



VALLEY
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Coyote News

January/February 2021

From the Principal

Mrs. Brooks, M. Ed.



Welcome February, one of my favorite months of the year. The weather is enjoyable and 2021 is underway. This month we have begun to prepare for state testing to take place in early April and are planning Valentine celebrations.

In addition, we are looking forward to once again having in-person learning here at Valley beginning March 22nd. Although that is still a bit away, the Arizona official health benchmarks still recommend "virtual" learning for all schools in our area. This timeline affords our staff the opportunity to get vaccinated against the COVID-19 coronavirus. This is essential since they do not have the option to stay home. Ultimately, we want our

parents to have the educational choices they deserve and our staff and students to have the safety they deserve. Over the coming weeks, we will reach out to each of our families to find out if you intend to return to in-person learning or remain off campus as a remote learner. The choice is yours. You will also (once again) receive information regarding the health and safety precautions we are taking for our students upon their return to campus. We thank you for choosing Reid Traditional Schools' Valley Academy.

Finally, if you have a few minutes, please read the [linked](#) article Parent Tips and Tricks for Distance Learning. You may find a few helpful tips to help your child (and you) navigate this new (but temporary!) educational landscape.

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Upcoming Events

Spirit Day February 5th — All students in grades PK-8 may celebrate their school spirit with wearing spirit day t-shirts.

Progress Reports February 10th — Students' work is assessed and reports are available on the Parent Portal.

Early Release and Classroom Parties February 12th — K-8 Valentine's Day parties will be online and students in K-8 will dismiss at 12:15 p.m. Check with your child's teacher for their individual schedules.

Parent Teacher Conferences February 12th — Conferences are scheduled upon request.

No School February 15th — Presidents' Day

School Board Meeting February 25th — 6:00 p.m., 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



School Choice Week was celebrated the last week of January. We know that this past year has been difficult for our students and parents. We want to just say thank you for continuing to choose Valley Academy as your choice school and for your continued support during this unprecedented time. All of our families mean the world to us, and we wish you continued health and wellness.

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

NEWS & UPDATES



Heart Health Month

The month of February is **Heart Health Month** and to show our support, Valley Academy staff will be wearing **red** in February on a designated Friday. Our staff will be supporting the **American Heart Association**.



Classroom Valentine's Day Party

Friday, February 12, 2021

All K-8 classes will participate in Holiday parties together online. All students in K-8 will dismiss at 12:15 p.m. Please check with your child's teacher for individual schedules for the day.

Classroom Parties, Early Release, Parent Teacher Conferences & Presidents Day

Friday, February 12th, Classrooms will be celebrating Valentine's Day parties and this is an early release day for Parent Teacher Conferences upon request. Monday, February 15th, there is no school in observance of Presidents' Day.



Our staff is loved and appreciated!

As we prepare to switch back to Phase Two, our teachers are hard at work getting ready to change gears to return to two ways of teaching. We want our teachers and staff to know just how much they are appreciated each day.

Thank you, teachers, for the hard work, dedication, and long hours you have given with little complaint. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed. Thank you for all that you do for your students and for your school. Pictured above are packets ready for pickup so students have the work they need for at-home learning. Thank you to our support staff, for helping the teachers prepare for packet pickup days.

Re-registration Information

An Intent to Return E-Form is currently available on your Parent Portal and is for students in kindergarten through 7th grade. Please complete this form and return it by Friday, February 19th to hold your child's spot for the 2021-2022 school year. If you are aware of a situation that means you will not be returning to Valley, we appreciate knowing that in advance as well. If you have any questions please contact the front office. We hope to see each of you back next year!



The younger grades have the most fun celebrating the 100th Day of School! Our Preschoolers sported these colorful hats to commemorate the day. They also wore necklaces made of 100 beads. What a great way to mark this milestone in the school year!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 Spirit Day	6
7	8	9 VAPO Meeting 8:30 a.m. Via Zoom	10 Progress Reports	11	12 Classroom Parties 11:15-12:15 Early Release 12:15 Dismissal No Specials Parent Teacher Conferences	13
14	15 No School Presidents' Day	16	17	18	19 Parent Portal E-Form Intent to Return Due	20
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