



VALLEY
ACADEMY



Coyote News

From the Principal's Desk

Mrs. Brooks, M. Ed. Principal



Are You Volunteering?

Parent Involvement is one of Valley Academy's values. Our school needs your participation. Parent volunteers provide a tremendous service to the students and staff involved in our organization. We ask every family to volunteer for a minimum of three hours each month or a total of twenty-seven hours a school year. Many of our extra activities do not happen unless we work together to accomplish them. So, this is my friendly reminder to please get involved!

VAPO holds meetings on the second Tuesday of the month that you may attend in person or via ZOOM. The meetings provide those that attend information about what is happening on campus and what future events will need additional help. If you cannot attend a meeting, please feel free to reach out to VAPO directly. There is a group of parents that would love to hear from you and how you might be able to lend a hand.

I do understand that volunteering can be hard because our lives are very busy, but it is important to find time to volunteer. Benefits of volunteering can be enormous. Volunteering offers vital help to school events and the teachers on campus. The Valley community is a worthwhile cause, but the benefits can be even greater for you, the volunteer. The right match can help you to find friends, connect with the community, learn new skills, and enhance our campus events. Volunteering connects you to others. Volunteering is good for your mind and body. Volunteering brings fun and fulfillment to your life and the lives of others.

So again, please get involved and lend a hand! On or off campus opportunities are available. Either way, we would appreciate your time and assistance. We would also love to see you and connect with you on campus or at an event.

My best,

Mrs. Victoria Brooks, M.Ed.
Principal

Upcoming Events

Spirit Day Friday, October 4th. All students may participate in Spirit Day the first Friday of each month by wearing their Spirit Day shirt. For grades K-8, ice cream is available at lunch for purchase or prepaid ticket.

End of 1st Quarter Friday, October 11th.

No School Monday, October 14th. No school in honor of Columbus Day.

Report Cards Wednesday, October 16th. Students' work is assessed and grades are also available online to view using ParentVUE.

Early Release/Parent Teacher Conferences Thursday and Friday, October 17th—18th. Preschool dismisses at 11:30 a.m. and all students K-8 dismiss at 12:15 p.m. for parent/teacher conferences.

Picture Retakes Wednesday, October 23rd. Retakes offered to KG-8th grade absent students, new students, or those bringing back an original picture package to exchange for a retake picture.

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For more information, please visit our website at www.ValleyAcademy.com

In commemoration of September 11th, Valley Academy held a special morning assembly in recognition of those members of our community who are first responders either in the Police or Fire Department. We recognized them for their dedication to serving our community.



From left to right: Retired Firefighter Freeman and Fire Captain Roberts

We appreciate their years of dedication in serving on the front lines by protecting our community. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you for your service.



Below is Mrs. Simon, our 7th/8th Grade History teacher, who is leading our assembly with a tribute to September 11th. To the right, Mrs. Loveless led us in song, and Mrs. Breshears, Assistant Principal, presented our guests with a token of appreciation.



Center, Dominic B., President of Student Council and Shriyaa S., far right, President of NJHS help lead the assembly honoring September 11.

Meet the staff at Valley Academy who are ALUMNI!



"Working for Valley was an easy choice to make. Regardless of whether you are a teacher, student, or parent, you are welcomed and treated as family. The administration and teachers at this school go above and beyond to ensure the best possible education for all students. I believe strongly in the traditional education Valley offers and I could not see myself working anywhere else."

- Miss Webb, 2nd Grade teacher



"I chose to come back and work at Valley because of the quality of education offered. Valley Academy provided me with a strong educational foundation that allowed me to go further in my educational pursuits. I want to be able to continue that legacy as a teacher at this school."

- Mr. Beckham, 4th Grade teacher

Providing a Traditional Foundation for the Future

"I wanted to work at Valley because of the family feeling you get when you are here. Valley Academy also does an amazing job at making each student feel welcomed and appreciated! Personally, I love the traditional style of teaching and believe it is important to use in schools. Becoming a teacher here has been a real "full circle moment" for me and I feel so happy being a part of the Valley Academy community."

- Mrs. Rivett, Kindergarten teacher



Meet the staff at Valley Academy who are ALUMNI!

"It is such a joy to come back to the elementary school that I attended. I started with Valley Academy back in 1995 when the doors first opened in first grade.

When looking where I wanted to teach after college, I knew it had to be with a Reid school.

The structure, family feeling, responsibility to community, and higher respect for education is what brought me back.

I felt just as safe expressing my thoughts and learning new skills in 1999 as I do today being a 3rd grade teacher.

It is a warm feeling to know that Valley was family to me then and has welcomed me back now."

