



VALLEY
ACADEMY



Coyote News

April 2023

From the Principal's Desk

Mrs. Brooks, M. Ed., Principal



Spring is here, and with spring come the very important state assessments. Through the week of April 3rd our campus will be closed to visitors until 11:30 a.m. for state testing. Arizona's Academic Standards Assessment (AASA) will take place in grades 3 – 8. We would appreciate it if you would make a conscious effort to please provide your children a nutritious breakfast each day and have them to school on time every day. It is also important for them to get a good night's rest and to understand the importance of these tests. We will begin testing at 8:30 a.m. and keep all the students in the classroom until 11:30 a.m. Once testing has begun, students will not be permitted to enter the class, so please have them here on time. If you need to schedule a doctor or dentist appointment, please schedule it in the afternoon. Your cooperation in these matters is greatly appreciated.

I wish you all a wonderful spring and a strong, academically focused end to the school year. Thank you for your support.

Mrs. Brooks, M. Ed., Principal



Upcoming Events

Spirit Day Friday, April 7th — All students in grades PreK-8 may celebrate their school spirit with wearing spirit day t-shirts.

Arizona Academic Standards Assessments April 3rd—13th

Spring Recess Day Friday, April 14th — No School

Progress Reports Wednesday, April 19th — Students' work is assessed and reports are available to view on your ParentVUE.

Early Release Friday, April 21st — Students in PreK will release at 11:30 a.m. and K-8 will release at 12:15 p.m. Teachers will participate in a Staff Development day.

School Board Meeting Thursday, April 27th, 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 Last Page

Regional History Bee Competition



Over Spring Break, Valley Academy held the Regional History Bee Competition. We had three 8th graders qualify for Nationals: Aashrith R.G., Austin B. and Daniel Y. Aashrith also came in 2nd place in 8th grade for the Region and took home the medal!

We also had three 7th graders who qualified for Nationals, and all of them got medals! Chinmayi A. got 1st place, Prayukta M. got 2nd place and Nureen K. got 3rd place.

Nationals will be held in Arlington the first week of June. Congratulations!



NEWS & UPDATES

April SHINE Recipients

Congratulations to the following students: Sara M., Maya D., and Chitrali M., from fifth grade and Amuktha A., Shriyaa S., and Caleb G. from sixth grade. They were selected by their 5th and 6th 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, M. Ed.
Assistant Principal
Valley Academy



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Arizona Academic Standards Assessments

April 3rd – April 13th
Testing will take place on campus for grades 3-8. Please have your child to school on time every day.



6th Grade will be visiting Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament on Thursday, April 20th.



Spring Day Recess
Friday, April 14th
No School



7th Grade will be visiting the Phoenix Art Museum on Friday, April 28th.



Progress Reports will be available to view on ParentVUE Wednesday, April 20th.



EARLY DISMISSAL

Friday, April 21st

PreK dismisses at 11:30 a.m.
K-8 dismiss at 12:15 p.m.

NEWS & UPDATES



Pictured above: 1st – 8th grade students created a jungle scene outside the MPR after studying the artist Jean-Jacques Rousseau. Jungle foliage, flowers, animals, and insects abound in this work with over 640 pieces!

Pictured below: National Jr. Art Honor Society decorated the Kindergarten hall windows with cheerful images of Spring as one of their art service projects. Other NJAHS art projects included making school logo key chains as a gift to promoting 8th graders, affirmation cards encouraging and supporting homeless teens, and Valentine cards for seniors in a group home.



NEWS & UPDATES



Travel Reduction Program

Valley Academy participates in the Travel Reduction Program, and one of the perks to using an alternative mode of transportation to work is being entered into a drawing each quarter. Our 2nd Quarter Travel Reduction Program winner is Mr. Smith, one of our 6th grade teachers.

Congratulations, Mr. Smith! Thank you for your participation in helping to do our part in reducing pollution.



Phoenix Chess Academy

Students from Valley Academy often share their trophies with us to display in the office or to share that they won on behalf of representing Valley Academy. Students like

Saanvi S. win in tournaments at Phoenix Chess Academy. Great job and impressive.



Valley Academy's Coed Football team is pictured at their playoff game. This year's team, along with their coach, Mr. Blom, worked hard to get to playoffs, and we're so proud of them! Pictured in the top row: Arnav M., Jacob F., Sachin D., Caleb N., Joseph R., and Ashwin S. Pictured in the bottom row: Caleb M., Kyleigh A., Michael G., Wesley M., and Anith B.



Meet our 1st Grade Team

Oh Hey First Grade! From left to right are Mrs. Torta, Ms. Schambach, Mrs. Francisco, and Mrs. Zahariades.

First grade is an exciting year diving deeper into Spalding, math, book reports and monthly memorization through poetry.



Third Grade Teachers Teach, Love, Inspire, Lead, Motivate, and Connect. From left to right are Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Gonzalez, Mrs. Keely, and Miss Boothman.

Meet our 3rd Grade Team

Families of Valley Academy are cordially invited to attend Student Council's

Movie Night!

When: Thursday, April 13th, 6:00 p.m.— 7:30 p.m.

Where: Valley Academy's MPR

Movie: 



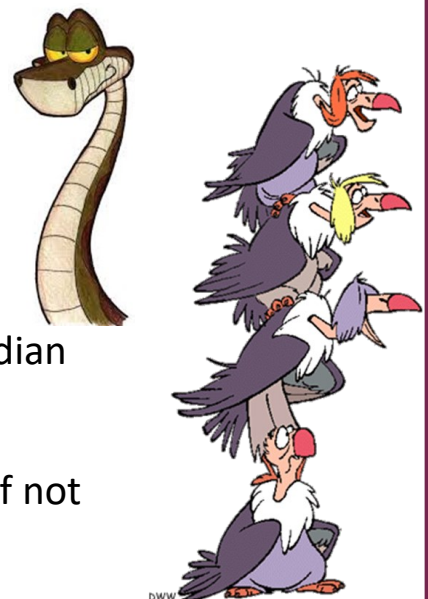
COST: \$3.00 gets you in the door and one free bag of popcorn!

*Parents and other adults are only \$1.00!

Bring your family, blankets, and pillows and relax!

(NO Pajamas please)

Additional popcorn, drinks, snacks, and candy for sale as well!



Children 3rd Grade and younger must have a parent/guardian with them for the whole time!

Parents of 4th-8th graders must sign student in and out if not staying

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April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 8th Grade Car Wash
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Arizona Academic Standards Assessments						
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16	17	18	19 Progress Reports	20  Great Skate 5:00-7:30 p.m.	21 Early Release 12:15 p.m. Staff Development	22
23 30	24 S C H O L A S T I C	25 B O O K	26 F A I R	27 Family Fun Night Open House Board Meeting 6:15 p.m.	28 	29