


**VALLEY**  
ACADEMY


# Coyote News

## From the Principal's Desk

**Mrs. Brooks, M. Ed., Principal**



March is here and I cannot wait to see you at the school's Spring Festival on March 7<sup>th</sup>. It will be a fun day for us all. The Wild West theme is a great one for us especially here in Arizona. So dust off your boots and join your friends on campus for some good old western fun.

Spring Break is just around the corner as well on March 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. I 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 preparing for State Standardized Testing which will take place the week

of March 30<sup>th</sup>.

After the completion of state testing, Valley will be celebrating our 25<sup>th</sup> year of educating children. With the help of VAPO, we will be having a picnic lunch. We will let you know the exact date soon. Feel free to bring a blanket and join us for lunch.

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 looking to include others in our success so never hesitate to recommend us. We always appreciate a great referral.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Brooks, M.Ed.

## Upcoming Events

**Read-In** March 5<sup>th</sup> Members of the community read to our students and discuss the importance of reading within their profession.

**Spirit Day** March 6<sup>th</sup> All students in grades K-8 may participate by having ice cream and wearing their special t-shirts to celebrate Spirit Day.

**Early Release** March 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 p.m. End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

**Spring Break** March 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> No School

**Report Cards** March 25<sup>th</sup> Students' work is assessed and reports are sent home.

**School Board Meeting** Thursday, March 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.

**Standardized Test Week** March 30<sup>th</sup>-April 3<sup>rd</sup>

**More Events Listed on Calendar Page**



Please join us Saturday, March 7, 2020 for our Wild West Spring Festival. Invite your family and friends for a wonderful day of fun, games, and food! The event will be held here, at Valley Academy. See you Saturday with your boots on!

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

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## Arizona Tax Credit Donation



It's not too late to help Valley Academy by making an Arizona Tax Credit Donation! Donations made before April 15, 2020 can still be applied to your 2019 tax return. As you 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.

## Get Your Yearbook Before It's Too Late!

Valley Academy Yearbooks for the 2019-2020 school year are on sale now. This is a full color yearbook full of pictures and reminders of the fun and events from this school year. Yearbooks can be ordered two ways. Custom features can only be added by ordering online. Order online by visiting [www.inter-state.com/yearbook](http://www.inter-state.com/yearbook) and enter the school order code 43534B. Then, simply follow the online directions to complete your order. You may also order by order form making checks payable to Valley Academy. All orders are due by March 12, 2020. Yearbooks are \$20.00. Get yours before it's too late.

Just Adorable! Have you ever wondered about our early learning program? With Spalding, we teach students to understand the relationship between letters and sounds. One of our parents shared with us that, "Our 2 year old said she needed a Band-Aid on her "oe of toe." She must be listening to the kids do homework!" - Mrs. Forstie



## CHARTERS AT THE CAPITOL

On February 20, 2020, twenty-five of our National Junior Honor Society and Student Council students joined Ms. Mitchell, CEO, at our State Capitol. Hundreds of charter school supporters and various charter schools joined lawmakers and other stakeholders on the Capitol lawn for performances, mingling, and to express support for the charter school we know and love.



## Congratulations, Valley Academy!

Valley Academy is celebrating our 25th year of excellence in teaching young minds. We have continually offered a back-to-basics traditional education ranking in the top named schools in Arizona year after year. We couldn't be prouder as teachers and as parents to be celebrating such a big year for our school! Sporting our commemorative 25th Anniversary shirts are Mrs. Simon and Kaison S.





# Campus News

## National History Bee

If you haven't heard yet, Valley Academy swept Regionals on February 23rd!

**For 6th grade** – James P. took 1st place and the gold medal and Gus U. took 2nd place and the silver medal and both qualified for Nationals – Elizabeth Y. also qualified for Nationals based on her score.

**For 7th grade** – Sai M. took 2nd place and the silver medal and Lohita K. took 3rd place and the bronze medal and both qualified for Nationals – David Z. also qualified for Nationals based on his score. Mrs. Simon said, "I could have cried by how proud I was!"

**And for 8th grade** – Tanish J.A. took 1st place and the gold medal, Manas P. took 2nd place and the silver medal, and Ava V. took 3rd place and the bronze medal and all 3 qualified for Nationals. Tanish has been Regional Champ in his grade level for 3 years in a row now – way to represent Valley!

Out of the 9 spots – Valley took 7 of them! (We even beat some BASIS kids ☺) "These kids worked so hard, and are so smart and made me so proud!," said Mrs. Simon.

## Kindergarten Visitors!

Recently our kindergarten students were treated to some visitors that slither, crawl, creep and squirm. The Herpetological Society provided a wonderful demonstration to our students regarding the importance of our desert creatures. The students also learned about some interesting things to know about them.



## Read-In

On March 5th, Valley Academy hosted its annual Read-In. Members of our community were invited to read their favorite story and answer questions from our students. Our Student Council members accompanied each of our guest readers to breakfast and their designated grade level to read to. Be sure to ask your child about it. It was an eventful and exciting morning!

## Flags for First Graders

The Lions Club will be visiting our first grade students on Friday, March 6th taking part in Flags for First Graders! The Lions share the history of our flag, its importance and its traditions. Every first grader will receive their very own American flag.

## Pride in Where They Attend

For the Valentine's Day celebrations, many students shared their creative designs for friendly class competitions. Karthika Y. chose to do hers showing some Valley Academy pride. We loved it!



## 8th grade Science fun!

In 8th grade Science class, our students do some fun things. Here are some examples of the derby cars that 3 of our students made themselves. They look great and I'm sure they were fast, too!



# March 2020

| Sun                                   | Mon | Tue   | Wed                                     | Thu                                 | Fri   | Sat                                       |
|---------------------------------------|-----|---|---|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| 1<br><br><br><br><br><br><br>Week 28  | 2   | 3   | 4<br>8th Grade<br>Promotion<br>Pictures | 5<br>Read-In<br>8:30 a.m.           | 6<br>Spirit Day   | 7<br>Spring Festival<br>11:00 — 4:00 p.m. |
| 8<br><br><br><br><br><br><br>Week 29  | 9   | 10<br>VAPO Meeting<br>8:15 a.m.<br><br>Caught<br>Being Good | 11                                      | 12                                  | 13<br>7/8 Softball<br>Game<br><br>Early Release<br>12:15 Dismissal<br><br>End of 3rd<br>Quarter                       | 14  |
| 15<br><br><br><br><br><br><br>Week 30 | 16  | 17  | 18                                      | 19                                  | 20  | 21  |
| 22<br><br><br><br><br><br><br>Week 31 | 23  | 24  | 25<br>Report Cards<br>Go Home           | 26<br>Board Meeting<br>Reid Offices | 27<br>7/8 Grade<br>Assembly<br>8:15 a.m.<br>8th Grade<br>Class Shirt<br>Pictures<br>7/8 Grade<br>Dance<br>6-8:30 p.m. | 28  |
| 29<br><br><br><br><br><br><br>Week 27 | 30  | 31<br>Honor Roll<br>Ice Cream                               |   |                                     |   |   |