**-Miss Magnusen,
3rd Grade teacher**

THIRD
GRADE



Miss Magnusen is pictured above with students Jonathan H., Cason P., Jamison H., Jason F. and Nora R.



"When I was a Valley Academy student, I understood the importance of a school that offered a solid academic education. I had seen the difference between Valley's standards and other schools' standards first hand. As an adult attending college, I realized that I still valued the traditional, academic standards that Valley offered and that I wanted to teach here. I was fortunate to receive a job offer from Valley, and I happily began my teaching career here in 2006."

- Miss Gross, 6th Grade teacher

SIXTH
GRADE



"I loved my time here as a student. I had a great group of friends and teachers who really nurtured my love of learning. I remember going to high school and being so much more prepared than some of my classmates because of the strong foundation I received here at Valley Academy, particularly in the middle school. When it came time to get a job as a teacher, I knew I wanted to come back here to work, so when the opportunity came, I took it immediately! It is great to be back in a place that I have called home for so long."

**- Mrs. Meyer
5th Grade teacher**



Mrs. Meyer is pictured above with her teacher from sixth grade, Mrs. Keely, still one of our current teachers here on campus.

"I feel incredibly lucky to be able to teach what I do, and as someone who went through the curriculum, I knew how I wanted to approach Valley's traditional style of education to a generation of students who have different experiences than I did. Valley has a unique approach to middle school education in that we have a dedicated writing class; the opportunity to be able to share my skillset, experience, and passion for writing is unique to this institution. At one point I was inspired by my teachers in this very building to think critically, and I can only hope I give some of the same inspiration to my students now."

- Miss Ekdahl, 7/8 Writing teacher



Five Years or More...Let's Dive into our Years of Experience

Working at Valley Academy is more than a daytime job. Working here means a spirit of friendship and family, a culture that brings us together with a sense of value in what we teach or do, relationships built and students we often see come back time and time again, parents we know when they are visiting on campus, and a love for this community that we call Valley Academy!

Let's dive into the years of experience that our staff has put in. If you notice, staff might be displaying a Pin of Service and below are what they are and what they represent. Named below are those who have celebrated an anniversary between the start of the year and the month of October!

We are proud to be here serving our students, whether we are administration, teachers, or support staff!

Our 5 or More Years of Service Pin

Mrs. Maria Munoz, Maintenance—5 years
Mr. Daniel Beckham, 4th Grade teacher—5 years
Mrs. Cameron Ferris, World Languages—5 years
Mrs. Emily Allen, Nurse—5 years
Mrs. Maricela Zahariades, 1st Grade teacher—5 years
Miss Amanda Ekdahl, 7th/8th Grade Writing teacher—5 years
Miss Emily Olson, Kindergarten teacher—5 years

Mrs. Julie Ford, 3rd Grade teacher—6 years
Mrs. Susan Sutaris, Kindergarten teacher—6 years
Mrs. Melody Grimm, Receptionist—6 years
Mrs. Jessica Dever, Librarian—6 years

Ms. Kim Rohr, 7th/8th Grade Math teacher—6 years
Mrs. Adrianna Rivett, Kindergarten teacher—6 years

Mrs. Heather Loveless, Music—7 years

Ms. Tami Loreto, 3rd Grade teacher—8 years
Mrs. Lori McGovern, Substitute teacher—8 years
Miss Katarina Scrip, Preschool aide—8 years

Mrs. Lisa Carpenter, 2nd Grade teacher—9 years



Our 10 or More Years of Service Pin

Miss Haley Magnusen, 3rd Grade teacher, 10 years

Miss Julie Meyer, 5th Grade teacher, 11 years
Mr. Josh Bauer, 7th/8th Grade Literature teacher—11 years

Mrs. Angela Copper, 6th Grade teacher—12 years
Mrs. Michelle Simon, 7th/8th Grade History teacher—12 years

Mrs. Vicki Lowery, Principal's Secretary—12 years



Our 15 or More Years of Service Pin

Mrs. Terri Lander, Technology—16 years
Ms. Stacy Schambach, 1st Grade teacher—16 years
Mr. Dell Mims, PE—16 years
Ms. Leah Ray, 4th Grade teacher—16 years
Mrs. Sheryl Watkins, Art—16 years
Mrs. Andrea Johnson, Kindergarten teacher—16 years

Mrs. Janet Robinson, Kindergarten aide—17 years
Mrs. Beth Lewandowsky, 5th Grade teacher—17 years
Mrs. Kris Schmidt, Food Service Manager—17 years
Mrs. Valerie Freeman, 5th Grade teacher—17 years

