


**VALLEY**  
ACADEMY


# Coyote News

## From the Principal's Desk

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



**Parent Teacher Conferences** are this month. Conferences are intended to discuss your child's academic progress. I ask that if you have questions about the online learning platform or technology, you make a separate appointment with your child's teacher as the conference times are short and there are many to do each day. We are asking that parents sign up for their conferences using Sign Up Genius. The conferences will take place via Zoom with your child's teacher and are required.

Conferences are one way to get involved. Every time you participate in 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.

### 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 ZOOM conference any time you think there is a need.

Mrs. Victoria Brooks, M. Ed., Principal

## Upcoming Events

### Spirit Day

Friday, October 2nd All students in grades K-8 participated in spirit day remotely by wearing their special t-shirts to celebrate Spirit Day.

### No School

There will be no school on Monday, October 12th for Columbus Day.

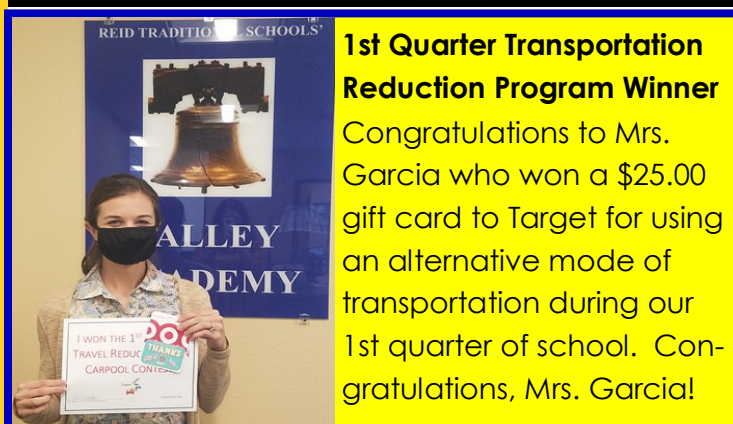
### Report Cards

Wednesday, October 14th Students' work is assessed and grades are also available online to view using Parent Portal.

### Early Release/Parent Teacher Conferences

Thursday and Friday, October 15th-16th All students K-8 dismiss at 12:15 p.m. and Preschool dismisses at 11:30 a.m. for parent/teacher conferences.

### More Events Listed on Calendar Page



### 1st Quarter Transportation Reduction Program Winner

Congratulations to Mrs. Garcia who won a \$25.00 gift card to Target for using an alternative mode of transportation during our 1st quarter of school. Congratulations, Mrs. Garcia!

# NEWS & UPDATES



Valley Academy administration, teachers, and staff are all anxious to welcome you back to campus! While administration has been busy at work making sure that everything is in place to welcome you back to in-person learning, our teachers and support staff have been busy preparing for you to be back in their classrooms. Take a look and see for yourself! Welcome back! We missed you!



Your Office Squad can't wait to see you!



1st Grade is Awesome!



We'll Be There For You!



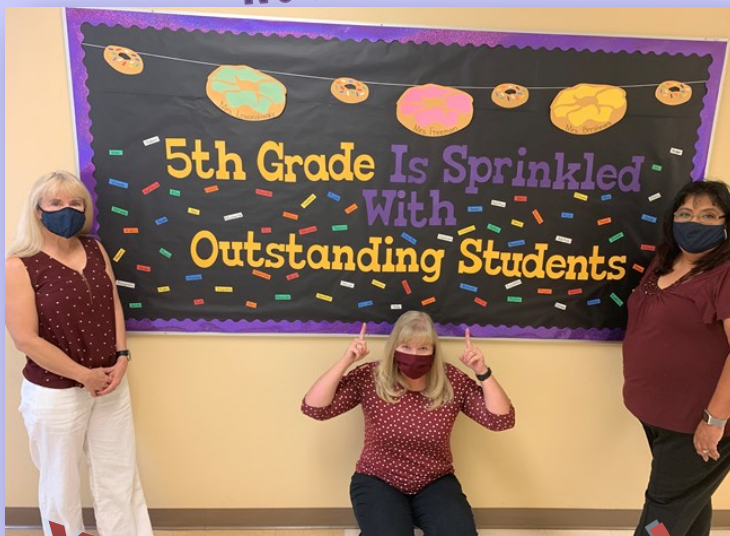
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**Third Grade Strong  
No Matter the Distance**



**This is our year  
to BE STRONG!**



**You're Outstanding!**



**6th Grade will be Llamazing!**



**Teaching Middle School Is My Jam**





# NEWS & UPDATES

**Parent Teacher Conferences** are October 15th & 16th; 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. Preschool classes dismiss at 11:30 a.m.

