



VALLEY  
ACADEMY



# Coyote News

September 2020

## From the Principal's Desk

Mrs. Brooks, M. Ed., Principal



Who would have thought we would be starting the 2020-2021 school year without seeing students walk through our doors, missing the back to school pictures, not receiving the back to school hugs and hearing about the summer adventures of our students? COVID-19 has changed the landscape of education at Valley as we know it.

Here on campus we have spent countless hours planning, meeting, and re-planning for what school would look like this fall. The first day of school was like no other, and this year continues to be an ever-changing plan as we continue to evaluate our online teaching methods and help our students and their families through this new adventure. Our entire staff is working harder than ever to provide our students the top notch education we all expect from Valley Academy. As an administrator of over 13 years, I could not be prouder of the hard work that is taking place here and the caring efforts of my team to make this new adventure the best experience it can be.

As a school, we are continuing to monitor the health benchmarks for schools and continue to have conversations with the staff about how we can best provide a seamless education to our students, both remotely and through our hybrid model in Phase Two. We want you to know that our hearts are in everything we do and will continue to be; not only in the education we provide, but also in the health and safety of our students and staff.

As we look to the future, I wish you all good health and many blessings. Together as a Valley Academy community, we can achieve great things even in these challenging times.

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## Upcoming Events

**Spirit Day** Friday, September 4th. Beginning in September, all students may participate in Spirit Day each Friday during Phase Three by wearing their Spirit Day shirt.

**No School** Monday, September 7th is Labor Day

**Progress Reports** Wednesday, September 16th. Parent Portal will have grades available to view.

**Early Release/Staff Development** Friday, September 20th. All students K-8 dismiss at 12:00 p.m. Preschool dismisses at 12:30 p.m. Teachers will participate in a Staff Development in-service.

**More Information Listed on Last Page**

## Thank you, Mrs. Brooks, Teachers, and Staff!

Over the summer, our Principal, Mrs. Brooks, along with teachers and staff, together distributed student belongings. Teachers went out to say "Hello" to their students and students said, "Thank You" to us! Although last school year was cut short, we deeply felt the appreciation shown by our Valley families, and we immensely missed our students.



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

# Meet the Staff at Valley Academy!

## Administration & Office

Ms. Mitchell, M.Ed.- CEO  
Mrs. Brooks, M.Ed.- Principal  
Mrs. Browne, M.Ed.- Asst. Principal  
Mrs. Lowery - Secretary  
Ms. Uhlving - Office Manager  
Mrs. Allen, RN- Health Office  
Mrs. Grimm - Receptionist

## Support Staff

Mr. Carlson - Custodian  
Mrs. Munoz - Custodian  
Mrs. Schmidt - Food Service Mgr.  
Mrs. Wilkins -Food Service Asst.

## Preschool

Mrs. White  
Mrs. McCartney

## Kindergarten

Mrs. Johnson  
Miss Olson  
Mrs. Pearson  
Mrs. Sutaris

## First Grade

Mrs. Bedolla  
Ms. Jubb  
Ms. Schambach  
Mrs. Winemiller

## Second Grade

Mrs. Calderon  
Mrs. Carpenter  
Miss Dessenberger  
Mrs. Freeland

## Third Grade

Mrs. Ford  
Miss Fox  
Mrs. Keely  
Mrs. Nuttall

## Fourth Grade

Mr. Beckham  
Miss Gross  
Mrs. Pace  
Mrs. Ray

## Fifth Grade

Mrs. Breshears  
Mrs. Freeman  
Mrs. Lewandowsky

## Sixth Grade

Mrs. Copper  
Mrs. Garcia  
Mr. Smith

## 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Ms. Brasher  
Miss Ekdahl  
Mrs. Licano  
Mrs. Rohr  
Mrs. Simon

## Special Area Teachers

Mr.s. Lander - Technology  
Mrs. Loveless - World Languages  
Coach Mims - P.E.  
Mrs. Watkins - Art  
Miss Webb - Library  
Mrs. Wright - Music  
Mrs. Starayeva - Resource  
Mrs. Mendoza - Speech  
Mrs. Ekdahl - Academic Tutor

