From the Principal's Desk

Mrs. Brooks, M. Ed. Principal



We have almost completed another fabulous school year. We have much to accomplish before the end of May. Students will be finishing year-end projects, doing presentations, and continuing to learn as much as they can until we break for summer. I know that the end of the year gets busy, and sometimes stressful, but I want you to know that we are all in this together and that we will finish strong.

Valley Academy's community is one of its strengths, and I want to thank you all for being a part of it. I know that coming to Valley Academy is a parental choice, and I appreciate the fact that you have entrusted us with your precious children.

We hold that trust dear and thank you for your commitment to our mission and philosophy of education. Reid Traditional Schools are the best in the valley, and we are proud of all we do here. We provide an academically rigorous program while understanding that we are training young minds. Our students are given a well-rounded and nurtured environment, and it has proven to be successful over many years. I want to thank you again for helping us in our success. Together we can accomplish so much!

During the summer, please remember that weekly reading and math facts should be a part of your child's summer practice. These skills are important to every child and are best practiced regularly.

Next school year, I hope to see more parents on campus, volunteering in classrooms and becoming more active in all of our events. We miss the community we have had on campus prior to COVID's impact, and we hope that next year we will have more engagement and more fun all together. We are looking forward to another on-campus fall music concert and so much more. Until then, I wish you a wonderful summer and an enjoyable break.

Upcoming Events

Spirit Week May 1st-5th—Students may participate for \$1/day to raise money towards marquee repair. Flyers went home. **Spirit Day** Friday, May 5th—All students in grades PreK-8 may celebrate their school spirit with wearing spirit day t-shirts. Early Release Friday, May 19th—Students K-8 will release at 12:15 p.m. There is no Coyote Club on the last day of school. All students should be picked up through drive through lanes. Report Cards Final 4th Quarter Report Cards will be sent home on May 19th.

More Events Listed on Last Page

Best wishes for a safe and happy summer,

Mrs. Victoria Brooks





VALLEY ACADEMY SPIRIT WEEK

May 1st - May 5th

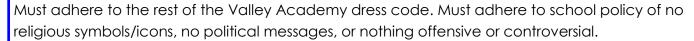


Day 2 - Tuesday, May 2nd: Crazy Hat Day

Day 3 - Wednesday, May 3rd: Bring a Stuffed Friend to School Day

Day 4 - Thursday, May 4th: Wear your Hoodie to school

Day 5 - Friday, May 5th: Jersey/Sport Team Day



Teachers will not make change so please pay with exact change only. There will be a consequence if you come to school dressed to the theme without paying.



Party We Will – Appreciated They Are! Teacher/ Staff Appreciation Week

This week, May 1st – 5th, we will be celebrating Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week on campus. This year, the theme is **Star Wars!** (**No weaponry allowed.**) Below is an itinerary of weekly events Administration and VAPO are planning along with a suggestion of ways you can contribute to the fun of showering our teachers and staff with the appreciation they deserve!





As a Thank You for all their hard work, our staff will be receiving a COOL surprise and Goodies of the Galaxy today. It's a GR-8 day to have your child draw their favorite day they had this year for their teacher!

WED. 3rd



We appreciate your hard work every single day! Our staff will have Yodamole, Trooper Scoopers and other things today. It's a GR-8 day to have your child write a letter of gratitude to their teacher or other staff member.

May the Forth Be with You

You're Out of This World!



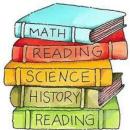
VAPO is hosting a Buffet Lunch in a Galaxy Far, Far Away for Staff today. Please see an email sent from VAPO to see how you might help!

FRI. 5th

Just in Case You Didn't Know, Yoda Best!



Our staff will be receiving VIP Room Service today. Have your child bring in a small treat for their teacher!



Textbooks Instead of Taxes Contest Winners!

Thank you to all the Valley Academy parents, friends, and staff who donated this year for Textbooks Instead of Taxes! We collected a total of \$18,300 towards new textbooks for our students. The contest drawing winners are Erin Davis, Manish Jaswani, and Sowmya Yellamaruju, but really, it's your children who win when you give. Thank you all for your generosity.



