


VALLEY
ACADEMY


Coyote News

From the Assistant Principal's Desk

Mrs. Breshears, M. Ed.

Assistant Principal's "SHINE" Award

I am so happy to be in the front office working as part of the Valley Academy Administrative team. I am excited in my new role on campus and look forward to interacting with all students and staff around campus.

In an effort to get to know additional students, I have created a monthly special award called the Assistant Principal's "SHINE" award. "SHINE" stands for: Successful, Hardworking, Individuals, and Noble Example. Each grade level has been assigned a month where each teacher will pick one student from their class that they feel exemplifies those words. The students selected will come up to the office for a certificate, a small gift from me, and a picture to go into the Valley Academy monthly newsletter. This will be a great way for me to connect with students who are doing a great job on our campus.

Congratulations to the Kindergarten recipients of this month's "SHINE" Award! Logan E., Pavle K., Ryder M., and Aiesha P. were chosen by their teachers for this prestigious award. Thank you so much for brightening up our campus with your model behavior and hard work!

Assistant Principal's "SHINE" Award Recipients

Mrs. Breshears, M.Ed., Assistant Principal

Upcoming Events

Spirit Day Friday, September 3rd. Beginning in September, all students may participate in Spirit Day the first Friday of each month by wearing their Spirit Day shirt.

No School Monday, September 6th is Labor Day.

Progress Reports Wednesday, September 8th. Parent Portal will have grades available to view.

Early Release/Staff Development Friday, September 17th. All students K-8 dismiss at 12:15 p.m. Preschool dismisses at 11:30 p.m. Teachers will participate in a Staff Development in-service.

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Meet the Staff at Valley Academy!

Administration & Office

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

Support Staff

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

Preschool

Mrs. McCartney
 Mrs. White

Kindergarten

Mrs. Johnson
 Miss Olson
 Mrs. Pearson
 Mrs. Sutaris

First Grade

Ms. Bobrowitz
 Mrs. Francisco
 Ms. Schambach
 Mrs. Zahariades

Second Grade

Mrs. Calderon
 Mrs. Carpenter
 Miss Dessenberger
 Mrs. Freeland

Third Grade

Miss Boothman
 Mrs. Ford
 Miss Fox
 Mrs. Keely

Fourth Grade

Mr. Beckham
 Miss Hilgendorf
 Mrs. Pace
 Mrs. Ray

Fifth Grade

Mrs. Freeman
 Mrs. Lewandowsky
 Mrs. Licano

Sixth Grade

Mrs. Copper
 Miss Gross
 Mr. Smith

7th & 8th Grade

Mr. Bauer
 Ms. Brasher
 Miss Ekdahl
 Mrs. Rohr
 Mrs. Simon

Special Area Teachers

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

Coyote Club Aides

Mrs. Webner, Coordinator
 Mrs. Murphy, Coordinator
 Miss Burns
 Mrs. Chavan
 Miss Ray
 Mrs. Whitehead

Classroom Aides

Mrs. Baczynski
 Miss Breshears
 Miss Cortes
 Mrs. Cummings
 Mrs. Dever
 Mrs. Huppert
 Miss Keely
 Mrs. Lindquist
 Mrs. Mora
 Mrs. Qureshi
 Mrs. Robinson
 Mrs. Steinke
 Mrs. Webner



Welcoming New and Familiar Faces to Our Staff!

We have welcomed some new faces to our staff this year! We are proud to introduce you to Ms. Kim Bobrowitz and Mrs. Gina Francisco, who are both teaching first grade. Also a new face here is Miss Trudy Boothman, who is teaching third grade. Teaching fourth grade this year is Miss Danielle Hilgendorf, who is also new this year to Valley Academy. All four of these teachers come to us with a great amount of experience. Mrs. Maricela Zahariades, who is teaching first grade, is a longtime employee who comes to us with many years experience as a Kindergarten aide and substitute teacher. Mr. Bauer is new to our campus this year but far from new. Mr. Bauer previously taught here as a 7th/8th grade teacher many years ago before becoming Principal at Painted Rock Academy, our sister school. We are glad that he has returned. Mrs. Ferris is our new World Languages teacher but is also a familiar face, having spent prior years as an aide for Kindergarten. We'd also like to give a warm welcome to our new Custodian, Mr. Deon Perry.

