### From the Principal's Desk

Mrs. Brooks, M. Ed. Principal



Dear Parents.

In the month of November, we often take a moment to thank those in our lives for the contributions they have made. I am no different. There are so many wonderful families involved in our school that I feel blessed to be a part of the community and in making a positive impact on the academic environment here at Valley.

I would like specially to thank our VAPO Council who have committed to our school their time and efforts for the benefit of all. I would also like to thank all of the parents who are volunteering their three hours every month. Valley Academy

would not be the same without your support. Now that we are enjoying parents on our campus again, I encourage you to spend the day volunteering in your child's classroom or at a school function. Volunteering really creates a connection between school and home, and we hope to reconnect with you all more as times passes.

Our faculty and support teams are truly top notch and they continuously give their very best efforts in order to continue to provide our students and their families the best school possible. I am grateful to work with such an amazing team.

Thank you all again for your commitment to our school, being a contributing part of our organization, and working together to accomplish great things. May you have a restful Thanksgiving break and enjoy the extra time with your families.

Best Wishes,

Mrs. Victoria Brooks, M. Ed.

#### **Upcoming Events**

Fall Concert Tuesday, November 1st. "Folk Songs in the Fall" is a vocal concert by 1st—8th grades from 6:00—8:15 p.m.

Early Release/Staff Development Friday, November 4th. Preschool dismisses at 11:30 a.m. and all students K-8 dismiss at 12:15 p.m.

No School Friday, November 11th. No school in honor of Veterans Day.

Progress Reports Wednesday, November 16th. Students' work is assessed and grades are also available online to view using ParentVUE.

**Spirit Day** Friday, November 18th. 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.

No School Monday, November 21st—Friday, November 25th. No school in honor of Thanksgiving Break.

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Congratulations to Miss Hilgendorf, 4th grade teacher, for winning the Transportation Reduction Program contest. She won a gift card for carpooling to work! Great job!



### Valley Academy Presents:

"Folk Songs in the Fall"

#### A Vocal Concert by 1st—8th Grades

How does an evening under the stars listening to beautiful music and enjoying some family time sound? Well, you will have that opportunity on Tuesday evening, November 1. Your children have been preparing for many months to sing for you, and I am so excited at the prospect of you FINALLY getting to hear them!

When: Tuesday, November 1, 2022

Where: Valley Academy Basketball Court

Time: 6:00 – 8:15 p.m. (gates will open at 5:30 p.m.)

Cost: \$0 (chips, granola bars, soda and water will be available for purchase)

#### Performance Times by Grade Level:

(There are 10 min. slots between each performance for students/parents to

move to the appropriate location)

• 1st & 2nd Grades: 6:00 p.m. - 6:10 p.m.

• 3rd Grade: 6:20 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

• 4th Grade: 6:40 p.m. – 6:50 p.m.

• 5th Grade: 7:00 p.m. – 7:10 p.m.

• 6th Grade: 7:20 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

• 7th Grade: 7:40 p.m. – 7:50 p.m.

• 8th Grade: 8:00 p.m. – 8:10 p.m.

Participation is required in order for your child to receive a good grade in the 2nd quarter of Music class.

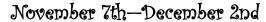
If you are unable to attend, an alternate assignment will be given.





# Valley Academy Toy Drive Sponsored by NJHS

# TO BENEFIT CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE



We are looking for donations of new, unwrapped toys or gift cards for ages 0—21. Gifts bought off of the Amazon Wish List will count towards the Class Competition.

Winning class wins a Pizza Party!

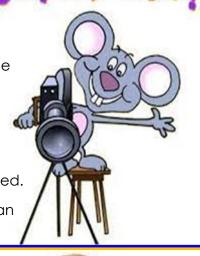




Valley Academy's picture retakes are scheduled for Wednesday, November 9th. If you are unhappy with your child's portrait package, the photographer will retake the picture in exchange for the package you have already paid for. Be sure to bring the purchased package to ensure your child is photographed. Please keep the class photo as it will not be replaced with the retake packet.

