



VALLEY
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Coyote News

From the Principal's Desk

Mrs. Brooks, M. Ed., Principal



It is almost unbelievable that I am writing an article to wish you all a restful and pleasant Spring Break. This year seems to be flying by. On behalf of my entire staff, we hope you will enjoy your week away from school.

We also wish to encourage you to remind your children to read, play educational games, and have meaningful conversations with you throughout the week. Meaningful conversations with adults build vocabulary and further the connection with your child. We hope your children's skills will be sharp when they return, as we will get right to work on our fourth quarter's curriculum and prepare for State Standardized Testing.

I would like to once again like to thank you for choosing Reid Traditional Schools' Valley Academy for your child's educational needs. We feel extremely fortunate to have the students and families we have in our school community. We are always interested in growing our Reid community, so if you have a friend, relative, or colleague who has children, please let them know about our schools.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Brooks, M.Ed.

Upcoming Events

Spring Festival March 1st from 11:00—4:00 p.m. - Come enjoy a sweet celebration for the whole family.

8th Grade Promotion Pictures March 5th - All 8th grade students will be photographed.

Read In March 6th - Guest Speakers will visit our K-8 classes to tell students a little about their careers in various fields and to read a short excerpt from a book.

Spirit Day March 7th - All students in grades PK-8 may celebrate their school spirit with wearing spirit day t-shirts.

Early Release March 14th at 12:15 p.m. - All students in K-8 dismiss early. End of 3rd Quarter.

Spring Break March 17th-21st - No School

Report Cards March 26th - Students' work is assessed and report cards are sent home.

[More Events Listed on Calendar Page](#)



8th Grade Pictures - Wednesday, March 5th Make This Your Moment To Shine!

This portrait will be included in the promotion certificate folio given out in May. All 8th grade students will be photographed whether or not they purchase pictures. Your child received picture packet information last week, so please check with your child and go over the



dress code. You can order online at www.inter-state.com/order and enter the school order code 0028FHB. Then, simply follow the online directions to complete your order.

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



Valley Academy's Candyland Spring Festival!

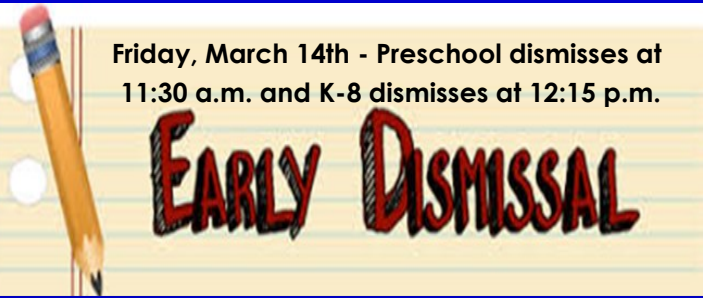
We would like to give a special 'Thank you' to our Valley Academy Parent Organization (VAPO) and to all the parents who volunteered their time during the festival. Thank you for all the hard work everyone put in to make it so much fun for our students and families. Without parent help, activities like the festival just are not possible.

Thank you to everyone who joined us at this year's Candyland Spring Festival— a sweet celebration for the whole family. We hope that you had as much fun as we did!



Valley Academy's Read In is when members from our community visit Valley Academy to discuss the importance of reading and how reading is important within their careers and lives. Each member will be joining a grade level on Thursday, March 6th for a short time in the morning. We welcome you to ask your child about the member from our community who joined their classes and what they learned.

"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader." - Margaret Fuller



Third Quarter Report Cards

The end of the third quarter is on March 14, 2025. Third quarter Report Cards assess students' work and will be sent home on March 26, 2025.



March 17-21, 2025

Our administration, teachers, and support staff wish you a wonderful, safe, and fun week off from school.

Thank you to our families who participated in helping to raise funds for our Fun Run. The classes who won a **PIZZA PARTY** were Mrs. Johnson's class for 1st place, Mrs. Keely's class for 2nd place, and Mrs. Freeman's class for 3rd place. Congratulations to all of our winners and thank you for raising funds for our school! The pizza parties will be held on Friday, March 7th.



