



# REID TRADITIONAL SCHOOLS' Valley Academy



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Dear Valley Academy Families,

You can almost feel spring in the air and our students are feeling it too. As I walk around the campus and talk with your children I can't help but notice how much they have grown, both academically and physically from when we started school back in August.

Your children are learning so much and I can tell this when I visit their classrooms. They are always proud to share with me what they are learning. AIMS testing will be here before you know it. This is also the time of year when our eight graders are preparing to move on. They are making those big decisions about where to attend high school. This year is flying by!

Along with academic growth comes physical growth. Your children are growing by leaps and bounds. With all of this growth come short skirts, short pants, tight fitting tops and pants. I wanted to remind you, that because it is late in the school year, we do have gently used uniform items in the VAPO room for purchase of \$1. per item. This might be an easy way to stretch your clothing budget until the end of the school year and eliminate those Dress Code Citations.

We like to see our Valley Academy students looking "well groomed and neat in appearance, with clothing well fitted and in good repair."

So as we move into the fourth quarter of school, it is important to remember that school continues until May 24 and we all need to put forth our best effort right up until Summer Break!

Mrs. Browne  
Assistant Principal

### ☎ Important Numbers ☎

Main Number: (623) 516-7747

Attendance: ext. 108

Nurse: ext. 105

Discipline Issues: ext. 115

Business Issues: ext. 116

Parent Room (VAPO): ext. 308

Principal/Asst. Principal: ext. 115

### Important Dates

#### March 2013

- 1 Spirit Day
- 2 Spring Festival
- 6 8th Grade Promotion Pictures
- 7 Pre-School Pictures
- Field Day grades 1-3
- 8 Field Day grades 4-6
- 11 Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.
- 12 VAPO Meeting 8:15 a.m.  
Peter Piper Pizza
- 14 Caught Being Good Give Away
- 15 Early Release 12:15 p.m.  
Staff Development Day  
End of 3rd Quarter
- 18-22 Spring Break
- 27 Report Cards go home
- 29 Spring Break Day (*No School*)

#### **Spring Break Schedule**

Early Release 12:15 p.m.

March 15, 2013

**No School**

March 18-22, 2013

School Resumes: March 25, 2013

### **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 Elowson, R.N. & Mrs. Susan McIver, R.N.

- ☺ In order to help keep all of our children healthy, please remember that children must be fever-free without the use of Tylenol or ibuprofen for 24 hours before they may come back to school.
- ☺ Please do not allow your children to carry any medicine with them, including over-the-counter medications. All medicines need to be checked in and stored for your child in the Health Office.
- ☺ Please be sure to send a water bottle with your child on a daily basis. We want to be sure to keep the students well hydrated.
- ☺ If your child has borrowed a belt **PLEASE** return it. We currently have no belts to loan.

### Waiting List for 2013-2014 School Year

Now is the time to start talking with your friends about signing up at Valley Academy for August 2013. We also need to know if your family is planning to enroll any new siblings at Valley, for kindergarten or for other grades. We are glad to reserve spots for siblings of current students; please fill out a waiting list application for new siblings so we can hold their places.

### 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. You can also report your child's absence online at [www.valleyacademy.com](http://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.

Best wishes to our art students that are participating in the Arizona Junior Duck Stamp Contest! Students throughout the country appreciate wildlife and observe our beautiful world in this delightful program sponsored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Postal Service. Valley Academy's elementary students have all done a wonderful job and give their very best - as usual! Go Valley!



### **BAND NEWS**

Happy March! The Valley Academy Bands are working hard on new rhythms, high and low notes and new musical arrangements. They have come a long way since the first day, it is very exciting!

Here are some upcoming events, please mark your calendars:



**Advanced Band Performance: Saturday, March 2, 2013 at the Spring Festival at 11:15 a.m.** The Advanced Band Students need to report to the Music Room at 10:45 a.m. to warm-up and tune their instruments.



**Beginning and Advanced Bands: Spring Concert Thursday, May 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the M.P.R.**

See you at the concerts...

**Mr. Laird**

### **Choir News**

**Choir will be performing at the Spring Festival on March 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 11:00 a.m.**

We still have at least 2 more performances through the end of the year.

One is on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> in Mesa. Please watch for more information.

If you are interested in attending a free symphony concert, go to [www.PhoenixYouthSymphony.org](http://www.PhoenixYouthSymphony.org) for your tickets. It is Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 p.m.