Mr. Ed Smith, 6th Grade teacher—18 years
Miss Elaine Gross, 6th Grade teacher—18 years
Mrs. Kristy Keely, 3rd Grade teacher—18 years

Mrs. Carol Breshears, M.Ed., Assistant Principal—20 years
Mrs. Brenda Cummings, 4th/5th Grade aide—20 years

Ms. Jeannine Uhlving, Office Manager—22 years

Mrs. Victoria Brooks, M.Ed., Principal—26 years

Mrs. Veronica Freeland, 2nd Grade teacher—29 years



OUR FEATURED GRADE LEVELS



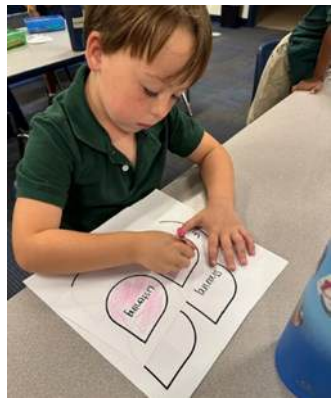
In preschool we are learning a new letter and number each week along with a fun & informative theme! So far, we have gone through letters Aa to Ee, and the numbers 0 to 5. Outside of this, we complete extra activities, fun crafts, and read stories that extend the students' learning and understanding on the letter and number focuses as well as our themes. We are also working on building up our fine & gross motor skills! We are excited for a great year full of learning and watching each student grow! Pictured to the right are Miss Uhlvig and Miss Burns, our preschool teachers.



Miss Burns' class is showcasing puppets they made regarding different people in the work field they may see.



To the right is Rudra S., Teodora G., Ridvik C., Aadhiran P. and Aryan K. who are working on the letter "C" formation.

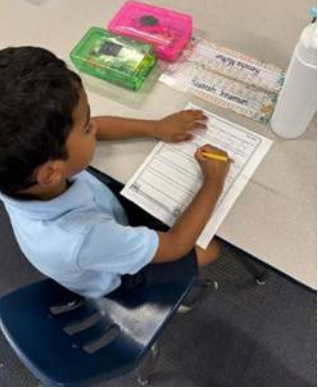


Remington M. is coloring while keeping in the lines while below both Sreemaan A. and Pavle D. are tracing letter formations.

Grayson B.-T. is pictured above using great care to make his Spalding letter formations. Pictured below is Aadrik C., Kabir A., and Ridvik C. who are using their fine motor skills to put Legos together to build a creative masterpiece!



Riyansh I. below is working on writing his number 5.



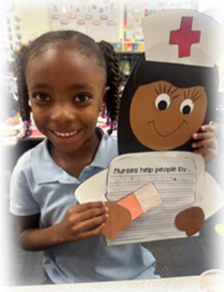
OUR FEATURED GRADE LEVELS

Welcome to Kindergarten

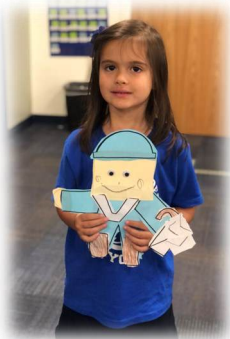
In kindergarten, we've been discussing the community we live in and the different community helpers we might see on a daily basis. We had a lot of fun learning about different careers and how reading, writing, and math is needed to be successful in these jobs!



Zachary B. shows off his fireman hat and Nyah B. shows off her project.



Prisha P. and Miriam N. show off their projects of a nurse and mail man.



Saansha S., Yanishk A., and Gurjas V. show off their police projects.



Pictured below is our team of Kindergarten teachers; Miss Olson, Mrs. Rivett, Mrs. Johnson, and Mrs. Sutaris



Students from Miss Olson's class show off their firefighter hats.

Kindergarten also went hog wild! They read books and were shown pictures and educational videos where they learned all about farm animals. Here are some little piggies and other farm life.

Nolan W. and Jackson L. are pictured wearing their pig hats.

Maxwell W., Geetthika K, and T. Chavez are showing off their chicken hats.

Ray Y., Akshara U., and San Y. show off their farmers.



Serving Up Success



We are so proud of the Valley Academy Girls' Volleyball team! They are having a wonderful season, and they have been having a great time. The girls are undefeated in their division. Coach Paucek and Coach Romi are hoping for two more wins to take the girls into the playoffs with an undefeated record in their division. Under their coaches' guidance, they have really developed into a fantastic team of girls that cheer and support each other on. Keep up the great work Coyotes!

Team members are: Maya D., Sadie B., Elyanna N., Maci M., Hailey E., Sara M., Stella M., Brooke B., Baani A., Manasvi K., Amoolya H., Danica B., Sophia N., and Sienna P.

