



**VALLEY**  
ACADEMY



# Coyote News

January 2017

## From the CEO

**Ms. Mitchell, M. Ed., C.E.O.**

It was such a joy to see our kindergarten and preschool students discover their new classrooms and playground when they returned from break. This is a 21-year dream fulfilled, and I am truly thankful to everyone who worked so hard to make our first day back so perfect. Thank you to our parent volunteers, teachers, staff members, and construction crew. I'd especially like to thank Mrs. Wilber, who has guided our school through this transition with grace and efficiency. We are so blessed to have her leadership!

As we enter into the second half of the year, I'd like to remind everyone that we have some openings available in Valley's preschool program. Tell your friends that it's not too late to enroll this year. Their child can still get valuable preparation for kindergarten, and they will be learning and playing on a brand new campus!

Our attention is turning now to building the gymnasium. Soon, you will see the old portable buildings disappear and watch the gym walls rise. What an exciting year for our school!



## Upcoming Events

**Report Cards** January 11<sup>th</sup> Students' work is assessed and reports are sent home.

**Early Release/Staff Development** January 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 p.m.

**Open House** January 13<sup>th</sup> 1:00-3:00 p.m.

**No School** January 16<sup>th</sup> Martin Luther King Day

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

**Spirit Day** January 20<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 20<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 24<sup>th</sup> 100% attendance = 100% funding.

**School Board Meeting** January 26<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**



Meet the newest members of the National Junior Art Honor Society. These members uphold the traditions and values of the charter organization. Congratulations!

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



As you begin to prepare your 2016 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 Faber, one of our 1st grade teachers, is getting married! Unfortunately, her nuptials will take place out of state and so will her new life. She leaves us on January 13th. We wish her well and will miss her dearly. Fortunately for us, we have hired Miss Lisa George to finish off the school year and continue with us next year. Miss George brings her experience as a former Valley student, employee, and teacher of several years. She is looking forward to being one of the Valley community once again. We know both women will be sensational in their new roles.

## 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. Most importantly for our school the **100<sup>th</sup> day + 100% attendance = 100% funding**. As a school, our funding is based on student attendance on this very important day, so if at all possible, please have your child here on January 24, 2017.

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 100th day. It will be an exciting day, full of fun activities. Mark you calendar for **January 24, 2017!**



### AZ Instruction 2nd Semester classes

The Junior Dancers (pictured) have been hard at work and just finished their final performance at the winter concert! Dance students rehearse after school each Monday and are excited to perform for everyone! 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. New students are welcome to register for the second semester of AZ Instruction classes after the winter break, from January 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>. We hope you'll join the fun!

# January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>No School</b> <b>Winter Break–January 6th</b>						
8	9 <sup>90</sup>	10 <sup>91</sup>	11 <sup>92</sup>	12 <sup>93</sup>	13 <sup>94</sup>	14
<div>DIBELS Testing</div> <div>→</div> <div>Week 20</div>	School resumes		Report Cards Go Home		Boosterthon Kickoff Assembly Early Release AM Specials 12:15 p.m. Dismissal Open House 1:00-3:00 p.m.	
15	16	17 <sup>95</sup>	18 <sup>96</sup>	19 <sup>97</sup>	20 <sup>98</sup>	21
Week 21	No School MLK Day	VAPO Meeting 8:15 a.m.  Honor Roll Ice Cream			Spirit Day  7/8 Grade Assembly 8:15 a.m.	
22	23 <sup>99</sup>	24 <sup>100</sup>	25 <sup>101</sup>	26 <sup>102</sup>	27 <sup>103</sup>	28
Week 22		<div>100<sup>th</sup> Day of School</div>		Caught Being Good  Board Meeting Reid Offices	Boosterthon Fun Run & Field Day 1 <sup>st</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	
29	30 <sup>104</sup>	31 <sup>105</sup>				
Week 23						



# OPEN HOUSE

**Come and tour the new building!**

Friday, January 13th  
12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Join us on the basketball courts for pizza (\$1 per slice) and popcorn (\$0.50 per bag). After you pick up your child, come and hang out with other Valley Academy families until the tours of the new building are ready to begin.

Guided Tours will be given every 10 minutes from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. You can pick up your ticket and start your tour from the basketball courts. Tickets will be handed out on a first-come, first-served basis and will be limited to 10 people per tour group.