## Coyote Club Aides

Mrs. Wilkins, Coordinator  
Mrs. Vazquez, Coordinator  
Miss Lavra  
Mrs. Mistry  
Miss Ray  
Mrs. Saunders  
Mr. Wagner

## Classroom Aides

Mrs. Baczynski  
Miss Breshears  
Mrs. Cummings  
Mrs. Dever  
Mrs. Ferris  
Mrs. George  
Mrs. Kamat  
Mrs. Robinson  
Mrs. Vazquez  
Mrs. Webner  
Mrs. Zahariades



## Welcoming Familiar Faces to Our Staff!

We are welcoming some familiar new faces to our staff this year! We are proud to introduce you to Miss Amanda Ekdahl and Miss Katie Webb, who are both former students of ours. Miss Ekdahl is teaching 7/8 Writing while Miss Webb is our new Librarian. Also a familiar face here is Mrs. Terri Lander who is now teaching Technology. She not only substitute taught here for many years but is a longtime parent. Miss Fox and Miss Olson, though new, are also familiar faces, as Miss Fox student taught here last year and Miss Olson substitute taught here last year.

Welcome, everyone, officially to our Valley Family!



Our bulletin board is welcoming our wonderful teachers back to campus. They have been working hard to prepare their curriculum for remote learning while in Phase Three, and are here teaching from their classrooms. They are amazing teachers who are here to provide their students with the same rigorous curriculum they have always taught. Welcome Back!







## NEWS & UPDATES

While Teachers and Staff were making preparations for a new way of teaching, they received a surprise visit from Kona Ice. It was a welcomed break for a free icy treat. Thanks,

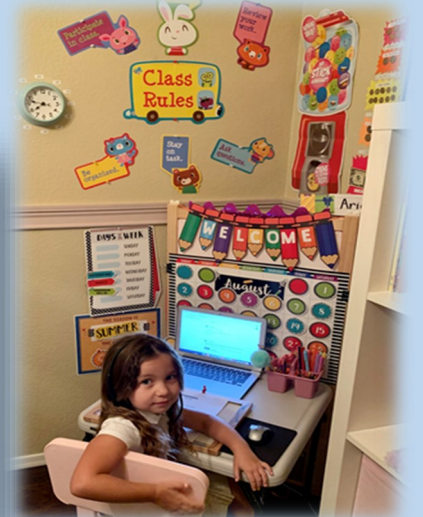
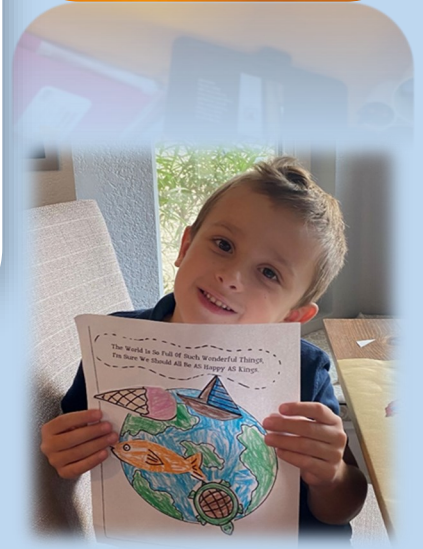
Kona Ice! Other breaks from a virtual classroom have included three-minute dance parties during the first week of school. Our teachers took their minds to the dance floor and celebrated each day with a little dance!





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**While our teachers have been hard at work preparing for remote learning...**  
Our students were preparing their desks at home, getting their uniforms ready to wear, and making their first day of school special in unique ways.





# September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Spirit Day	5
6  DIBELS Testing	7 No School Labor Day	8 VAPO Meeting 8:15 a.m.  Caught Being Good	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Preschool Pictures	18 Early Release AM Specials 12:15 Dismissal  Staff Development	19
20  Scholastic Book Fair	21	22	23	24  Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. Reid Offices	25	26
27	28	29	30			