**Mrs. Wright**



# VAPO Announcements

Dear Valley Academy Families:

We are in that time of year when things get really crazy . . . in a fun way. Your VAPO Council is working hard to make sure on and off campus events run smoothly. This is a great time to find out more about what different council members do, and see if a VAPO council position might be right for you. You can do a "ride along" with any VAPO council member to see what is involved with their committee. The committee chair would certainly appreciate your help, and who knows, you might find the committee that is the perfect fit for your talents. No matter which committee you're thinking of, we all need your help at this time of year. It's a great way to "get your feet wet" if you haven't been involved with a VAPO committee before. Contact any VAPO committee chair for more details on his/her committee. Our contact information can be found on the school's website at: <http://valleyacademy.com/index.php/VAPO/meet-the-vapo-council>.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. McCulloch  
Valley Academy Parent Organization  
Governing Council President

## PETER PIPER PIZZA NIGHT

March 12 at 3rd Street and Bell Road all day long.

This is a huge part of the fund raising for the 8th grade promotion.

We will still be having fun competitions featuring teachers and students as we have did in the past. So far we have all of the seventh grade teachers participating!

Some of the contests will include dough tossing, box folding, and a brain freeze with a twist!

One great benefit we have this year is that the fundraiser lasts all day long. We are excited to receive profits from the sales for the entire day. This gives our preschool and kindergarten families an opportunity to participate because they can go over after their pick up and enjoy lunch while earning money for our school.



The food's as good  
as the fun.™

## Box Tops Leaders

Congratulations to our leaders in the Box Tops/Labels contest. Remember to look for Box Tops, Labels for Education, and Prang Power points on all sorts of products, not just food or cereal. A complete list can be found on the school's website at <http://valleyacademy.com/index.php/vapo/vapo-fundraising-information>.

### January Leaders:

1. Kindergarten Miss Hageman 553
2. 1<sup>st</sup> grade Ms. Jubb 297
3. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Ms. Crabtree 283
4. 6<sup>th</sup> grade Mr. Smith 266
5. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Mrs. Breshears 192

### Overall Leaders:

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Mrs. Freeland 2360
2. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Mrs. Breshears 2001
3. Kindergarten Miss Hageman 1660
4. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Ms. Crabtree 1514
5. 6<sup>th</sup> grade Mr. Smith 1465
6. 1<sup>st</sup> grade Ms. Jubb 1262
7. 5<sup>th</sup> grade Mrs. Lewandowsky 1162
8. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Mrs. Keely 1093
9. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Mrs. Mettes 1060
10. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Ms. Schambach 1057



With **Field Day** right around the corner we are looking for volunteers to help monitor the individual stations that Coach Mims will have set up for the children. Field Day is broken up in two separate days.

Thursday, March 7th, the first through third grade classes will participate in the Field Day events and on Friday, March 8th, the fourth through sixth grade classes will participate.

Field Day events will start both days at 12:00 p.m. and there will be a volunteer information session at 11:30 a.m. that will cover what needs to be done. This is a great opportunity to spend an afternoon with a great group of students! Please contact Mr. Harford at [602-619-7896](tel:602-619-7896) or [rick.harford@gmail.com](mailto:rick.harford@gmail.com) for further information and to reserve your volunteer spot.

**Field Day**

## Lost and Found

Did you know there is a lost and found in the MPR? At the end of the month, the items in the MPR migrate to the VAPO room #8 for another month. At the end of that month, items are donated to a charity. PLEASE check the lost and found in the MPR and in the VAPO room. There are lots of nice water bottles and lunch boxes. Items with names on them are donated to charity after being in the lost and found for over a month. In the summer, all items are donated and not kept for a month.

# Student Information Page

## Sports Round Up

The Valley Academy Boys' Basketball team had an excellent season! They were an exciting team to watch. They were quick and did a good job of running plays. They out finessed many of the teams they played. They competed in the IYAC Championship Game and brought home a runner up trophy for Valley Academy. The boys did an excellent job and are bound for great things in the future! Thank you for supporting our Coyotes!

Coach McCartney

Hello sports fans! Hoops season has come to an end. The Coyotes Girls' Team took a heart breaking loss in the semifinals. The girls had a phenomenal year! Their season included an upset win over a higher seed team in the playoffs. Way to go ladies on a great season!

With the close of our basketball season we are gearing up for our final athletic season. Valley Academy teams will be on the soccer field and softball diamond. Please watch the Valley Academy website for our soccer and softball game schedule. Come cheer us on as we work our way to two more championships before we close out another school year.

