

VALLEY  
ACADEMY

## Coyote News

## From the Principal's Desk

Mrs. Brooks, M. Ed., Principal



Dear Valley Academy Families,

Fall is a wonderful time of year here in Arizona. With the beginning of fall also comes the start of the second quarter of school. It is nice that by November, teachers and students are now more familiar with each other and can dig deeper into the curriculum. With each passing quarter, students are taught at a higher level with higher expectations, and it is exciting to see our students blossom. As the school year moves along, I hope that if you have any questions or concerns, you will discuss them directly with your child's teacher. Together you can work as a team to help your child achieve at their highest level.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the VAPO Council and all of our parents who continue to support our school. Our school benefits greatly from the dedicated families who help in so many ways. Whether it is volunteering on campus or off, we appreciate you. Again, thank you for all you do!

Valley Academy is committed to excellence and is proud to have offered a quality education to our students for the past 25 years. We look forward to the next 25 years. Valley Academy is successful because we have all committed to support the school's mission and values that were established many years ago. I am proud to be an administrator here and work with such a caring, quality staff, dedicated parents, and a super group of students.

Thank you again for your commitment to our school. I am truly thankful for the team we have here and the roles we all play in it. As the end of the month comes, I hope you will have a Happy Thanksgiving and enjoy the extra time with your families.

Best Wishes,

Mrs. Victoria Brooks, M. Ed.

## Upcoming Events

**Spirit Day** Friday, November 1st All students in grades K-8 may participate in monthly ice cream and wear a special t-shirt to celebrate Spirit Day.

**Early Release/Staff Development** Friday, November 8th All students K-8 dismiss at 12:15 p.m. Preschool dismisses at 11:30 a.m. Teachers will participate in a Staff Development in-service.

**No School** Monday, November 11th Observing Veterans Day.

**Progress Reports** Wednesday, November 13th Students' work is assessed and grades are available online using the Parent Portal.

**More Events Listed on Calendar Page**



In honor of our veterans this Veterans Day, Valley Academy's staff is joining thousands of participants in the Jeans for Troops movement on November 6th! With the help of many contributions, the GI Go Fund campaign can continue providing a host of supportive services for veterans such as jobs and housing.

# NEWS & UPDATES



You may see some of our Valley Academy staff on the move at the Phoenix Zoo! VA is helping to make wishes come true for **Walk for Wishes** through the Make a Wish foundation on November 3rd.

**National Junior Art Honor Society** is continuing to collect used markers again this year for the **Crayola Colorcycle** program. The markers, any brand or type, can be turned in to the **Colorcycle** collection boxes in the art room or front office. The **Crayola Colorcycle** program recycles the markers into diesel fuel. NJAHS will collect markers and continue to send them in through the spring. Way to go!



Lexi L. poses with our mascot Coyote as she cheers on Valley Academy's Flag Football team. Our football team made it to the quarter finals this season, and our volleyball team made it to semifinals! Congratulations to all of our coyotes this year!

## Club News...Let's Read All About It!

**Band** has a tremendous group of talented musicians. The advanced, intermediate, and beginning bands are hard at work preparing for the December band concert. Please join us next month for their performance, December 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the Valley Academy Multi-Purpose Room.

**Chorus** has a great group of students this year. Choir is preparing for the holiday concert on December 18th at North Canyon High School (1700 East Union Hills). This year will have three performance times.

**The National Junior Art Honor Society** members had a busy and fun kick off! Students will be creating interesting art, such as the Empty Bowls project this year as well as serving others with their art. Developing young leaders is an important aspect of the N.J.A.H.S., as well.

**The National Junior Honor Society** Our NJHS students have been working hard with community service projects on campus such as assisting teachers, running the concession stand for volleyball games, and campus cleanup. The 19 current members will soon be joined by 25 newly inducted seventh and eighth grade students.

**Science Club** is learning about boats, buoyancy, and displacement in a fun and interesting way. We will also be working on various engineering projects that prove the laws of physics and are fun and exciting.

**Scrabble Club** meets every Wednesday during the first semester. We have grown to 27 students this year and have five to six games going at a time. We love to play with words. The last day of scrabble club this year is December 11th.

**Student Council** hosted its first Movie Night of the year, showing *Toy Story 4*, and it was a GREAT success! Thank you to everyone who came out to help and who came to watch the movie; it was a blast! Student Council's big project this year is to collect recycling. Bins have been provided to classrooms here at Valley! We want to make sure that as much paper is being recycled as possible.

**Yearbook Club** is up and running and in full swing! We have a great group of hardworking students this year. They are all being trained to use digital cameras and our online yearbook program. We are looking forward to our best yearbook yet!

# November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Week 12					1 Spirit Day	2
	3	4 Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.	5	6	7 Board Meeting Reid Office High School Information Night 6:30 p.m.	8 Early Release 12:15 Dismissal PM Specials Staff Development
Week 13						9
10	11 No School Veteran's Day	12 VAPO Meeting 8:15 a.m.  Caught Being Good	13 Progress Reports	14	15	16
Week 14						
17	18 Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.	19	20	21	22	23
Week 15						
24	25	26 Turkey Trot Kindergarten 10:00 a.m.  Turkey Trot 1-8 Grades Times being determined	27	28	29	30
Week 16			No School Thanksgiving Break			