



VALLEY
ACADEMY



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Coyote News

From the Principal's Desk

Mrs. Brooks, M. Ed., Principal



Parent Teacher Conferences are this month! We have decided again to offer a sign up for conferences online. We heard that these were convenient and efficient for both parents and our teachers. Conferences are one way to get involved. Every time you attend a parent/teacher conference, you learn more about your child and strengthen the bond with your child's teacher. So, make parent/teacher conferences a priority and take the following steps to ensure you and your child get the most out of them.

Before the conference:

- Talk with your child: Find out his or her favorite subjects or activities, and ask if there are any concerns he or she would like you to discuss with the teacher.

- Review assignments: Are there some areas where your child really shines and others that might need a little extra work?

Discuss both strengths and weaknesses with the teacher.

- Check whether your child should attend: In most cases, the conferences are strictly between the parents and the teachers, so you'll probably need to make childcare arrangements.

The day of the conference:

- Be on time: The conference schedule is tight and teachers need all parents to be on time. If something comes up, notify the teacher as soon as possible. Try to reschedule, even if it has to be a telephone conference.
- Remember that conferences are brief: A typical parent/teacher conference lasts 15-20 minutes. If you need additional time, ask for a follow-up session.
- Keep an open mind: Some parents get angry when teachers discuss trouble spots. Remember these conferences are meant to help you understand your child's school performance. Working together with the teacher will help your child succeed.

Afterward:

- Tell your child: After the conference, meet with your child and discuss the teacher's comments. Remember to praise all the things your child is doing well and pass along the teacher's compliments. If you need to, talk about areas that you and the teacher will be working on to help your child improve.
- Follow up: In the days that follow, let your child's teacher know that you are following through on what was discussed, and that you'd like to hear how things are progressing in the classroom.

Remember that at Valley Academy, parental involvement is welcomed and encouraged through the year. Feel free to schedule a phone or in-person conference any time you think there is a need.

Mrs. Victoria Brooks, M. Ed., Principal

Picture Retake Day

Picture Retakes are scheduled for Wednesday, October 23rd. Retakes are for any new students (K-8th grade) who missed Picture Day on September 18th and for anyone wanting to retake their picture. In order to retake your picture, you must bring your current picture package back to the photographer.

Report Cards

Wednesday, October 16th report cards will go home with your child. With Parent Portal, at any time, you can log on to see up-to-date current grades.

Honor Roll Ice Cream

For those students who make Honor Roll this quarter, Honor Roll Ice Cream will be given at lunch on October 22nd.



Upcoming Events

Spirit Day

Friday, October 4th All students in grades K-8 may participate in monthly ice cream and wear their special t-shirts to celebrate Spirit Day.

Morning Assembly

Monday, October 7th and October 21st The morning assembly is held on our outdoor basketball courts. Students in grades 1-6 are honored for their classroom achievements.

No School

There will be no school on Friday, October 11th for Fall Day Recess and Monday, October 14th for Columbus Day.

Report Cards

Wednesday, October 16th Students' work is assessed and grades are also available online to view using Parent Portal.

Early Release/Parent Teacher Conferences

Thursday and Friday, October 17th-18th All students K-8 dismiss at 12:15 p.m. and Preschool dismisses at 11:30 a.m. for parent/teacher conferences.

Student Council Movie Night

Thursday, October 24th Student Council presents a movie night starting at 6:30 p.m. The movie being shown has not yet been determined.

More Events Listed on Calendar Page

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

NEWS & UPDATES

Parent Teacher Conferences are October 17th & 18th; this will also coincide with our Early Release Days. Our students dismiss both days at 12:15 p.m. in order to accommodate our conferences.

Please visit our school website, www.ValleyAcademy.com to set an appointment for your conference. From there, click on the link and then your child's teacher's conference and select the time that is most convenient for you.

All parents with children in grades K-6 are required to attend a conference. For parents with children in grades 7 and 8, conferences are on an "invitation only" basis or by parent request.

To make this process easier for you, you may stop by the front office and use the computer there to sign up for your conferences. Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you then.

Spirit Day Ice Cream!

Last month our students enjoyed their first Spirit Day with some of their favorite ice cream selections. It's not too late to purchase an ice cream ticket for \$8.00, or you can send \$1.00 for Spirit Day ice cream on October 4th for your child. Our students and parents were also given the opportunity to purchase new Spirit Day shirts with a new color option! Another opportunity to order will be available in January. The new shirts purchased have arrived in time for October's Spirit Day!



Lunch Orders

In the past, lunch orders have been due at various times during the months to be aligned with when we have to place orders with the catering company our school uses. Lunch orders will be due the fourth Friday of every month going forward. We hope that by having lunch orders due on a specific day, it will help make the ordering of lunch for your child easier.



Donations Needed



Donations of smooth peanut butter, grape jelly and bread are always appreciated! Donations of these items are used towards our Peanut Butter and Jelly program for when students forget their lunches at home.



Student Council

Student Council elections have been held and those elected are:

President: Madison H.

Vice President: Sammy C.

Treasurer: Haylee R.

Secretary: Kaylee C.

Historian: Eliana W.

Congratulations on your hard work!

Student Council will be hosting their upcoming Movie Night on October 24th. The cost is \$3.00 per child and \$1.00 for their parent/guardian to attend. All children 3rd grade and under must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Permission slips are required for all other

students. The movie being shown has not yet been determined.

- Mrs. Breshears, Mrs. Licano, and Mrs. Simon, Advisors



October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Week 8		1	2	3	4 Spirit Day 7/8 Fall Dance 6:00-8:30 p.m.	5 8th Grade Car Wash 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
6 Week 9	7 Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.	8 VAPO Meeting 8:15 a.m. Caught Being Good	9	10 End of 1st Quarter	11 No School Fall Break Day	12
13 Week 10	14 No School Columbus Day Staff Development	15	16 Report Cards Go Home	17 Early Release 12:15 Dismissal PM Specials VAPO Dinner Parent Teacher	18 Early Release 12:15 Dismissal AM Specials Conferences	19
20 Week 11	21 Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.	22 Honor Roll Ice Cream	23 Picture Retakes	24 Student Council Movie Night	25 7/8 Grade Assembly 8:15 a.m.	26
27 Week 12	28	29	30	31		