Parent Teacher Conferences are October 17th & 18th; this will also coincide with our Early Release Days. Our students dismiss both days at 12:15 p.m. in order to accommodate our conferences. Preschool classes dismiss at 11:30 a.m.

Please visit our school website, <http://www.ValleyAcademy.com> to set an appointment for your conference by using the Sign-Up Genius button on the homepage. From there, select your child's teacher and a conference date and time that is most convenient for you.

All parents with children in grades K-6 are required to attend a conference. For parents with children in grades 7 and 8, conferences are on an "invitation only" basis or by parent request.



Eighth Grade

Car Wash Fundraiser

\$5.00 per car

Saturday, October 5, 2024

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Valley Academy

1520 W Rose Garden Ln

Meet the Student Council Elected Officers

We are pleased to announce this year's Student Council officers! Thank you to all who participated in this year's Student Council campaign. The speeches and posters were amazing this year! Mrs. Simon, Mrs. Ferris, Mrs. Francisco, Mrs. Lander, and Miss Webb are looking forward to working with this amazing group of talented and hard-working students who already have some great ideas for this school year!

President: Dominic B. (8th grade)

Vice President: Surya K.N. (7th grade)

Secretary: Danica B. (8th grade)

Treasurer: Julia M. (7th grade)

Historian: Aditya B. (5th grade)



September & October SHINE Recipients



Congratulations to the following students: Maxwell W., Eksha V., Prisha P., and Senni D., from kindergarten and Saara S.S., Stella B., Jai K., and Srihitha G. from 1st grade. They were selected by their kindergarten and 1st grade teachers as their classes' "SHINE" recipients this month! SHINE stands for Successful, Hardworking, Individual, and Noble Example. I am so thankful to them for being shining examples for others to follow. This is a special award and I am so proud of them. Way to go, students!

Mrs. Breshears, M. Ed.
Assistant Principal
Valley Academy

News from the Art Room!

AZ State Fair Student Art Competition and Exhibit All 13 students competing at the Arizona State Fair Student Art Competition and Exhibit won ribbons this year. They competed against many other schools in the state of Arizona. Ipsa P. and Saisha R.: 1st Place ribbons. Ella L.: 2nd Place ribbon. Abigail Z.: 3rd Place ribbon. Aubrey B.: 4th Place Ribbon. Alex N.: 5th Place Ribbon. Surya K. N. and Roshan C.: 6th Place Ribbon. William M. and Sophia S.: 7th Place Ribbons. Shriyaa S.: 8th Place Ribbon. Neha D.: 9th Place Ribbon. Bhavika K.: 10th Place Ribbon. Students will receive their ribbons and have a yearbook picture taken at the November Assembly. We are so happy for them!



Handicapped Parking Spaces

Please remember that the front parking lot is NOT a drop off zone and that our Handicapped Parking Spaces are not to be used unless you have a tag displayed. We have had families recently unable to park when they need to. Please use our proper drop off procedures.

Please join Student Council for our Movie Night featuring

Hercules!

Thursday, October 3rd at 5:30 p.m. in the M.P.R.



Bring the entire family, blankets, pillows, and relax! (No pajamas please!)

Tickets are \$3.00 for students, \$1.00 for adults and that gets you a free bag of popcorn as well!

(Other drinks and snacks will be available for sale.)

THE TALENT SHOW

Talent Show Entry Form due Wednesday, October 2nd

Audition: PK—4th Grade, Monday, October 7th, 3:30 p.m.

Audition: 5th—8th Grade, Tuesday, October 8th, 3:30 p.m.

Required Dress Rehearsal: 4:00 p.m., Wednesdays, November 6th and 13th

Talent Show: 5:30 p.m. in the MPR Thursday, November 14th





October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Book Drive Now—Nov. 1st</p>	<p>Cheer Clinic 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Cheer Clinic 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>GOT TALENT Talent Show Entry Forms Due</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Cheer Tryouts 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>Movie Night 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Spirit Day</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Car Wash Fundraiser 10:00—1:00 p.m.</p>
6	<p>7</p> <p>Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.</p> <p>TALENT SHOW AUDITIONS PK—4th Grade</p>	<p>8</p> <p>VAPO Meeting 8:15 a.m. Caught Being Good</p> <p>TALENT SHOW AUDITIONS 5th—8th Grade</p>	9	10	11	12
13	<p>14</p> <p>NO SCHOOL Columbus Day</p> <p>Staff Development</p>	15	16	17	18	19
20	<p>21</p> <p>Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Honor Roll Ice Cream</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Picture Retake Day</p>	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		