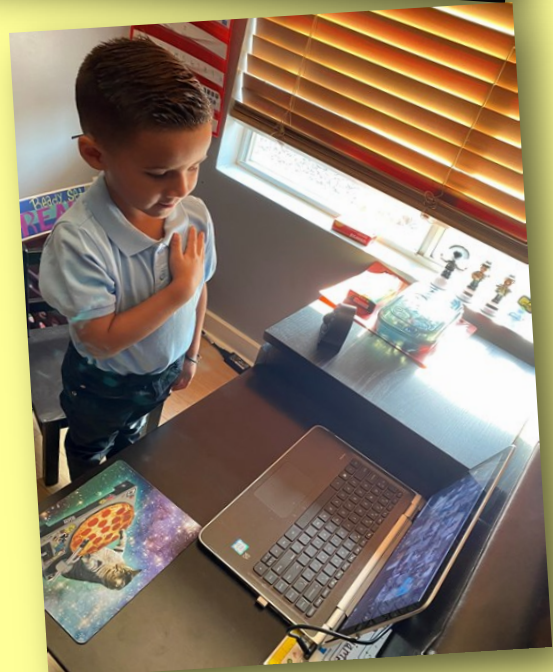
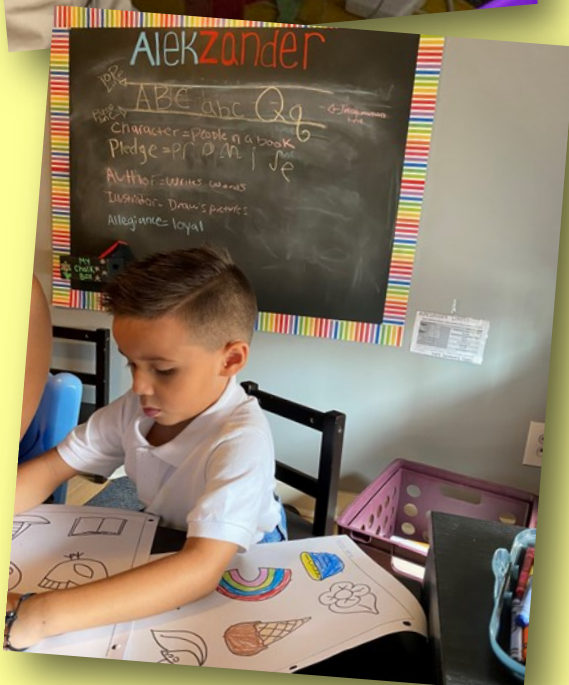
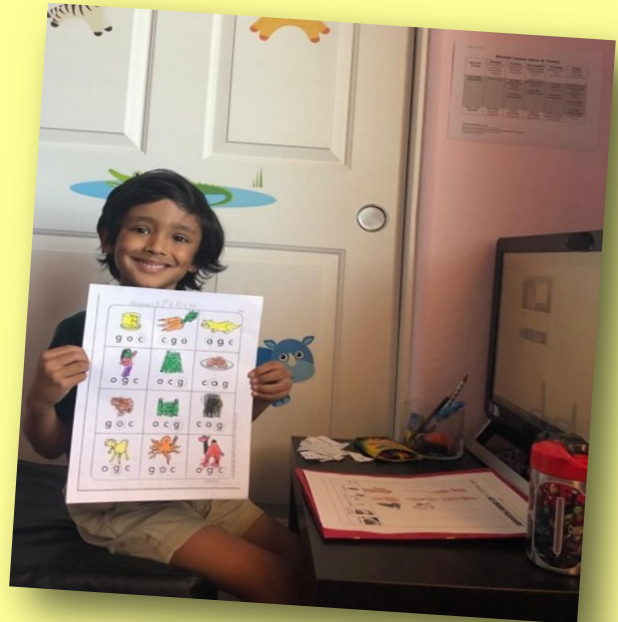
Please visit our school website, [www.ValleyAcademy.com](http://www.ValleyAcademy.com) to set an appointment for your conference by using the green Sign Up Genius button on the homepage. From there, select your child's teacher and a conference date and time that is most convenient for you.

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 call the front office to set up a conference time. Thank you, and our teachers look forward to seeing you on Zoom.

## Level Three: Our students are hard at work.

While our teachers have been hard at work preparing for our students to return to campus for Level Two, students continue to work hard while remote learning.



# October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Week 7				1	2 Spirit Day	3
Week 8	4	5	6	7	8	9 End of 1st Quarter
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Week 9	11	12 No School Columbus Day Staff Development	13 VAPO Meeting 8:15 a.m. Via Zoom	14 Report Cards Go Home	15 Early Release 12:15 Dismissal Parent Teacher Conferences	16 Early Release 12:15 Dismissal Parent Teacher Conferences
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Week 10	18	19	20	21	22 Board Meeting Reid Offices	23
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Week 11	25	26	27	28	29	30
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