All new students and students who were absent will also be photographed.

Retake picture flyers will be sent home Friday, November 4th. Pictures can still be ordered online at https://inter-state.com/.



# **Movie Night!**

When: Wednesday, November 9th @ 6:00 p.m.

Where: Valley Academy's MPR

Movie: Tangled

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

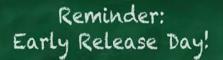
\*Parents and adults are only \$1.00!

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\*



Friday, November 4th
Preschool dismisses at 11:30 a.m.
K-8 dismisses at 12:15 p.m.

# 2nd Grade Field Trip Thursday, November 10th



Students will need a sack lunch to take with them. Have fun, second grade!





# November SHINE Recipients

Congratulations to the following students: Andrej C., Saishaa S., Oviya S., and Sri Mokshagna K., from 2nd grade. They were selected by their 2nd 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

# REMINDER

NO SCHOOL on Friday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day.

# 3rd Grade is a very busy year. Check out what they are doing!

It's an exciting time for third graders! The students have begun to learn cursive. Here is Darshan S. (to the right) from Mrs. Keely's working hard. The kids are off to a great start!



### **OUR FEATURED GRADE LEVEL**



#### Teach, Love, Inspire

We have full classes, and the students are ready and eager to learn in the post-pandemic classroom. Each of the three 5th grade teachers, Mrs. Freeman,

Mrs. Lewandowsky, and Miss Block were once substitute teachers on Valley's Campus. Mrs. Freeman and Mrs. Lewandowsky have put children through Valley Academy and know the value of Valley's curriculum and routines. As a team, we are setting standards and holding expectations high. These amazing students are, of course, rising to the challenge. We are implementing IXL.com in our classrooms by creating math and language competitions. The students are loving the opportunity to win on the IXL Leaderboards. The 2022-23 school year is off to a fantastic start.

Thanksgiving
Break
NO SCHOOL:



Thanksgiving Break
November
21st—25th

# **Pumpkins in Preschool**

A couple of weeks ago, Miss Breshears' class explored pumpkins and took some seeds home! Many of the students were excited to share what they were planning on doing with their seeds! Fast forward to my student, Beau N. asking his mom to send in photos of his pumpkins growing in his garden! His mom shared that every morning he wakes up eager to water them and makes sure they are well taken care of!





Spirit Day is on Friday, November 18th this month.

### A word from the Writing Committee

In the December newsletter, we would like to feature a writing piece from a 5th grade student. If your 5th grader would like to submit a writing piece, please have him/her turn it in to Mrs. Freeland by November 10th. She and Miss Ekdahl will look over the submissions and chose one for the November newsletter. Submissions not accepted will still earn an honorable mention certificate.

Below are the parameters for the writing submissions:

The writing piece must be school appropriate.

Poems should be 50 or fewer words.

Prose should be 75 or fewer words.

The piece must be edited for spelling, punctuation, and grammatical errors.

No pictures to accompany the writing.





In Technology class, Kennan A. and Eliana W., both from 8th grade, are showing off their Budget projects where we utilized Google Sheets. (Both pictured below)



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Imaya S. and Mohnish K., both from Mr. Beckham's class, are displaying their Acrostic Poems they created while exploring Google Docs.

(Pictured to the right.)







# November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Fall Concert 6 — 8:15 pm.	2	3	Early Release 12:15 Dismissal Staff Development	5 8th Grade Car Wash 9—1 p.m.
6	7 Toy Drive Begins	8	9 Picture Retakes  Student Council Movie Night 6 p.m.	2nd Grade Field Trip	No School Veterans Day	12
13	Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.	VAPO Meeting 8:15 a.m. Caught Being Good	Progress Reports Available on ParentVUE	17  High School Information Night 6 p.m.	18 Spirit Day Turkey Trot	19
20	21 T H A	22 NKSGIVI	23 NG BREAK	NO SCH	25 O O L	26
27	Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.	29	30	Board Meeting 6:15 p.m. Reid Offices		