


VALLEY
ACADEMY


Coyote News

From the Principal's Desk

Mrs. Brooks, M. Ed. Principal



Dear Parents,

I hope you had a happy Thanksgiving and enjoyed the extra time with your families. We have just two short weeks until winter break. Please do not forget the importance of keeping your children focused on academics and continuing to work with them over the winter break by having them read and practice their math skills daily.

As this year comes to a close, I would like to thank the VAPO Council and all of our parents who continue to support our school and are committed to the traditional education and values we have established. Reid Traditional Schools' Valley Academy is an excellent school. We have continuously been awarded an "A" from the Department of Education acknowledging our high academic achievements, and we provide a well-rounded education to the children who attend here. I am proud to be an administrator here and work with such a quality, caring staff and super group of students. The connected community here is what I value most when I think of our campus, but our students' academic achievements are what I am extremely proud of. Thank you to all who are a part of this special campus. Together we are accomplishing great things.

I wish you all a warm and wonderful winter break and a safe and happy New Year. I look forward to what 2023 will bring us and the positive impact we can make together.

My Best,
Mrs. Victoria Brooks, M. Ed.

Upcoming Events

Spirit Day Friday, December 2nd. All students may participate in Spirit Day by wearing their Spirit Day shirt. For grades K-8, ice cream is available at lunch for purchase.

Toy Drive Ends Friday, December 2nd. Toys collected will benefit Foster Care children aged 0-21.

Early Release/End of 2nd Quarter Friday, December 16th. Preschool dismisses at 11:30 a.m. K-8 Holiday parties will take place in their classrooms. K-8 students will dismiss at 12:15 p.m. **There is NO P.M. COYOTE CLUB.**

Winter Break December 19th through January 2nd. School resumes Tuesday, January 3rd.

More Events Listed on Calendar Page

Valley Academy's Band presents a

Winter Concert

December 6, 2022

Concert begins at 6:00 p.m.

In the MPR

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



A Concert to Remember

With Valley Academy's last school-wide concert being in December 2019, the vocal concert held this year on November 1st was highly anticipated. Most of the students had been practicing their songs for over a year, so the chance to finally sing them for their parents was a delight to everyone! A huge thanks to Mrs. Ferris for the hours of help she gave, to Mrs. Simon and NJHS for the financial assistance they provided, and to all you parents who patiently listened to your children sing the SAME songs over and over at home and then supported them at the performance as well! Your kids are a joy to teach! - Mrs. Loveless, Music Teacher



Above is Nishitha Reddy C. singing

To the right is 5th Grade singing

Below is Manoritha D. at the microphone,
8th Grade performing



Below is 6th Grade singing



Valley Academy's Toy Drive Sponsored by NJHS

TO BENEFIT CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE



Thank you to everyone who brought in toys for a great cause this holiday season. Valley Academy collected nearly 400 toys that will benefit children in foster care! Miss Olson's class brought in 75 toys, winning the Class Competition and won a Pizza Party for their generosity.

It's All Happening at the Zoo for our 2nd Grade Students!

The 2nd grade field trip to the Wildlife World Zoo correlates with the Animal Life Cycles unit of our science curriculum. It also ties in with our end-of-the-year report and project. Students choose an animal that they are interested in learning more about and research facts about the animal to put into a report format.



Our 2nd grade team: Mrs. Freeland, Mrs. Rook, Miss Webb, and Mrs. Carpenter.



Mrs. Eckles and Mrs. Cijvanovic chaperoned some of our 2nd graders: Mahith G., Adi P. K., Aria E., Snigdha K., Scarlett C. M., and Andre C.



Cody H., Aime V., Oviya S., Sebastian A., and Hunter P.



Caden A., Leo N., and Kaison S.



Finley F. and Leah F.



