



VALLEY
ACADEMY



Coyote News

From the Principal's Desk

Mrs. Brooks, M. Ed. Principal



Dear Parents,

As we gather to celebrate this season of gratitude, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you. Your care and support of our students, commitment to the success of our school, the dedication you show to our teachers and staff, and the incredible support you provide have not gone unnoticed.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, I am grateful for the sense of community that Valley has maintained. It is a joy to witness the collaborative efforts of parents, students, and educators working together to create an environment where learning thrives.

Our teachers and staff are at the heart of this community, and your support makes a significant difference in their ability to inspire and educate our students. Your commitment to fostering a positive and enriching educational experience is truly appreciated.

During this month, my wish is that we all are blessed beyond measure and have a wonderful Thanksgiving break. May the spirit of gratitude continue to unite us and guide us in all our endeavors. Thank you for being an integral part of the Valley Academy community.

Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving filled with warmth and joy!



Mrs. Victoria Brooks, M.Ed.

Upcoming Events

Early Release/Staff Development Friday, November 1st. Preschool dismisses at 11:30 a.m. and all students K-8 dismiss at 12:15 p.m.

Talent Show Rehearsal Wednesday, November 6th and 13th at 3:30 p.m.

Spirit Day Friday, November 8th. All students may participate in Spirit Day by wearing their Spirit Day shirt. For grades K-8, ice cream is available at lunch for purchase.

No School Monday, November 11th. No school in honor of Veterans Day.

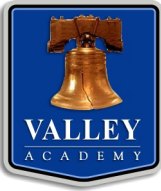
Talent Show Thursday, November 14th at 5:30 p.m. in the MPR.

High School Night Tuesday, November 19th. Students in grades 4-8 and their parents are invited to an informative evening regarding High School.

Progress Reports Wednesday, November 20th. Students' work is assessed and grades are also available online to view using ParentVUE.

No School Monday, November 25th—Friday, November 29th. No school for Thanksgiving Break.

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OPEN ENROLLMENT November 4th—17th



Do you have friends or family whose kids could benefit from the great education your child is getting? Would your children like to have their neighborhood friends at school with them? Would you like your friends to join the fun, working alongside you on the Valley Academy Parent Organization (VAPO)? Help us build the Valley Academy family by inviting your friends to join you here.



Open Enrollment is November 4th-17th for KG-8th grade. That's the best time for new students to apply. If you have a kindergartener for next year, siblings receive admissions preference, but we need to have an application so we know to save their seat. If you have other children in any grade you'd like to enroll at Valley Academy, please apply during Open Enrollment.



Kindergarteners should be five years old on August 31, 2025, to attend during the 2025-2026 school year. Note that kindergarteners who turn five years old between August 31st and December 31st, 2025 can now attend after passing an assessment that confirms they are ready for kindergarten. After November 17th, any remaining openings are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, so encourage your friends to apply soon.



The Preschool Waiting List opens at 7:30 a.m. on November 4th, for children who will be four years old by August 31st. Preschool is a private, tuition-based program. Spaces are offered in the order applications are received, with a limited number of half-day positions.



November SHINE Recipients



Congratulations to the following students:
Aarav T., Rohan R., Aadhya R., and Aadrika K., from 2nd grade. They were selected by their 2nd 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



NEWS & UPDATES

Reminder:
Early Release Day!

Friday, November 1st
Preschool dismisses at 11:30 a.m.
K-8 dismisses at 12:15 p.m.

Logoed Sweatshirts on Sale — November 4th-10th

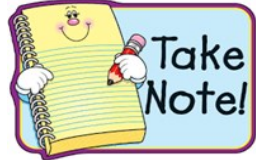
Valley Academy logoed navy blue sweatshirts that can be worn year-round and in the classrooms will be available to order for 1 week only this month. Crash Sports will have them available for sale on their website, www.CrashSports.org from November 4th—10th. Families will have one more opportunity this school year to order, if you miss this month's open week, in January when Spirit Shirts go on sale again.



Talent Show *Rehearsal*
November 6th at 3:30 p.m.
and
November 13th at 3:30 p.m.
In the MPR

THE
Talent
SHOW

Thursday,
November 14th,
At 5:30 p.m. in the MPR
\$1.00/person



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November 8th this
month.



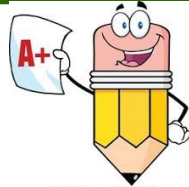
REMINDER!

2nd Grade Field Trip
November 14th

7th Grade Field Trip
November 21st

Students will need a sack lunch to take with them.
Have fun, second and seventh grades!

