



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 4th, Spring Break March 20th – 24th, and then state assessments to finish off the month starting on Monday, March 27th. 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, March 31st. 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 27th. 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, M.Ed.

Construction Update: Work continues on building the new gymnasium. The old portable buildings have been removed, and we will begin pouring footings this week, weather permitting.

Upcoming Events

8th Grade Promotion Picture Day March 1st. All 8th graders are photographed for their promotion gift.

Spirit Day March 3rd All students in grades K-8 may participate by having ice cream and wearing their special t-shirts to celebrate Spirit Day.

Read-In March 9th Members of the community read to our students and discuss the importance of reading within their profession.

Morning Assembly March 13th Students in Grades 1-6 are honored for classroom achievements

Early Release March 17th at 12:15 p.m. End of 3rd Quarter

Spring Break March 20th-24th No School

Report Cards March 29th Students' work is assessed and reports are sent home.

More Events Listed on Calendar Page

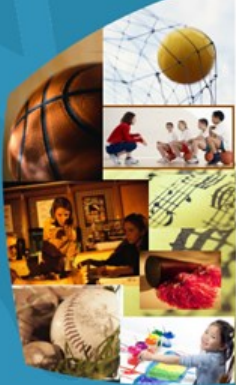


This is the winning pinewood derby car. Mrs. Trotter's kindergarten class were the judges. The winner was Brooke M. The winner for fastest car was Ben F.

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As you prepare your 2016 taxes, please consider making a donation to Valley Academy extracurricular activities and receive a dollar-for-dollar refund on your taxes. The form is available [here](#), and you may drop it off in the front office with your donation check, or you can donate by credit card online [here](#). Full details about the Arizona Tax Credit Donation are on our website [Tax Credit Donation Information](#) page.

Reid Traditional Schools' Valley Academy Preschool invites you and your child to our Spring Open House that will be held on Wednesday, March 8 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. We are excited to show you our new classrooms and playground. Come chat with our teachers and see all your child will learn here at Valley Academy Preschool. Please join us for this fun, informative evening.

Valley Academy Preschool is now enrolling 4 year olds for the 2017-2018 School Year. Next school year we will be offering Full Day and Half Day Preschool with before and after school care available! 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 would like to RSVP, please call us today. Thank you!

Campus News

Read-In

On March 9th, 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 next week. Did you know you can **order your child's yearbook online** at www.inter-state.com/yearbook? Please use code **13657H** 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 8th.

Classroom Visitors!

The Early Risers Lions Club paid our first graders a visit and spoke about the importance of our American flag and then presented each of our first graders with their very own flag!

Recently our kindergarten students were treated to some visitors that slither, crawl, creep and squirm. The Herpetological Society provided a wonderful demonstration to our students regarding the importance of our desert creatures. The students also learned about the creatures' life cycles, as well as some interesting things to know about them.



March 2017

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 125 8 th Grade Promotion Pictures | 2 126 | 3 127 Spirit Day | 4 Spring Festival 11:00-4:00 p.m. |
| Week 27 | | | | | | |
| 5 Kindergarten Screening Begins | 6 128 | 7 129 | 8 130 Preschool Open House 6:00-7:00 p.m. | 9 131 Read-In 8:30 a.m. | 10 132 Student Council 7/8 Dance 6-8:30 | 11 |
| Week 28 | | | | | | |
| 12 | 13 133 Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m. | 14 134 VAPO Meeting 8:15 a.m. Caught Being Good | 15 135 | 16 136 | 17 137 7/8 Grade Field Day Early Release 12:15 Dismissal PM Specials End of 3 rd Quarter Staff Development | 18 |
| Week 29 | | | | | | |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| No School Spring Break—March 20 th -24 th | | | | | | |
| 26 DIBELS Testing | 27 138 | 28 139 | 29 140 Report Cards Go home | 30 141 Board Meeting Reid Offices | 31 142 Honor Roll Ice Cream | |
| Week 30 | State Standardized Test Week | | | | | |
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