Yearbooks for Sale

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TOP 10 REASONS IT'S BEST FOR YOUR CHILD TO ATTEND SCHOOL **EVERY DAY**

1

Greater Social Development — Students develop social and emotional skills that benefit them throughout their lives. At Valley Academy, they are learning to interact with others, make friends, and build relationships with adults outside their family giving, them the basis they need for their academic career.



Friendships bloom between Preschool students Ranveer R., Amay N. and Aadrik C.



Jack M. and Aadhya P. are sharing SQUIGZ and using STEM and imaginative play to interact.



Miss Burns reads a story to the class relating to the theme of the week, desert animals. The class listens attentively.



Preschool students Nareh K. and Teodora G. are tossing a ball to one another as they interact.



Rudra S. along with the rest of the students in the class, have built a relationship with Miss Keely, classroom aide who is helping to assist students with writing the letter 'U'.

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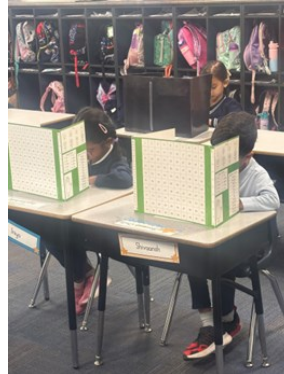
Routine and Structure — Attending school each and every day provides children with a sense of security. They are learning to follow rules and routines that give them balance outside their home and benefits their development.



A well structured classroom allows our Kindergarten students to thrive with their daily routines.



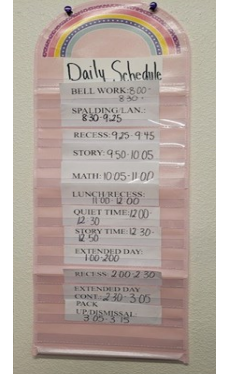
Students Remington H., Petar M., Elliot G., and Nolan W. walk in a nice line following an everyday routine to get to and from the classroom.



Students learn the Spalding Method and test taking skills to build routines that allow for less anxiety and acing it every time.



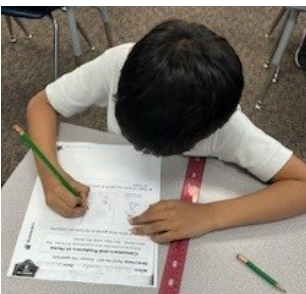
Nolan W. unpacks his belongings to get ready for his day in class and puts his backpack and lunchbox away in his cubby.



Daily Schedules keep our students on track and provide students with structure.

3

Better Academic Performance — Students' academic performance and test scores excel when students are present each day in the classroom. Teacher instruction provides our students with valuable lessons, and missing just one or two days can put them behind in the classroom.



First grade students are working on economics. They are illustrating three goods they consume at home and two services they provide at home.



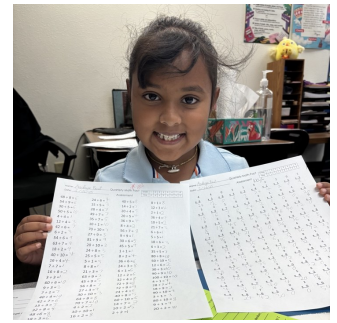
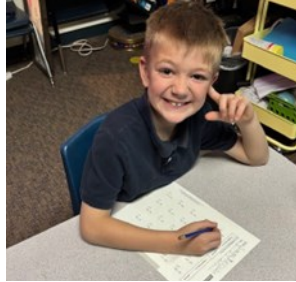
In first grade, after visiting the theater, students work on drawing Pigeon while incorporating other characters or the setting from what they saw during the play. From left to right: Nahush M., Ryot O., Stanley T., and Aadhya G.



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4 Increased Self-esteem — As students attend school regularly and continue to master new skills, they feel confident in what they have learned and also feel good about themselves.



Second grade students such as Meesha G., Samuel B., River P, and Aadhya R., are continuing to master math fact skills that allow them to complete math timed tests each week and move on to master higher skills in second grade such as subtraction, multiplication, and division.