Progress Reports
available on ParentVUE
November 20, 2024.



REMINDER

NO SCHOOL on Monday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day.

High School Night

For 4th—8th Graders and their Parents

We would like to invite you and your children to come to our Annual High School Night, Tuesday, November 19th at 6:00 p.m. in the M.P.R. We have invited several local high schools to come share a little about their school and the special programs they have to offer.

Choosing the high school where your children will spend the next four years of their academic career is so important. We are hopeful that the information you receive will help you get a little closer to making that right choice for your children.

Thank you and hope to see you there.

Mrs. Carol Breshears, M. Ed.
Assistant Principal, RTS' Valley Academy



Valley Academy earns an A+

Valley Academy has earned an A+ from Niche 2025 ratings based on statistics and millions of opinions from both students and parents. Congratulations, Valley Academy!
Best Public Elementary Schools in AZ
#14 of 1, 219

Best Charter Elementary Schools in AZ
#14 of 274

Best Public Middle Schools in AZ
#15 of 827





Valley Academy Toy Drive
Sponsored by NJHS
TO BENEFIT CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE



November 4th—December 6th

We are looking for donations of new, unwrapped toys or gift cards for ages 0—21. For ideas of what gifts are needed, checkout the Amazon Wish List using the link or QR Code:

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/OISWRTXZT9T8>



Class with the most toys wins a pizza party!



Valley Academy's Student Council and NJHS partnered with UNICEF BOOK DRIVE to collect 1,000 books to start a library in Kenya. We had a total of 4,001 books that were donated! Great job, everyone! The winning class, Mr. Beckham's class, bringing in 535 books, has won a cookie party! Congratulations!



Turkey Trot
November 22nd!

Students in K-8th Grades, wear your running shoes!

You'll be racing against classmates in your grade level for a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner! Watch for more information from our Parent Organization and join the fun!



Congratulations to the girls' volleyball team! They ended up taking the Fiesta Division Championship title, only one game away from winning it all. They fought hard and made such improvements over the season! Way to go, Lady Coyotes!

Thanksgiving
Break
NO SCHOOL!



Thanksgiving Break
November
25th—29th

Congratulations to Mrs. Fernando for winning the Transportation Reduction Program 1st Quarter contest. She won a gift card for her participation in our program! Great job!



See what's happening in 1st grade!



Maxim M. and Isaac F. observing the colorful travels of water up the stem of their celery stalk.

Recently in first grade, we have been diving into the fascinating world of plants! Students have been learning about the different parts of a plant, how water travels from the roots all the way up to the leaves, and how leaves produce food for the plant.

We explored the essential components of a plant: the roots, stem, leaves, and flowers. They've learned that each part has a unique role in keeping the plant healthy and thriving. The roots anchor the plant in the ground and absorb water and nutrients from the soil. The stem serves as a support system, transporting water and nutrients to the leaves and flowers. Lastly, the leaves use the sun to create food to keep the plant healthy and strong.

To see this process in action, we placed celery stalks in a glass of colored water. Over the next few days, the students watched in amazement as the stalk and the leaves at the top of the celery changed color, illustrating how the water moved through the plant's stem.

They also planted and tended to plants. They worked to tend the soil, care for the plant, water it, and make sure it gets plenty of sunlight to grow healthy and strong.

In addition to the experiments, students have been creating colorful plant diagrams. Using construction paper and art supplies, they labeled each part of the plant and decorated their projects with drawings of their favorite flowers and vegetables.


As the month progresses, first graders will continue to explore the importance of plants in our ecosystem. They'll learn how plants produce oxygen and provide food for many living things, reinforcing their understanding of why plants are so vital to life on Earth.



To the left is Selah C., Zayne O., Sylvia S., and Phoenix S. tending to their plant.



November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
					1  Book Drive Ends Early Release 12:15 Dismissal Staff Development	2	
3	4 Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.  Toy Drive Begins Sweatshirts on Sale 	5	6	7 Talent Show Rehearsal 3:30 p.m. 	8	8 Spirit Day 	9
10	11 No School Veterans Day 	12 VAPO Meeting 8:15 a.m. Caught Being Good	13	14 2nd Grade Field Trip Talent Show Rehearsal 3:30 p.m. 	15 Talent Show 5:30 p.m. 	16	
17	18 Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.	19	20	21 7th Grade Field Trip Skate Night 4-7:00 p.m.	22 Turkey Trot 	23	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
THANKSGIVING BREAK NO SCHOOL 							