



REID TRADITIONAL SCHOOLS' Valley Academy



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Dear Parents/Guardians

We have almost completed another school year. This 2012-2013 school year has been bittersweet for me personally. I soon will be promoting the last group of students that I taught in a Valley Academy classroom. Although only 19 of the 62 of them were in my room, they all hold a special place in my heart. This group of children will always be my students. I appreciate all of the memories, laughs, and sometimes tears I have shared with them and their parents. I wish them all my best and will miss seeing them on the campus daily.



For those of us who remain, I look forward to what our future holds. I appreciate the hard work of all of our students, parents, and staff that made this year one of the best. I will soon be planning for our return in August. My priority for every year is our students' academic success and growth. Traditional education offers a firm foundation in basic knowledge and personal discipline that our students will need through high school, college, and on into their adult lives. I will continue my strong commitment to traditional education and high academic standards because I believe that is in the students' best interests.

As summer approaches, I hope that you remember that the Valley Academy staff appreciates you and your commitment to our school.

Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

Victoria Wilber, Principal

Important Numbers

Main Number: (623) 516-7747

Fax Number: (623-)516-2703

May 2013

- 1-3 Book Fair
- 3 Spirit Day
- Family Fun Night 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- 6 Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.
- 7 Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- 8 New Parent Orientation 6:30 p.m.
- 9 Chorus & Band Concert 7:00 p.m.
- 11 8th Gr Promotion Dinner 6:00 p.m.
- 7/8 Gr Dance 8:00 p.m.
- 13 Sports' Recognition Night 6:30 p.m.
- 14 VAPO Meeting/Elections 8:15 a.m.
- 17 AZ Instruction Drama Program 6:00 p.m.
- 21 8th Gr Promotion Breakfast/Field Trip
- Honor Roll Ceremony 6:00 & 7:30 p.m.
- 22 8th Gr Promotion Rehearsal
- 23 *Caught Being Good* Giveaway
- 8th Gr Promotion 7:00 p.m.
- 24 Last Day of School
- Early Release 12:15 p.m.
- No p.m. Coyote Club!**
- 27 Memorial Day office closed

Starting May 27, 2013 summer office hours are:
Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Closed Fridays

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

McKinney-Vento Information

If your family lives in any of the following situations:

in a shelter;

in a motel or campground due to the lack of an alternative adequate accommodation;

in a car, park, abandoned building, or bus or train station;

doubled up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship;

Your school-age children may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act. If you believe your children may be eligible, contact Mrs. McIver, our school nurse to find out what services and supports may be available. There also may be supports available for your preschool-age children.



Year End Parties

Remember that year end parties are for current students of Valley Academy. Valley Academy prohibits former students, minor siblings, friends of students, and underage relatives for attending class parties. Thank you for your cooperation.



Hello, sports fans. We are wrapping up our spring season. Both teams are heading into tournament near the top of the bracket and are looking to make great showings in their respective tournaments. We would love to see you there as we play for victory and to refill our trophy case. Please remember that May 13th we will recognize all of our student athletes for their tremendous efforts this year. The invitations have been sent out. Go Coyotes!

I want to thank our awesome preschool teachers, Miss McCartney and Miss Agee and our wonderful preschool aides Ms. Zollinger and Mrs. Modi for the incredible job they have done working with our three and four year olds this school year. I have been able to stop by and see wonderful lessons going on and the students engaged in great learning activities. It is amazing to me how much these little ones have grown since the first weeks of school. Many of our four year olds will be moving on to our kindergarten program and I am sure they are well prepared to start their academic careers at Valley Academy. I am confident that our preschoolers will continue to grow and learn over the summer and be ready to return to school in August.

Thank you,
Mrs. Browne,
Preschool Director



Congratulations are in order. Ms. Ramsey our 7th /8th grade Social Studies teacher recently was married in a small, out of town ceremony last month. Ms. Ramsey's married name is Mrs. Simon.

Congratulations to Valley Academy students who participated in the Arizona Junior Duck Stamp Contest! Students submitted a conservation stamp design to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Department and United States Post Office.

Shreya M. won a 2nd Place Award for grades 1-3

Pranav P. won a 3rd Place Award for grades 1-3

Yasmine L. won an Honorable Mention Award for grades 4-6

Yusuf K. won an Honorable Mention Award for grades 4-6

This is a very competitive contest! We can be proud of all of Valley Academy's elementary art students who participated and learned so much from this nature project!

Mrs. Watkins, Art Teacher



Proper Dress Code Starts at Home...

Please remember that Valley Academy has a dress standard, and it is expected that students come to school in appropriate attire throughout the entire school year. Even though the school year is coming to a close, it is still expected that students follow all parts of the dress code. Please take a look at your children's uniforms. Your children have grown over the school year. Pants and skirts might be getting short, shorts may be getting tight, or they are just wearing out. You might consider stopping by the VAPO room to trade some of the uniforms your children have outgrown for the next bigger sizes. Students are reminded not to wear dark nail polish, more than one earring per ear, or unnatural make-up. Hair must be a natural color. Please make sure when you send your child to school that he or she is in proper dress code.



