills they need to be successful in kindergarten in fun and creative ways.

If you have questions or need more information, please call us today.

Campus News

Read In

On March 3rd, Valley Academy will host its annual Read In. Members of our community have been invited to read their favorite story and answer questions from our students. We will have our Student Council members accompany each of our guest readers. Be sure to ask your child about it.

Yearbook Club

Yearbook sales are coming to a close later this week. Did you know you can **order your child's yearbook online** at www.inter-state.com/yearbook? Please use code **03937P** when you order. If you are using the paper order form, please complete all information, and **enclose \$16.00 in cash or check (made payable to Valley Academy)**. Return these to the school no later than March 2nd.

Guest Speaker

On February 4th, Valley Academy was privileged to host guest speaker and Holocaust survivor, Marion Weinzweig. Our students sat quietly as Mrs. Weinzweig told them her story of survival in the ghettos of Poland. Her story is unique in that she was born in the ghetto, escaped death with the help of nuns in a convent, and was found by her father five years later! Marion shocked her listeners when she explained how it took her 70 years to locate her birth certificate in Poland with the help of an investigator. An excellent classroom discussion took place afterwards, and later, students wrote "thank you" letters to Marion asking her some questions about her life. Overall, her visit left an enduring impact on our Class of 2016. All of us learned a powerful lesson about never taking our identities for granted again.



March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 129	2 130 8 th Grade Promotion Pictures	3 131 Read-In 8:15 a.m.	4 132 Spirit Day	5 Spring Festival 11:00 -4:00 p.m.
6 Kindergarten Screening Begins	7 133 Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.	8 134 VAPO Meeting 8:15 a.m.	9 135	10 136 Preschool Pictures	11 137 7/8 Grade Field Day Early Release 12:15 Dismissal AM Specials End of 3 rd Quarter Staff Development	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	
SPRING BREAK						
20	21 138	22 139	23 140 Report Cards Go Home	24 141 Caught Being Good	25 No School Spring Day Recess	26 Spring Festival Rain Date 11:00-4:00 p.m.
27	28 No School Staff Development	29 142	30 143	31 144 Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. Reid Offices	1	
STATE STANDARDIZED TESTING						