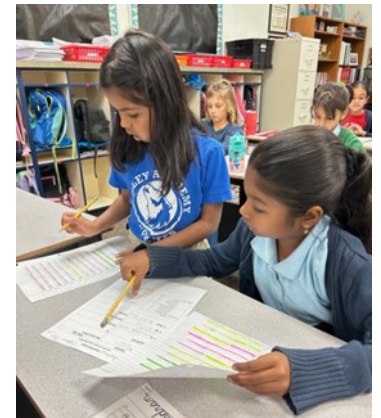
5 Increased Literacy Skills — A strong curriculum and regular attendance combine to give our students increased reading and literacy skills.



Pictured are students Madison A., Sparrow W., and Marshall H.



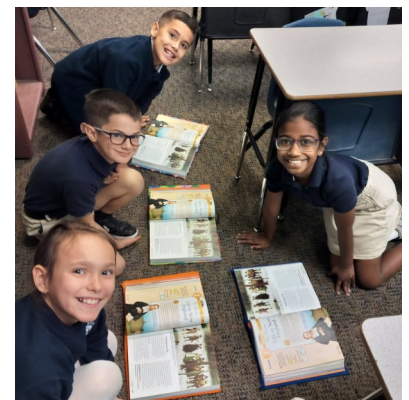
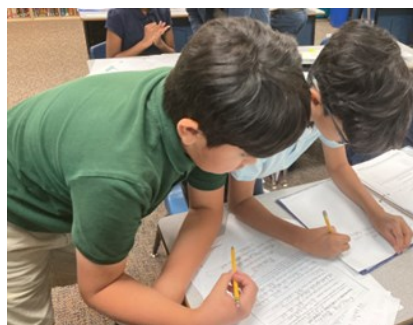
Students in third grade identify and label their thinking when finding the elements of narrative, informative, and informative-narrative writing. Pictured are students "in action" for peer revising and editing during writer's workshop. If students are absent, there are not enough Peer Editing partners. Aqeedat G. and Aarabi A. are



Oishani K. and Vainavi S.C. are working diligently on their papers.



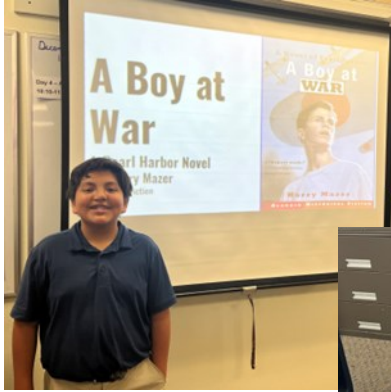
6 Class-wide Benefits — When all students are present each day, it benefits the class as a whole. Students are able to learn together and move forward as a class without interruption rather than lose valuable time on backtracking and review.



Working in groups, fourth grade students are learning together to complete an assignment. Pictured left to right is Saishaa S., Vanshika K., Lincoln M., and Nehan N. Students Helena V., Amaya R., Ivan H., and Mateja C. work in a small group while reading for history.

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7 An Emphasis on Education — Here at Valley Academy, education is our top priority, and our students learn that it is important to try to do their best.



Adrian H. worked hard on his Powerpoint presentation on [A Boy at War](#).



To the left, Ava S. worked on making a spiral galaxy. Above, Lana O. and Chyles H. made the moon phases with Oreos.

Our fifth grade students understand the importance of quality work and try their best while having a love for their education.

8 A Shot at a Better Future — By sixth grade, high attendance leads to high academics, and at Valley Academy, our high standards and academics lead to an excelling future in High School.



Our sixth graders are eager to share the knowledge they have gained by knowing all the right answers when verbally quizzed. Pictured are Gagan C., Castor J., Tanvi N., Ishita C., Emme C., and Advait P.

9 And **10** Increased Preparedness **will lead to A Good Habit That Will Last** — In seventh and eighth grade, our students prepare for high school. Those who are in attendance each day master how to manage a rotation of five classes/teachers and how to keep up with assignments, so they are better prepared for tests and quizzes. Establishing a great attendance record will set your child up for success in their future school career.



Mr. Bauer's seventh grade class displayed how attendance plays a vital role in success! Mr. Bauer's entire seventh grade homeroom class earned Honor Roll during the 2nd quarter!

