



VALLEY
ACADEMY



Coyote News

From the Principal's Desk

Mrs. Brooks, M. Ed. Principal



Dear Valley Academy community,

Here we are in the month of December! It feels like November went by in a flash! The school year is more than 1/3 of the way through and shortly after we return from the holiday break, we will be preparing to celebrate the hundredth day of school! Holiday decorations are sprouting up everywhere as families in our area begin their thinking about holiday shopping, vacation plans, and dinner menus. Many of our evenings and weekends will be spent getting ready for holiday celebrations. While visions of sugar plums, reindeer, and peppermint mocha may arise at times, our Valley students continue to have math facts, essays, favorite books, and science experiments dancing through their heads. Please help us encourage our students to stay as focused as possible and include homework and study time in your holiday plans....at least until December 20th!

Looking for a few gift ideas, especially ones that don't cost a lot of money? This holiday season give your child and family the gift of time. Relax at a park for a day and have a picnic. Take a nature walk at a local preserve. Visit the local library. Enjoy a meal together as a family. Have a night with the family and play a favorite board game. The most important things in life are family and friends, so this holiday season make an effort to spend quality time with both. As parents, you are extremely important to your children. This month, make it a goal to spend an evening, day or weekend with them. Remember, bigger is not necessarily better. The time you spend with them does not have to be at a theme park or fancy resort! It can be reading a book together, playing catch, decorating cookies, or telling stories together. This is the time to provide your child with memories that will never be forgotten. The holiday season is all about giving, and the quality time you spend together can be better than anything wrapped up in a bow under the tree! Please remember that students should continue to read, write and practice their math facts over winter vacation! Reading and writing can be about topics they enjoy and shared with parents and siblings alike. Students can also write some resolutions to ring in 2025!

To all our families, the warmest of holiday wishes and here's to a prosperous new year for all!

My Best,

Mrs. Victoria Brooks, M. Ed.

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Upcoming Events

Spirit Day Friday, December 6th. 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.

Winter Band Concert Thursday, December 12th. Band will be performing at 6:00 p.m.

Early Release/End of 2nd Quarter Friday, December 20th. Preschool dismisses at 11:30 a.m. K-8 Holiday parties will take place in their classrooms. K-8 students will dismiss at 12:15 p.m. **There is NO P.M. COYOTE CLUB.**

Winter Break December 23rd through January 6th. School resumes Tuesday, January 7th.

More Events Listed on Calendar Page

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

December SHINE Recipients

Congratulations to the following students: Aarvi G., Addison M., Annielle M., and Logan M. from 3rd grade. They were selected by their 3rd 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



National Junior Art Honor Society News

NJAHS made Thanksgiving wreaths for their families in gratitude, using custom-made decorations.



Arizona Instruction Registration is now open for 2nd semester. Classes will begin the week of January 13th. Register at <https://arizonainstruction-valley.jumbula.com>

Someburros... Raising \$\$ Never Tasted So Good



Thursday, December 5th—2525 W Jomax Rd

On the day of the event, Someburros will donate 30% of all pretax food sales from any guest that presents a flyer or mentions the Valley Academy Parent Organization at checkout.

Parent Badges While on Campus

While visiting school campus, all parents should have on a red parent lanyard with badge or receive a visitor's sticker from Mrs. Grimm in the front office. Preschool parents should have both a red and yellow lanyard with their badge. If you need a badge, you can set up an appointment with Mrs. Dever, librarian, at JDever@ValleyAcademy.com. They are \$5.00 exact cash. Thank you!

Valley Academy's Toy Drive Sponsored by NJHS

TO BENEFIT CHILDREN
IN FOSTER CARE



We are looking for donations of **new and unwrapped** toys or gift cards for ages 0-21.

Now through December 6th!

The class that donates the most toys wins a pizza party.

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



Now that it is cold and flu season, our school nurse would like to remind our families that your children need to be fever free for 24 hours before they can return to school. Also, **all** medications must be checked in with the school nurse and given at the nurse's office. Students may not carry any medications on them or in their backpacks. Thank you for helping to keep students healthy.

SPIRIT WEEK!

December 16th—20th

What will each day be?

Will they be crazy, silly, and fun?
Spirit Days are still being determined
and will be announced soon!



Pay \$1 a day to your homeroom teacher to participate. Participate in all 5 days or just one — either way, it's sure to be fun!

Beautiful Florals Line the Hallway

Pictured below is Mrs. Montero, volunteering to assist Mrs. Watkins to hang floral student artwork in the hallway. Thank you, Mrs. Montero, for your assistance, and thanks also to Mrs. Watkins and to our talented students for helping make our walls look bright and cheery! What wonderful jobs everyone did!



Classroom Holiday Parties and Early Release Day December 20, 2024



All K-8 classes will participate in Holiday parties in their classrooms.