Please join us for our final performances of this school year!

The band will play at 6:30 p.m. during the Book Fair this Friday, May 3rd. You won't want to miss this!

Our final concert will be held on Thursday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the M.P.R.

We would love to see you there.

Thank you all for your support!

Mr. Laird, Band Director



Choir has a busy month ahead. We will be performing at the Book Fair on Friday, May 3rd at 6:00 p.m. There is a combined Choir / Band concert on May 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the M.P.R. I encourage any student considering joining choir or band next year to attend and see what you have to look forward to learning.

Mrs. Wright, Chorus Teacher



STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council would like to thank everyone who has helped make this year so great! The 7th and 8th grade dance was a huge hit!

Movie Night was a blast. The Student Council members did a great job helping to run it. The members of the 2012-2013 Valley Academy Student Council were great to work with!

Thank you for your continued support!

Mrs. Licano, Mrs. Simon (formerly Ms. Ramsey), and Miss Cunningham

Help us help your children! Please remember to complete the Annual Parent Survey that will be sent to your email on May 2nd. If you do not receive a survey invitation, contact the office. Your thoughts, opinions, and ideas are valuable to us. Thank you.

Sports' Awards Recognition Night

May 13, 2013 is a special night for our student athletes. At 6:30 p.m. in the M.P.R. Mrs. Browne, our Athletic Director, along with our coaches, will celebrate all of the students who participated in athletics. Invitations have been sent out and a great turnout is expected. If you would like to donate treats or beverages, please call Mrs. Browne at school, extension 115.

New Parent Orientation Dates

May 8, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

June 12, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

August 7, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.



From The Valley Academy Parent Organization

Dear Valley Academy Families:

As our school year is nearing an end, it's time to look forward to next year and think about the possibilities. There will be five openings on the Valley Academy Parent Organization Governing Council available for next year. Committees available include **Student Recognition** (in charge of Honor Roll Ice Cream, Caught Being Good, and Honor Roll Ceremony), **Coyote Pride** (in charge of Spirit Day T-shirts, Picture Day volunteers, Spirit Day Ice Cream, and used uniforms), **Volunteer Communication** (in charge of Gear Up for School Night, DIBELS volunteers, kindergarten screening volunteers), **Event Fundraising** (in charge of Talent Show and Spring Festival), and **Eighth Grade Promotion** (in charge of eighth grade fundraising, promotion, and special eighth grade events).

Each of these committees has either a past chair or a current VAPO council member available to help guide and train you. We also have volunteers to help on each committee, so you never take on all the work by yourself. The VAPO Governing Council works as a team to help one another and help our school. We need your help in planning for next year. If you are willing to volunteer just 10 hours per month, you can make a huge difference. Elections for new VAPO council positions are Tuesday, May 14, 2013. Please fill out an application (included with this newsletter) and attend the meeting. We would love to have your help.

Interested, but don't know what committee suits you? Talk to me! My number is (602) 448-0422, and e-mail is sherzi@aol.com. I am glad to answer questions.

Mrs. McCulloch
Valley Academy Parent Organization
Governing Council President

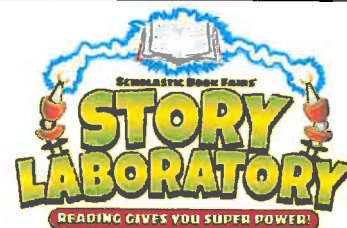
Volunteer News

The **Hansen Family** was the *Volunteer Family of the Month* for March 2013. They volunteered 27 3/4 hours in order to earn this honor! We congratulate them and hope they know how very much they are appreciated!

Those families with over 25 hours for March are:

Day Family*	52.5 hours
Harford Family*	37.25 hours
Mathur Family*	25.5 hours
McCulloch Family*	97.3 hours
McKinnon Family (vom 12/12)	58.3 hours
Nuttall Family*	32 hours
Palomo Family*	26.5 hours
E. Smith Family (vom 8/12)	35 hours
B. Snyder Family*	29 hours
Webb Family (vom 11/12)	27.75 hours

Thank you all for each and every minute you have contributed! Let's keep up the great work and fulfill our responsibility of a minimum of three hours per month.



We are having a great spring Book Fair and Book Drive. I want to thank all the wonderful volunteers; without you we couldn't do it! The money raised will be used to purchase new books and resources for your children to use while in the library and for their school reports.

We hope everyone will visit our Book Fair and Family Fun Night. Have a great and safe summer.

Mrs. Snyder
VAPO Library Chairperson

Valley Academy wants to give a BIG shout out to Mr. and Mrs. Reiker, grandparents of Katie W. one of our promoting 8th graders, for their many years and many, many hours of volunteer service! Their dedication, school support, and generosity have truly been a blessing to our school. We wish them well and will miss them dearly.