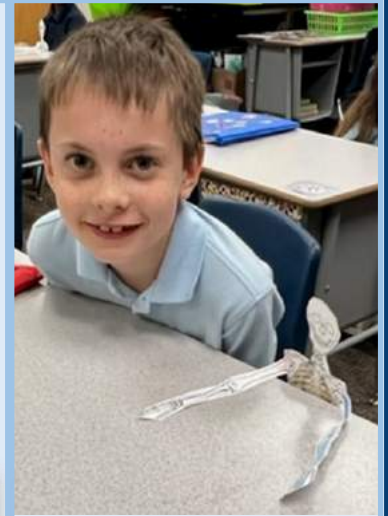
Ms. Marsh and Mr. Stemmons chaperone this group: Aliya S., Jenikasree V., Sparsh K., Avery H., Eva C., Theo S., and Vihaan M.



Elliana J., Gianna P., Simon M., Bradley T., Ishan P., and Katarina P.

More 2nd Grade News

Mrs. Rook's 2nd grade class had a guest speaker, Miss Salt River, from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. Each week, 2nd grade reads a weekly story. Often these stories teach us about the history of Native American tribes around the United States. Although most of the stories are about historical Native Americans, Mrs. Rook's class often talks about the 574 tribes that still exist in the United States today. Miss Salt River talked about what life is like being part of a Native American tribe. Students learned about basket weaving, cooking beans, and carrying water from the river. Most importantly, they learned that the members of the tribe are very similar to us!



Simon M., in Mrs. Carpenter's 2nd grade class, is working on a unit in science, People Grow and Change. They learn parts of the body and how our bones (skeleton) works together with our muscles to give us our shape.

OUR FEATURED TEAM

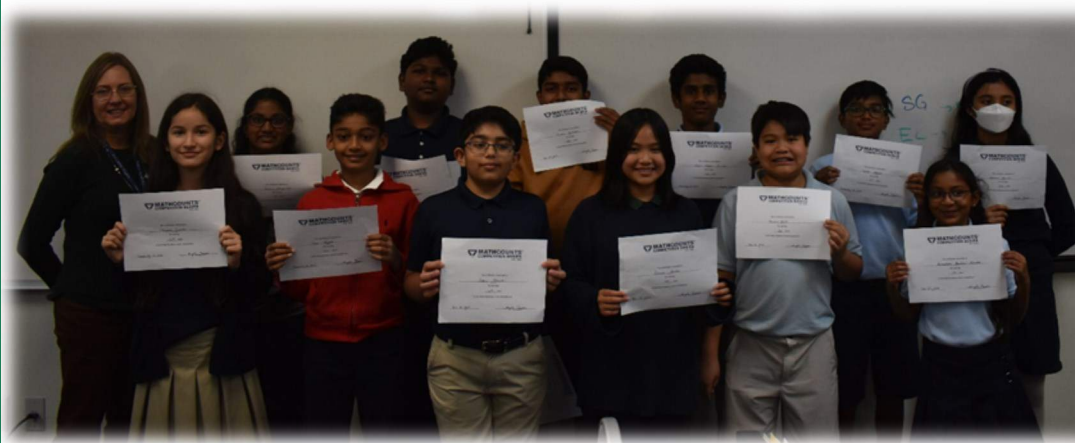
Office Squad

Your Office Squad is made up of a group of ladies who are dedicated to Valley Academy's students, families, and staff members. We are here to assist students in a loving, kind, and caring way; assist parents with a warm and compassionate attitude; and assist our teachers and staff members with a fun and reliable office staff. Honestly, these qualities extend past the six of us; this entire school is filled with dedicated staff! We wish you a wonderful holiday season and a wonderful winter break ahead.



Pictured from left to right is your Office Squad: Ms. Uhlving, Office Manager; Mrs. Lowery, Principal's Secretary; Mrs. Brooks, Principal; Mrs. Breshears, Assistant Principal; Mrs. Allen, School Nurse; and Mrs. Grimm, Receptionist. We are here to help!

