



VALLEY
ACADEMY



Coyote News

October 2021

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. 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 1st - All students in grades K-8 participated in Spirit Day by wearing their special t-shirts and were able to purchase ice cream to celebrate Spirit Day.

No School

There will be no school on Monday, October 11th for Columbus Day.

Report Cards

Wednesday, October 13th - Students' work is assessed and grades are also available online to view using Parent Portal.

Early Release/Parent Teacher Conferences

Thursday and Friday, October 14th-15th - 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 Mr. Smith, who won a \$25.00 gift card to Target for using an alternative mode of transportation during our 1st quarter of school. Congratulations, Mr. Smith!

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

NEWS & UPDATES

Reminder:
Early Release Day!

Thursday, October 14th & Friday, October 15th

Preschool dismisses at 11:30 a.m.

K-8 dismisses at 12:15 p.m.



Parent Teacher Conferences are October 14th & 15th; 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 to set an appointment for your conference by using the 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.

Student Council Officers were just elected. The campaigns were great, the speeches were amazing, and we have a great group this year. Mrs. Simon, Mrs. Licano, and Mrs. Ferris are looking forward to working with this incredible group of talented and hardworking students who have some great ideas for the school!

Here are this year's Valley Academy Student Council Officers:

President: Kaylee C. (8th Grade)

Vice President: Chloe B. (7th Grade)

Treasurer: Brooklyn B. (7th Grade)

Secretary: Eliana W. (7th grade)

Historian: Charlee F. (6th Grade)



September

SHINE Recipients

Congratulations to the following students: Kaison S., Rishitha S., Nitara V., and Paige M. They were selected by their 1st grade teachers as their classes' "SHINE" recipients this month! SHINE stands for Successful, Hardworking, Individual, and Noble Example. I am so thankful to them for being shining examples for others to follow. This is a special award and I am so proud of them. Way to go, students!

Mrs. Breshears
Assistant Principal
Valley Academy



Picture Retake Day is on Wednesday, October 20th! If you need to retake your picture, please bring your original picture packet back with you. All students who were absent or who are new students will have their picture taken. Students must be in school uniform for pictures.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Spirit Day	2
Week 8						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Week 9					End of 1st Quarter	
10	11 No School Columbus Day	12 VAPO Meeting 8:15 a.m.	13 Report Cards Available on Parent Portal	14 Early Release 12:15 Dismissal Parent Teacher Conferences via Zoom	15 Early Release 12:15 Dismissal Parent Teacher Conferences via Zoom	16
Week 10						
17	18	19	20 Picture Retakes	21	22	23
Week 11						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Week 12				Board Meeting Reid Offices		