Valley Academy Parent Organization

Governing Council Nominee Application

Name _____	Home Phone _____	Cell Phone _____
E-mail Address _____	What grades are your children in? _____	
Number of years at Valley Academy _____	Have you previously served on the Governing Council? Yes or No	
	If yes, when and what capacity? _____	

Why are you interested in serving on the Valley Academy Parent Organization Governing Council? _____

Which position are you interested in?: (circle one) Committee Chairperson or Sub-Committee Chairperson

Please list the committees on which you would like to serve: _____

Please list your past and/or present volunteer activities at Valley Academy: _____

What does commitment mean to you? _____

What strengths or contributions do you believe you can bring to the parent Governing Council? _____

Please indicate any relevant experience in another school, job, or community activity. _____

If elected to the Governing Council, would you be willing to commit to a two-year term and a minimum of ten (10) hours each month to serve in the position? Yes _____ No _____

Please note: This does not include other volunteer hours in the classroom.

Signature _____

Date _____



Thank You! It's people like you that make the difference!

Student News

The 8th grade committee would like to thank all of the awesome 7th and 8th grade parents who volunteered throughout the year. We would like to thank our Valley Academy Facebook supporters that lead our school to a close second place finish in the Peter Piper Pizza contest. We are very excited about the upcoming Promotion and Dinner/Dance event. Our amazing parents and 8th graders worked hard to make these events possible. THANK YOU!



Box Tops/Labels for the month of April

Mr. Smith – 6 th grade	1955
Mrs. Freeland – 2 nd grade	529
Ms. Jubb – 1 st grade	519
Ms. Brasher – 7 th /8 th grade	258
Mrs. Breshears – 3 rd grade	223

Overall Contest Class Leaders

Mrs. Freeland - 2nd grade	3216
Mr. Smith- 6 th grade*	2854
Mrs. Breshears – 3 rd grade	2580
Ms. Jubb – 1 st grade	1954
Miss Hageman – Kindergarten	1789
Miss Crabtree – 3 rd grade	1714
Mrs. Mettes - 3 rd grade	1550
Mrs. Keely – 3 rd grade	1345
Mrs. Licano – 5 th grade	1234
Mrs. Christopher – Kindergarten	1214

*Mr. Smith's class submitted 1955 labels for the month of April alone, and received a special treat!

May will be the last month for label collection, so please bring in all labels. The class with the most labels over the school year will receive a pizza and ice cream party!

So far, our Box Tops and Labels for Education collection has helped raise over \$3375 for our school. Keep up the great work!



Extras

Honor Roll Ceremony

On May 21, 2013 we will be having two Honor Roll Ceremonies at Sandra Day O'Connor High School. The ceremonies recognize students who have earned Honor Roll at least three out of four quarters. Parents, we will need your help that night with set up and clean up and with the refreshments table. If you are able to lend a hand, please contact Mrs. Ogden patyno@hotmail.com or (480)686-7561.

Caught Being Good The last *Caught Being Good* for this year will be held May 23rd during lunch. Students don't forget your tickets!

Move-a-thon

A big thank you to all students who submitted sponsor sheets for the Move-a-thon. Jacob B. (8- Brasher) was the winner of the \$50 Target gift card for turning in the most sponsor sheets.

Five additional winners received \$10 gift cards in a drawing.

Olivia L. (3 -Mrs. Breshears)
 Danica D. (K-Miss Hageman)
 Advay M. (1-Mrs. Jubb)
 Ayaan S. (1-Mrs. Jubb)
 Lauren T. (1-Mrs. Mineck)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Spirit Day	4
			BOOK FAIR APRIL 30- MAY 3		Family Fun Night 6:00-8:00 p.m.	
5	6 Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.	7 Staff Appreciation Luncheon	8 Honor Roll Meeting 8:15 a.m. New Parent Orientation 6:30 p.m.	9 Chorus & Band Concert 7:00 p.m.	10	11 8th Grade Dinner 6:00 p.m. 7/8 Grade Dance 8:00-10:00 p.m.
12	13 Sports' Awards Recognition Night 6:30 p.m.	14 VAPO Meeting & Elections 8:15 a.m.	15	16	17 AZ Instruction Drama Production 6:00 p.m.	18
19	20 Parent Survey Due	21 8th Grade Promotion Breakfast/Field Trip 3-8 Grade Honor Roll 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.	22 8th Grade Promotion Rehearsal	23 <i>Caught Being Good</i> 8th Grade Promotion North Hills Church 7:00 p.m.	24 Last Day of School Early Release 12:15 p.m. No p.m. Coyote Club!	25
26	27 Office Closed Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6 Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.	7 Office Closed	8
9	10	11 VAPO Meeting 9:00 a.m. <i>*subject to change</i>	12 New Parent Orientation 6:30 p.m.	13	14 Office Closed	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Office Closed	22
23/30	24	25	26	27	28 Office Closed	29



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
	School Office closed this week						
7	8	9	10	11	12 Office Closed	13	
14	15	16	17	18	19 Office Closed	20	
21	22	23	24	25	26 Office Closed	27	
28	29	30	31				



Have a safe and wonderful summer!

School Starts: August 12, 2013