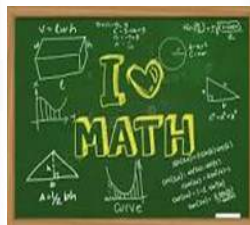
Math Club and Math Counts Competition



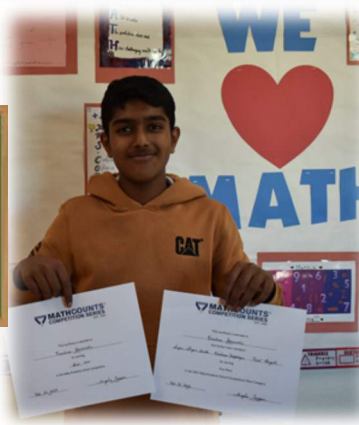
This was our first year to have a math club competing in the Math Counts Competition. The winners of the individual school competition were: Ananya M., Sujan S. S., Krishna B., Saanvi S., Dominic B., Krishna N., Neal R., Aiden Q., Jadon R., Abigail Z., Sameeksha G. S., and Danica B. The winning team members were Sujan S. S., Krishna N., Krishna B., and Neal R. These 12 contestants will compete in the Central Arizona competition in February. Best wishes to our mathletes!!



Pictured to the left is Ananya M.



Pictured to the right is Krishna B.



These students had their artwork submitted by Mrs. Watkins, Art Teacher, in the Arizona State Fair Student Art Exhibit and Competition and they won ribbons for their given categories! Congrats on your excellent artwork! From left to right: Aariz S., Nakavikas R., Dylan M., Yashika P., Natalie M., Avyukth K., Shriyaa S., Dishna M., and Saisha R.. Ema P. also participated but is not pictured.





Our Spelling Bee, was on Thursday, December 1st and the following students won the Bee!

Pictured below is first place winner, Aiden Q., 7th grade; second place winner, Neal R., 7th grade; and third place winner, Maya D. from 5th grade. Congratulations!



National Jr. Art Honor Society Inductees



Students were formally inducted into Valley Academy's NJAHS chapter and the national NJAHS group. Our chapter members pictured here are: Chinmayi A., Amuktha A., Aqsa A., Manoritha D., Sameeksha G. S., Netanya G., Azlynn H., Nureen K., Anisha K., Rylee L., Isabella N., Naisha M., Abby P., Ellie P., Karthick P., Mai P., Siri R., Shriyaa S., Hannah T., and Abigail Z.. Members Neha D. and Evan N. are not pictured. Congratulations!



Junior Cheer with Arizona Instruction performed during one of our morning assemblies. Great job, girls!



December SHINE Recipients



Congratulations to the following students: Ishaan J., Nihira C., Meha M., and McKenzie S., (not pictured), from 3rd grade. They were selected by their 3rd 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

Classroom Holiday Parties **Friday, December 16, 2022**

All K-8 classes will participate in Holiday parties this year in their classrooms.

Some things to remember:

1. Photo ID's or visitor badges must be worn while on campus.
2. According to our school policy, small children, siblings (both younger and alumni), and friends are not allowed on campus while visiting classroom parties.
3. All students in K-8 will dismiss at 12:15 p.m.



4. There is NO P.M. COYOTE CLUB on December 16th.



Now that it is cold and flu season, our school nurse would like to remind our families that your children need to be fever free for 24 hours before they can return to school. Also, **all** medications must be checked in with the school nurse and given at the nurse's office. Students may not carry any medications on them or in their backpacks. Thank you for helping to keep students healthy.



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16th

Early Release Day!

As a reminder, there will be **no Coyote Club on Friday, December 16th**. Classes for K-8 grades will dismiss at 12:15 p.m. and ALL students must be picked up on time through drive through pick up, walk up pick up, or by walking across the street. The campus will be closed following dismissal, so it is important that you be on time. Please remember that the office is not a pick up zone, and to eliminate an abundance of parents and students in the office, students are to dismiss in the appropriate areas.



December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1  Board Meeting 6:15 p.m. Reid Offices	2 Spirit Day Toy Drive Ends 	3
4	5	6 Band Concert 6 p.m.	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 VAPO Meeting 8:15 a.m. Caught Being Good	14	15	16 Early Release 12:15 Dismissal Class Parties NO PM COYOTE CLUB End of 2nd Qtr.	17
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