Now that shows power from within the classroom and how Valley Academy students are set up for success in their future school careers. Great job everyone!

The eighth graders took the AZ State Civics Exam, and for the second year in a row, they received the highest average that Valley Academy has ever had! Their average as a class was a 98% with 18 of them receiving a 100% and another 19 of them receiving a 99% or a 98%! The group pictured received a 100% on both the AZ State Civics Exam and their Government Unit Exam, and this was also the largest group who has ever received this honor – 16 of them (it was hard to fit them in the picture)! It is safe to say that this group is just outstanding!

Great job everyone!

Pictured top row left to right: Andrew S., Jadon R., Rakshan U., Ryaan M., Shanthanu P., Luka K., Dominic B., Charlotte Z.

Pictured bottom row left to right: Oviya M.S., Sameeksha G.S., Snigdha N., Valeria C.M., Brooke B., Lyra J., Avika G., and Shriyaa S.



NEWS & UPDATES



Field Trip Fun with Teachers!



READY, SET... SPRING BREAK!

March SHINE Recipients

Congratulations to the following students: Ashlynn B., McKenzie S., and Dylan M., from 5th grade. They were selected by their 5th 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



LOOK HOW CUTE!
ARIZONA INSTRUCTION
ARTS AND CRAFTS CLASS
MADE MINIONS!
WELL DONE, STUDENTS!

VAPO — Meet our Valley Academy Parent Organization

Committee Chairs, who help make events on our campus come alive!



Did you know that our parent organization, VAPO, plays a vital role at Valley Academy and that VAPO is the vehicle for parents to have a positive impact on their children's education? Our

parent organization is a made up of 12 council seats, and without our parents' help, things like Spirit Day Ice Cream, Caught Being Good, Spring Festival, Book Fairs, Turkey Trot, Field Day, Fundraisers, Promotion activities, 7th/8th grade Dances, etc. would be cancelled. New elections will be held during the annual meeting in May, and new Governing Council terms begin in July. If being on the council isn't for you, please know that we ask our families to volunteer 3 hours per month or 27 hours per school year to assist our council members with all the FUN things we do on campus. You can also help out your child's teacher by helping grade, grocery shop or make a dish for staff luncheons, or chaperone a field trip. Stop by the office to pick up a VAPO Council Candidate Application form, contact a council member, or your child's teacher for more information about volunteering! Thank you for all you do and all the ways you help our school thrive!

Pictured: Mrs. Sweeta Dahiya, Mrs. Brie Gebhart, Mrs. Amy Sessler, Mr. Aaron Smith, Mrs. Karolina Morawa, Mrs. Vanessa Eckles, and Mrs. Candy Ushakov.
Not pictured: Mrs. Abby Bratlien-Adams and Mrs. Chrissy Gorman



Math Counts Competition—

On Saturday, February 22, twelve students from Valley attended and participated in the the Math Counts charter competition in Tempe, AZ. The competition consists of three rounds: Sprint with 40 questions, Target with 10 questions and Team with 10 questions. Only 4 students out of the 12 get to compete in the team round. Our team consisted of Ryaan M., Nick U., Yogith S. and Siddhant S. Ryaan M. scored high enough that he has been invited to the state competition in March.



Akshat B., Nihal G., Sreevenkat S., Siddhant S., Nick U., Aviral G., Nadhira D., Ryaan M., Hansha M., Yogith S., Viraj J., Jaikarthick M.V., and Mrs. Copper

March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
						1 Spring Festival 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. 	
2	3	4	5 8th Grade Promotion Pictures Picture DAY 	6  Read In	7 Spirit Day Pizza Party Day for fundraising winning classes 	8	
9	10	11 VAPO Meeting 8:15 a.m. Caught Being Good	12	13  Stratosphere Adventure Park Fundraiser 4-8 p.m.	14 7/8 Field Day Early Release Staff Development 12:15 Dismissal End of 3rd Quarter	15	
16	17	NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK March 17th - 21st					22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
30 	31 Standardized Test Week 	 Fundraiser 4 p.m.—8 p.m.	 Report Cards Go Home		8th Grade Class Shirt Pictures 		