

# School News

March 2015



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## From the Principal's Desk

It is almost unbelievable that I am writing an article to wish you all a restful and pleasant Spring Break. This year seems to be flying by. On behalf of my entire staff, we hope you will enjoy your week away from school, enjoy the nice weather, and return safely on March 23<sup>rd</sup>

We also encourage you to remind your children to read, play educational games, and have meaningful conversations with you throughout the week. Meaningful conversations with adults build vocabulary and further the connection with your child. We hope your children's skills will be sharp when they return, as we will get right to work on our fourth quarter's curriculum and preparing for State Standardized Testing which will take place the week of April 13<sup>th</sup>.

I would like to once again, thank you for choosing Reid Traditional Schools' Valley Academy for your child's educational needs. We feel extremely fortunate to have the students and families we have in our school community.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Wilber, M.Ed.,  
Principal

## Upcoming Events

### Read In

Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> We are excited to welcome members of our community to share their favorite Dr. Seuss book with our students.

### Spirit Day

Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> all students in grades K-8 may participate in our monthly ice cream to celebrate Spirit Day!

### VAPO Spring Festival

Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Please come out and support the largest one day fundraiser. Everyone is welcome to come and have fun!

### VAPO Meeting

Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 8:15 a.m. Monthly Governing Council Meeting. Parents are encouraged to attend.

### Early Release/Staff Development

Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 p.m. All students K-8 dismiss at 12:15. Preschool dismisses at 12:45 p.m. Teachers will participate in a Staff Development exercise.

### Spring Break

Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> through Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

### Morning Assembly

Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> 8:15 a.m. Outdoor Courts. Students in grades 1-6 are honored for their classroom achievements.

### Report Cards Go Home

Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Students' work is assessed and presented with a Report Card.

### School Board Meeting

Thursday, March 26<sup>nd</sup> District Office (14841 N. Black Canyon Freeway) School Board meetings are open to the public, and parents are welcome to attend.



*Spring Festival Art Winner, Shriraghar from Mrs. Song's 1st grade classroom.*

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## Classroom News

On February 5, 2015, Valley Academy was honored to host Holocaust survivor and guest speaker, Mrs. Adelman, who spoke with our 8<sup>th</sup> graders about her life experiences during World War II. As a child of age 8, Mrs. Adelman witnessed the occupation of Paris, France. Soon after, her family had to go into hiding because of their Jewish ethnicity. Mrs. Adelman's story is one of terror, courage, and fortitude as she hid from the Nazis in several different places throughout France. Our students sat mesmerized by her story! After her talk, they were able to thank her personally, view some of her family photos, and ask her questions about her life experience. Later, our students wrote thoughtful and considerate "thank you" letters to Mrs. Adelman explaining how her talk influenced their lives for the better.



Ms. Brasher is starting biology in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Seventh graders will be dissecting: earthworms, starfish, grasshoppers, fish, frogs and a mouse. Yeah! 8<sup>th</sup> grade is starting genetics. These lesson will focus on genetics, DNA and heredity. We will be doing a lot of hands-on genetic activities throughout the rest of the school year.

In Mrs. Simon's Social Studies class, classrooms made history come alive with their simulations. 8<sup>th</sup> grade got to see what being a Navajo Code Talker was like by sending and translating coded messages over walkie-talkies, and the 7<sup>th</sup> graders got to see what it was like to be assembly line workers in the early 1800's. Both classes did a great job and had a blast while learning!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 127	3 128	4 129 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Pictures	5 130 Read-In 8:00 a.m.	6 131 Spirit Day	7 Spring Festival 11:00 -4:00 p.m.
Week 28						
8 Kindergarten Screening Begins	9 132 Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.	10 133 VAPO Meeting 8:15 a.m.	11 134	12 135 Preschool Pictures	13 136 7/8 Grade Field Day Early Release 12:15 Dismissal AM Specials End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	14
Week 29						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
No School Spring Break—March 16 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup>						
22	23 137 Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.	24 138	25 139 Report Cards Go Home	26 140 Caught Being Good  Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. District Office	27 141 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class Shirt Pictures	28 Spring Festival Rain Date 11:00-4:00 p.m.
Week 30						
29	30 142	31 143				
Week 31						