



**VALLEY**  
ACADEMY



# Coyote News



## Mrs. Wilber, M. Ed., Principal

I hope you are having a wonderful winter break. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year. I would also like to thank the VAPO Council and all of our many parent volunteers who continue to help make RTS' Valley Academy the great community that it is. I know you have made the choice to send your child to Valley Academy, and I am so happy that you have.

Coming up at the end of this month is National School Choice Week. It takes place nationally, January 22-26. National School Choice Week celebrates effective educational options for all children. I would like you to know that I appreciate you choosing Valley Academy as your school of choice. Reid Traditional Schools' Valley Academy is an "A" school because of the support of the people in our community. Our staff, students, parents, and board members all contribute to making our school a success. Every child deserves a quality education, and we are happy to be one of many successful schools in our community celebrating National School Choice Week.

Again, along with my staff, we wish you a safe and wonderfully blessed 2018!

Mrs. Victoria Wilber, Principal

## Upcoming Events

**Report Cards** January 10<sup>th</sup> Students' work is assessed and reports are sent home.

**Early Release/Staff Development** January 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 p.m.

**No School** January 15<sup>th</sup> Martin Luther King Day

**Honor Roll Ice Cream** January 17<sup>th</sup> Students who have received 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter honor roll will celebrate with an ice cream

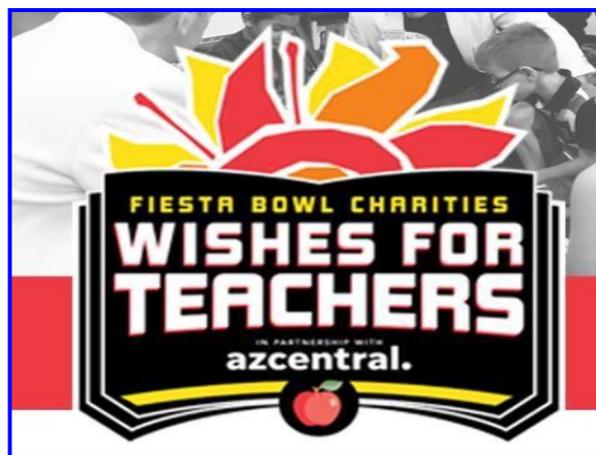
**Spirit Day** January 19<sup>th</sup> All students in grades K-8 may participate in monthly ice cream and special t-shirts to celebrate Spirit Day.

**7/8 Grade Assembly** January 19<sup>th</sup> 8:15 a.m. M.P.R. Students in grades 7 & 8 are honored for their academic achievements.

**100<sup>th</sup> Day of School** January 23<sup>rd</sup>

**School Board Meeting** January 25<sup>th</sup> 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**



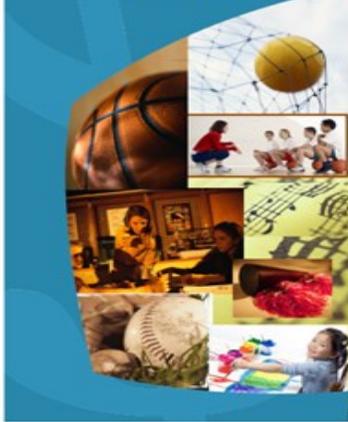
Congratulations, Mrs. Mettes! Your Fiesta Bowl Charities Wishes for Teachers application has been granted and you will receive \$5,000 in support of ceiling mounted projectors. More than 4,200 teachers from nearly 120 cities across the state of Arizona applied in the 2017 Fiesta Bowl Charities Wishes for Teachers program.

For more information, please visit our website at [www.ValleyAcademy.com](http://www.ValleyAcademy.com)

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## Arizona Tax Credit Donation



As you begin to prepare your 2017 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.

## Staff Change...

Miss George, one of our 1st grade teachers, is married! Her nuptials took place last month, here in Arizona. After a brief honeymoon out of state, she and her husband make their home in Phoenix. Congratulations, Mr. & Mrs. Winemiller.

## Campus News

### What is the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School?

The 100<sup>th</sup> day of school is literally the 100<sup>th</sup> day of the school year. As a school, our funding is based in part on student attendance on this very important day, so if at all possible, please have your child here on January 23, 2018.

The 100<sup>th</sup> day is also a great way for elementary school teachers to celebrate the various mathematical concepts that can be taught using the number 100. From the very first day of school, classes begin keeping track of the number of days they've been in school in anticipation of the 100<sup>th</sup> day. It's this anticipation that is actually the first math lesson, as the days are often marked using coffee stirrers or Popsicle sticks, ten of which become a "ten bundle," paving the way to counting by tens and ones. It is a fun way to bring math into our classrooms in an interactive way.

So again, please make every effort to have your child in school on the 100<sup>th</sup> day. It will be an exciting day, full of fun activities. Mark your calendar for **January 23, 2018!**

### AZ Instruction 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester classes

The Junior Dancers showcased their holiday performance routine via video at the Winter Concert in December. Our Junior Cheerleaders performed their fun and upbeat number live, which is always a crowd favorite! Both groups are looking forward to performing again at the Spring Festival on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our Dance students rehearse after school each Monday, and both boys and girls are welcome. We added Chess Club on Mondays this year, and it is very popular among our older students. The Jr. Cheerleaders & Jr. Sports Club students meet on Tuesdays after school, Wednesdays are reserved for our artistic students who love to create and draw, and lastly, Drama Club meets each Thursday after school. Starting in January, the Drama Club students will begin preparing for their spring play, Robin Hood! New students are welcome to register for the second semester of AZ Instruction classes after the Winter Break, from January 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>, and classes resume the week of January 15<sup>th</sup>. We hope you'll join the fun!

# January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>No School</b> <b>Winter Break–January 5th</b>						
7	8 School Resumes  AZ Instruction Registration Begins	9	10 Report Cards Go Home	11	12 Early Release AM Specials 12:15 p.m. Dismissal Staff Development	13
Week 20						
14 DIBELS Testing	15 No School MLK Day	16 VAPO Meeting 8:15 a.m.  Caught Being Good	17 Boosterthon Kickoff Assembly  Honor Roll Ice Cream	18	19 Spirit Day  7/8 Grade Assembly 8:15 a.m.	20
Week 21						
21	22 National School Choice Week Assembly 8:15 a.m.	23 100 100 <sup>th</sup> Day of School	24	25  Board Meeting Reid Offices	26 Boosterthon Fun Run Field Day	27
Week 22						
28	29	30	31			
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