No Coyote Club on the Last Day of School!

As a reminder, there is
NO Coyote Club on the last day of
school, Friday, May 19th.
All students must be picked up on
time through the pick up line, or
walkers can be picked up across the
street. To minimize traffic inside the
building, we ask that parents do not
pick up from the front office.
Thank you.

Abhay Teaches Library!

Abhay V. from Mrs. Rook's class brought a book from home and asked if he could read to the class during what would have been the class's library time. Mrs. Rook's class managed themselves so well, it was definitely picture worthy!



Early Release Friday, May 19th. Students in K-8th grades dismiss at 12:15 p.m.





Preschool's last day is Thursday, May 18th.

Shining Hardworking Individual and Noble Example

Congratulations to the following students: Meenakshi S., Emma M., and Xavier F. from seventh grade and Fardeen M. and William S. from eighth grade. They were selected by their seventh and eighth grade teachers as their "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

Junior Cheer with Arizona Instruction

Our Junior Cheerleaders with Arizona Instruction afterschool program cheer at a Boys' Basketball Game. Way to go, girls! Your performance was great!







Spirit Week and Teacher/ Staff Appreciation Fun!

To the left is Gabe U. sporting a well-made crazy hat for Spirit Week. To the right is Mrs. Brooks (A.K.A. Princess Leia) having fun surprising our staff with some VIP room service.



The Last Week of School, May 16—May 19, 2023

Tuesday, May 16th — Our 8th grade students will participate in their 8th grade breakfast with their core teachers, special area teachers, and administrators. After breakfast, they will leave for their field trip. **Wednesday, May 17th** — Our students in grades K-7 will participate in Visiting Day. Students in each grade level will move to a grade above to visit a classroom to discuss what to expect next year.

Wednesday, May 17th — 8th grade promoting class will participate in a promotion ceremony rehearsal.

Thursday, May 18th — 8th grade promoting class will participate in a promotion ceremony.

Friday, May 19th — All grades will commemorate the year with awards presentations followed by classroom celebrations beginning at 11:00 a.m.



Classroom Awards Presentations

May 19, 2023

Grades 5 & 6 8:45 — 9:30 a.m.

Grades 3 & 4 9:30 —10:15 a.m.

Grades 1 & 2 10:15 —11:00 a.m.

Kindergarten Scheduled by Teachers







If parents are unable to attend due to having children in several classes, possible adjustments in presentation times may be made with the teacher. Siblings are permitted to attend the Classroom Award Presentation. However, siblings both older and younger are not permitted to attend the classroom parties or to remain on campus without parental supervision. See you then!

Students are hard at work to create some masterpieces! To the far left is Valeria C.M. and pictured in the middle is Kyleigh A. The far right students are creating a Mr. Doodle project in NJAHS. Great work all around!

Last Day of School Reminders

On Friday, May 19th, the last day of school, students will be celebrating the end of the school year with an End of the Year party in their classrooms beginning at 11:00 a.m.

- * All parents picking up students must use the pick up line, or walkers can be picked up across the street. To minimize traffic inside the building, we ask that parents do not pick up from the front office.
- All parents must have a current placard.
 Please see Mrs. Lowery in the front office prior to the last day of school if you need one printed.
- Classes dismiss at 12:15 p.m. and students must be picked up promptly. There is NO Coyote Club on the last day of school.

May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	SPIR	IT WEE	K ALL	WEEK	Spirit Day	
	TEACH	IER & STA	FF APPRE	CIATION	WEEK	
7	Sports Recognition 5:00 p.m.	9 VAPO Meeting Caught Being Good	10	11	12	8th Grade Dinner 6-8 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Dance 8-10 p.m.
14	Honor Roll Ice Cream	8th Grade Breakfast/ Field Trip	8th Grade Rehearsal Visiting Day	8th Grade Promotion 7:00 p.m.	Classroom Parties Early Release 12:15 p.m. No Coyote Club Available Report Cards Sent Home	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Office Closed	27
28	29 Office Closed Memorial Day	30	31		Office Closed	