Some things to remember:

1. Photo ID's or visitor badges must be worn while on campus.
2. According to our school policy, small children, siblings (both younger and alumni), and friends are not allowed on campus while visiting classroom parties.
3. Homeroom Parents who are ordering pizza for delivery, please give money envelopes to the front desk, including orders that you owe tip on. Chances are that the pizza will arrive before you do, and we don't want the delivery drivers waiting.
4. All students in K-8 will dismiss at 12:15 p.m.

5. There is NO P.M. COYOTE CLUB on December 20th as school will close for Winter Break.

DON'T FORGET!

no

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20th As a reminder, there will be **no P.M. Coyote Club on Friday, December 20th**. Classes for K-8 grades will dismiss at 12:15 p.m. and ALL students must be picked up on time through drive through pick up, walk up pick up, or by walking across the street. The campus will be closed following dismissal, so it is important that you be on time. Please remember that the office is not a pick up zone, and to eliminate an abundance of parents and students in the office, students are to dismiss in the appropriate areas.

Early Release Day!

Enjoy Winter Break!



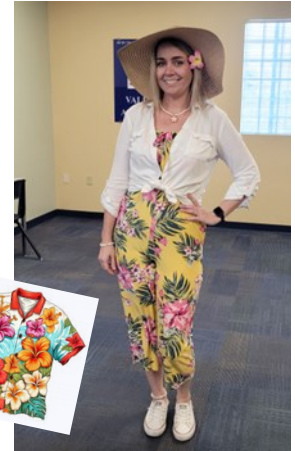
Wishing you and your family a wonderful Winter Break!

December 23, 2024—January 6, 2025

School resumes January 7, 2025

Staff SPIRIT Week

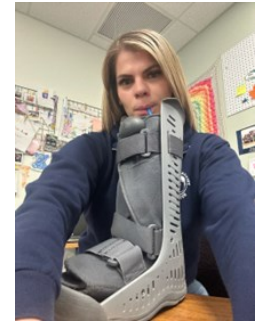
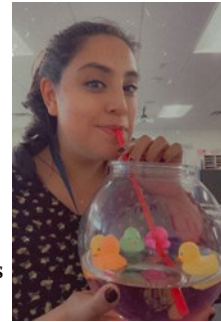
The last week before Thanksgiving Break, all staff participated in a super secret Staff Spirit Week! We all had fun as we waited for students to notice which Fun Day it was! Here are just a few pictures of the shenanigans that went on.



Dressed dawned in Hawaiian wear was one of our 5 days of Spirit Fun that we had around campus,

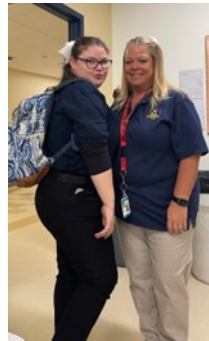


Anything But a Cup Day and Socks with Sandals...oh the things our staff and teachers came up with to drink out of: a vase, popcorn bucket, coffee pot, sipper water bottle, fish bowl, boot, and so much more.



Did you notice that all staff were dressed like students? What a fun day that was to see if our students noticed that we were all dressed like them!

Participation left staff giddy like students again. What a fun way to have staff have a bit of fun with our students the last week of school before break!



Middle School



The students in 7th and 8th grade are busy voting and learning about government. 7th grade went to the American Heritage Festival at Schnepf Farms.



Ms. Rohr (Math), Mrs. Matangi (Science), Miss Ekdahl (Writing), Mrs. Simon (Social Studies), and Mr. Bauer (Literature).



Jaikarthick M.V., Sophia S., Elyanna N., Anisha K., and Lyra J. all take a turn at voting.



Students Abby V., Sophia N., Maya D., Amoolya H., Mithra V., and Adisha P. are pictured below.





December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1	2	3	4 MathCounts Club Ends $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$	5 Spelling Bee 1:30 p.m. Someburros Fundraising Night	6 Spirit Day Toy Drive Ends 	7	
8	9	10 VAPO Meeting 8:15 a.m. Caught Being Good NJHS Induction Ceremony 5:30 p.m.	11	12 Band Concert 6:00 p.m. Board Meeting 6:15 p.m. Reid Offices	13 Arizona Instruction Classes End	14	
15	16 Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.	SPIRIT WEEK DEC. 16 - 20			20 Early Release 12:15 Dismissal Class Parties NO PM COYOTE CLUB End of 2nd Qtr.	21	
22	23 	24 	25 	26 	27 	28	
29	30 	31 	WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL			Winter Break Dec. 23rd—Jan. 6th School will resume on Tuesday, January 7th.	



January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL				
						
5	6 No School Staff Development	7 School Resumes	8 Report Cards Go Home	9	10 Spirit Day	11
12	13 <i>Arizona Instruction Classes Begin</i>	14 VAPO Meeting 8:15 a.m. Caught Being Good	15 Honor Roll Ice Cream	16	17	18
19	20 No School MLK Day 	21	22 	23	24  3rd Grade Field Trip	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 	