Coach Woodbury



Science Buddies

Science Buddies has been a great success with all the fun projects we get to do. We have made marshmallow launchers, slime, lava lamps, quick sand, crystals, self-watering planters, and ice cream. We are looking forward to making butter, come-back cans, airplanes, and racing balloons on a string. I am thankful for all the enthusiasm of Valley's students and for my two teacher helpers, Mrs. Freeman and Mrs. Christopher. Mrs. Lewandowsky



Student Council did a great job selling Valentine Grams in February! Student Council is now doing the Pennies for Patients fundraiser. All spare change is going to be donated to Leukemia Research. Please send in your spare change! The class with the most change will earn a pasta party from Olive Garden! Thank you for all of your help and support this year!

Mrs. Licano, Miss Ramsey, and Miss Cunningham



## Science Club

March is finally here. We are still doing engineering projects for the next couple of weeks. Then the Science Club will be creating a telegraph and work with different types of sound experiments. Be sure and ask your child what is going at Science Club!



"Caught Being Good" prize giveaway days will be Thursday, March 14th at lunch. Remember to bring all the tickets you have earned!



# VAPO Fundraising Page

Not sure where to help? Contact a VAPO Chairperson. Here are some upcoming events that could use your help:

## Spring Book Fair

Library Committee Chair – Mrs. Snyder (602) 722-9092 [tracey@traceybsnyder.com](mailto:tracey@traceybsnyder.com)

## Spring Family Fun Night

Special Events Chair – Mrs. Chapin (623) 203-4478 [hiedi.chapin@cox.net](mailto:hiedi.chapin@cox.net)

## Eighth Grade Promotion

Eighth Grade Promotion Chair – Mrs. Nuttall (623) 261-7204 [audranut@gmail.com](mailto:audranut@gmail.com)

## Honor Roll Ceremony

Student Recognition Chair – Mrs. Ogden (480) 686-7561 [patyno@hotmail.com](mailto:patyno@hotmail.com)



## Move-a-thon

Has your child completed his/her Move-a-thon Sponsor sheets? The due date has been extended to March 8, 2013. Move-a-thon is an annual VAPO fundraiser that requires just a little effort from your child, and reaps great benefit for our school. Last year, Move-a-thon raised over \$6000 that was used towards document cameras for classrooms. This year, VAPO is raising funds for audio/visual equipment for the Multipurpose Room. Every child who completes five or more sponsor sheets will receive a small thank you gift from VAPO, and be entered into a prize drawing to win one of five \$10 gift cards. The student who completes the most sponsor sheets will receive a \$50 gift card. Remember, your child simply has to turn in the completed sponsor sheets. VAPO takes care of all the mailing, collecting, and tracking donations, and even sends thank you letters to the donors. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Mathur at [meghnamathur.az@gmail.com](mailto:meghnamathur.az@gmail.com) or 480-241-6489.



### 8th grade Committee Meetings:

Tuesday, March 5 and April 9, 2013 at the Nuttall's residence at 7 p.m.

### 8th grade Decoration Committee Meetings:

Tuesday, March 26, April 23, and Monday May 6, 2013 at the Nuttall's residence at 7 p.m.

Contact Mrs. Nuttall for more information at [623-261-7204](tel:623-261-7204) or at [audranut@gmail.com](mailto:audranut@gmail.com)

VALLEY ACADEMY COYOTE window decals are for sale for \$8. After much anticipation, the white sports decals we all know and love are available for the whole school! Please contact Mrs. Earley if you are interested at [dearley@tempranosolutions.com](mailto:dearley@tempranosolutions.com).

The Volunteer Family of the Month for January 2013, was the **McLemore Family**. To earn this honor they volunteered 16 hours. Congratulations and thank you so much for your dedication! We love families like you!

During January those families that volunteered over 25 hours are:

McKinnon Family (vom 12/12)	41.75 hours	McCulloch Family*	31.4 hours
E. Smith Family (vom 8/12)	33.5 hours	Webb Family (vom 11/12)	30.5 hours
Mathur Family*	32.8 hours	Nuttall Family*	25 hours

\*VAPO Governing Council member

**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.








# MARCH 2013



Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

					1 Spirit Day 7th/8th Grade Softball Game	2 Spring Festival 11:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
3	4	5	6 8th Grade Promotion Pictures	7 Field Day 1-3 grades 12:00-3:00 p.m.	8 Field Day 4-6 grades 1:00-3:00 p.m.	9
10	11 Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.	12 VAPO Mtg. 8:15 a.m. Fundraiser 5:00 -7:00 p.m. 	13	14 "Caught Being Good" Give Away	15 Early Release 12:15 p.m. Staff Development End of 3rd Quarter AM Specials	16 Pennies For Patients Collection Ends 
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<b>Spring Break - No School</b>						
24/31	25	26	27 Report Cards Go Home  58 <b>MOVE-A-THON</b>	28	29 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>  Spring Break Day	30