

# VAPO News VALLEY ACADEMY PARENT ORGANIZATION

## A word from the President:

Wow! I can not believe the first month of school is already over.

VAPO has been very busy with all of the events and activities that come with the beginning of the school year. Here is a small sample of what we have been working on: Spirit Day Ice Cream orders, Spirit Shirt orders, Lock Down kits for the classrooms, the Yankee Candle and Popcorn fundraiser, inputting volunteers into the Volunteer Database, and organizing all of the volunteer request forms that have been turned in so the correct committees have your volunteer information. The next few months will continue to be even busier, and we need your help. Sometimes you cannot see it, but putting everything together and making sure it all runs smoothly takes a lot of time. Those of us on the Council are happy to volunteer and help coordinate everything but, like you, we have busy lives and cannot do all of it without your help. So, please volunteer and help out when you can. Thank you!

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# **Upcoming Events**

Sept. 15th - Caught Being Good

Sept. 21st - School Pictures

Sept. 27th - Homeroom Parent Breakfast

- 8:15 a.m. in the K.M.P.R.

Oct. 1st - 8th Grade Car Wash

Oct. 5th - Popcorn/Candle Distribution

- Last Names A-L
- 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. K.M.P.R.

Oct. 6th - Popcorn/Candle Distribution

- Last Names M-Z
- 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. K.M.P.R.

Oct. 7th - Spirit Day

Oct. 10th - No School

Oct. 11th - VAPO Meeting

- 8:15 a.m. in the K.M.P.R.

Oct. 13th - Caught Being Good

Oct. 14th - 7th/8th Grade Dance

- 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the M.P.R.

### Volunteers Needed

All parents of Valley Academy students are members of the Parent Organization. Parents play a vital role at Valley Academy and VAPO is the vehicle for parents to have a positive impact on our children's education. Currently, the VAPO Council has four open positions. If those positions are not filled, there is a real possibility that events and activities will be canceled this year. Some of the possible cancellations include: Turkey Trot, Spring Festival, Caught Being Good and Field Day. One of the open positions is Athletics, which is in charge of the Booster Club and finding volunteers to help at the various sporting events held on campus. Without those volunteers, it may be necessary for Valley Academy to forfeit games, which would be very disappointing to all of the students that have been practicing so hard.

We would really love to see parents step up and join the Council so the activities and events your students look forward to each year can continue.

If you are interested in joining, please feel free to contact any of the existing council members or contact me directly. We are not able to succeed without your help.

Thank you!

Mrs. Wilson VAPO President pluto4aj@hotmail.com (602) 505-0861

# 8th Grade Updates:

Hello Seventh and Eighth Grade Parents,

The Eighth Grade Promotion Committee held our first meeting on August 23, 2016. We formed subcommittees for upcoming events for seventh and eighth grade including the Eighth Grade Car Wash on Saturday, October 1, 2016; the seventh and eighth grade Fall Dance on Friday, October 14, 2016; and High School Information Night on Thursday, November 3, 2016. If you haven't already signed up to help, and would like to be involved in any of these events, please contact me at <a href="mailto:sherri.mcculloch@gmail.com">sherri.mcculloch@gmail.com</a>. We have an exciting year ahead, and I'm looking forward to working with you.

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### Hello, Valley Academy Families

The fall Family Fun Night will be held on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> and it is time to begin planning for this fun event. The first thing I need help with is the art work. If you are interested in helping, please contact me as soon as possible. Thank you!

Mrs. Libby VAPO Special Events (480) 233-3107

## **School Pictures**



PICTURE DAY is Wednesday September 21, 2016! Please remember that all students are required to abide by the dress code for the pictures. All students (K-8<sup>th</sup> grade) will have their picture taken for the yearbook and class pictures. It is not required that you order pictures in order to be photographed. If you chose to order pictures, please complete the form that will be sent home with your child or order online at inter-state.com. Extra order forms will be available in the front office as we get closer to the date.

We are looking forward to seeing your child(ren) looking their best!

Thank you,
Mrs. Wilson
VAPO President

#### **Lost and Found**

If your child has misplaced a water bottle, lunchbox, sweater or other item, there is a good chance it is in the Lost & Found. There is a large container in the M.P.R. that is overflowing with lost items. At the end of each month, those items will be moved to the Kindergarten M.P.R. where they will be stored for an additional month. At that point, all items still not claimed will be donated to charity. We try to make sure you have plenty of time to collect your missing items, so please check one of those rooms if something is missing. Thank you.

## **Volunteer of the Month**

Thank you to everyone who volunteered during the month of August. We are pleased to announce that the Kallepalli Family is the Volunteer of the Month with 15 hours. They will have a certificate of appreciation on display in the office for the month of September and will be receiving a gift card as a token of appreciation. Please remember to log all of your volunteer hours. The following are the top 10 families for August.

Wilson Family (VAPO) - 79.5 hours Kallepalli Family - 15 hours Libby Family (VAPO) - 12.5 hours Muruganandam Family - 7.5 hours McDanel-Hayes Family (VAPO) - 7 hours Coleman Family (VAPO) - 15 hours Mathur Family - 14 hours McCulloch Family (VAPO) - 9.5 hours Crabtree-Severson Family - 7 hours Devi Family - 6.25 hours

(VAPO council members are not eligible for Volunteer of the Month)