


VALLEY
ACADEMY


Coyote News

Mrs. Brooks, M. Ed., Principal



I hope you had a wonderful winter break. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year. I look forward to 2020 with anticipation and excitement. This year Valley celebrates 25 years of providing excellence in education. To commemorate this special milestone, in January VAPO will be selling special 25 year t-shirts to be worn on spirit days. It should be a fun way to come together and highlight all that we have done in Arizona's educational community in the last 25 years.

I would also like to thank the VAPO Council and all of our many parent volunteers who continue to help make RTS' Valley Academy the great community that it is. I know you have made the choice to send your child to Valley Academy, and I am so happy that you have. As a member of the Valley team, I know how fortunate we are here and am truly grateful to all for efforts made.

In addition, RTS' Valley Academy has once again been recognized for our academic performance; we are among the top ten percent of schools in Arizona! This achievement results in more funding for our school, the majority of which goes directly to the classroom in the form of teacher pay. We are proud of the work we do together with your help, and we are thankful for all of our accomplishments.

Again, along with my staff, we wish you a safe and wonderfully blessed 2020!

Mrs. Victoria Brooks, Principal

Upcoming Events

Report Cards January 8th Students' work is assessed and reports are sent home.

Spirit Day January 10th All students in grades K-8 may participate in monthly ice cream and wear special t-shirts to celebrate Spirit Day.

Honor Roll Ice Cream January 15th Students who have received 2nd quarter honor roll will celebrate with an ice cream.

7/8 Grade Assembly January 17th, 8:15 a.m., M.P.R. Students in grades 7 & 8 are honored for their academic achievements.

No School January 20th Martin Luther King Day

100th Day of School January 22nd We appreciate all students in attendance for the 100th day of school.

School Board Meeting January 23rd, 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

7th Grade Teacher Receives Xavier College Preparatory Golden Gator Award for Excellence in Teaching!

Mrs. Simon, our 7th grade Social Studies teacher, was nominated by a former 8th grade student who is now attending Xavier College Preparatory for her excellence in teaching. Mrs. Simon received the 'Golden Gator Award' last month as a way to recognize a teacher who has guided their student, now a "Baby Gator or freshman," to their path of success and as someone who inspired an academic route. Mrs. Simon received a certificate and congratulatory letter from Xavier College Preparatory. Congratulations, Mrs. Simon, for your dedication and hard work you put forth in teaching every Valley Academy student!

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Arizona Tax Credit Donation



As you begin to prepare your 2019 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.



2019-2020 Spelling Bee winners are:

1st place — Alina A.

2nd place — Krishna B.

3rd place — Elizabeth Y.

CONGRATULATIONS!

MOM'S PANTRY

A Community Food Bank

Our students collected over 7,300 non-perishable items this year for Mom's Pantry.

For K-4th grade, Mrs. Willis' class won with 387 items collected. Mrs. Licano's class won for 5th-8th grade with over 1,594 items collected! Way to go, everyone; that's a job well done!

Campus News

What is the 100th Day of School?

The 100th day of school is literally the 100th day of the school year. As a school, our funding is based in part on student attendance on this very important day, so if at all possible, please have your child here on January 22, 2020. The 100th 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 100th 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 your calendar for **January 22, 2020!**

AZ Instruction 2nd Semester Classes



It's not too late to register for 2nd semester Arizona Instruction classes. Arizona Instruction offers a variety of classes for our students after school. Starting in January, the Drama Club students will begin auditioning and preparing for their annual spring play, Oz! The Musical. For anyone interested in participating in the play, you would need to register by January 10th. Classes resume the week of

January 13th for 2nd semester. Registration forms can be found in the front office or you may register online at <https://arizonainstruction-valley.jumbula.com/#/home>. We hope you'll join in the fun and sign up today!

Congratulations to our 2nd Quarter Transportation Reduction Program Winner!

Each quarter we hold a drawing and recognize a winner who carools, bikes, or walks to school at least once a month. Our 2nd quarter winner was Adrianna B. She won a \$25.00 gift card to Target!

January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Week 17	<div>No School</div> <div>Winter Break—January 6th</div>					
			1	2	3	4
Week 18	<div>5</div> <div>No School Staff Development</div>	6	7	8	9	10
				Report Cards Go Home	Spirit Day	11
Week 19	12	13	14	15	16	17
			<div>VAPO Meeting 8:15 a.m. Caught Being Good</div>	Honor Roll Ice Cream		<div>7/8 Grade Assembly 8:15 a.m.</div>
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	No School MLK Day			100th Day Of School	Board Meeting Reid Offices	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
					Field Day & Fun Run	