Welcome, everyone, officially to our Valley Family!

We are glad that you are here.



And now, a word from our Government ...

As a public school, Valley Academy is asked to make our families aware of certain state and governmental notices. Here they are, in a nutshell:

AZ HB2732-stipulates that 3rd grade students who obtain a score on the reading portion of the AzMERIT test that demonstrates the pupil is reading far below the third grade level may not be promoted from the third grade.

Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) – Parents are allowed to inspect school records and have an expectation of privacy in educational matters. Reid Traditional Schools does not share directory information for commercial purposes. For more information on FERPA rights, check out the Other Services area of our website, or ask the school office for assistance.

IRS Form 990 - A copy of the school's non-profit tax return is available in the school office upon request.

Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) – The school has been inspected for asbestos and certified to be asbestos free. The required AHERA Management Plan and inspection materials are available in the school office.

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) – Students with disabilities are entitled to a copy of procedural safeguards. For more information, check out the Other Services section of Valley Academy's website, or ask the school office for assistance.

McKinney-Vento Act – Special guidelines on the enrollment and education of homeless children are outlined in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. For more information, see www.ed.gov.

Get to know our teachers! All our teachers' profiles are available in the front office for your review.

Campus Safety

As always, our goal at Valley is to ensure that our campus is safe and running efficiently. To help in this, everyone must follow the school's safety practices including our preferred drop off and pick up procedures. Here are some important suggestions that will make traffic flow safely and smoothly so that everyone's day can continue with ease.

Give yourself plenty of time to follow the correct drop-off and pick-up procedures.

Students should not be dropped off in the front lot.

If you need to park on campus for any reason, do not park in the red zone. Park only in a designated parking spot.

Never enter campus using the east "exit only" driveway on Rose Garden Lane. It is for exiting traffic only!

When traveling on Rose Garden Lane, please continue to drive unless children are in the crosswalk.

Be cautious when entering the campus. Children are present and therefore you must drive at a slow speed using great caution and care.

NEWS & UPDATES

We'd like to take this opportunity to welcome your children back to campus for our 2021-2022 school year. We are so excited to have them here and we look forward to an awesome year!



Welcome back to campus, Coyotes! We missed you!



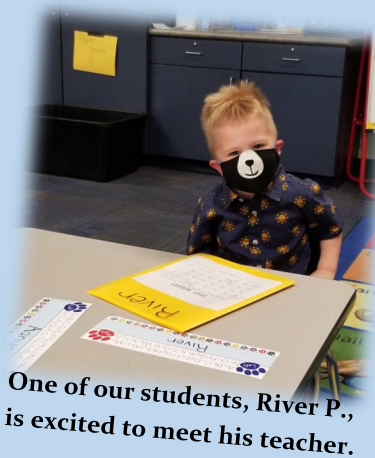
Mrs. Brooks (right), Principal
Mrs. Breshears (left), Asst. Principal



We're so happy that students are back!



Mrs. White, one of our Preschool teachers, is excited to welcome back students.



One of our students, River P., is excited to meet his teacher.



Kona Ice at Meet the Teacher event! Welcome back, students!



Donated Backpacks & School Supplies

Thank you, Western Wealth Communities! Western Wealth Communities has graciously donated backpacks filled with school supplies to the school. What a wonderful way to start the school year! Thank you so much for your generosity and kindness!



Picture Day for K-8 Grades

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

Please send students in uniforms. Picture packets can be ordered online at www.inter-state.com. Enter code 61757R. All students will be photographed.

Retake Picture Day is

Wednesday, September 20, 2021

Preschool Picture Day

All students in preschool will be photographed on Thursday, September 9, 2021. Students must wear their uniform and if you would like to purchase a picture packet, please return it to your child's teacher.



September 2021

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