



VALLEY
ACADEMY



Coyote News

December 2015

From the Principal's Desk

Mrs. Wilber, M. Ed.,



Hello and Happy Holidays!

I hope you had a happy Thanksgiving and enjoyed the extra time with your family and friends. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy holiday season. I would also like to thank VAPO and all of our many parent volunteers who continue to help make RTS' Valley Academy the great community that it is. I know you have made the choice to send your child to Valley Academy and I am so happy that you have.

As December arrives, we have just three quick weeks until the winter break.

Students sometimes get anxious looking towards the break, so please help us by keeping them focused on their school work and encouraging good behavior. Also, please do not forget the importance of keeping your children's skills sharp by having them read and practice their math facts while school is on break.

Along with my staff, we wish you a safe and wonderfully blessed New Year. I look forward to your return January 4, 2016.

Best Wishes,

Mrs. Wilber, M.Ed., Principal

Upcoming Events

Spelling Bee

Thursday, December 3rd. Students in grades 4—8 participate in this annual event. The winner travels on to the state level competition.

School Board Meeting Thursday, December 3rd Reid Office (14841 N. Black Canyon Freeway) School Board meetings are open to the public, and parents are welcome to attend.

Spirit Day

Friday, December 4th All students in grades K-8 may participate in monthly ice cream and special t-shirts to celebrate Spirit Day.

Band Concert Tuesday, December 15th 7:00 p.m. M.P.R.

Winter Chorus Concert Thursday, December 17th North Hills Church (19th Ave & Greenway Ave.) 5:30 p.m. Grades 1-3 and 7:15 p.m. for grades 4-8. Holiday Program.

Morning Assembly Monday, December 7th Outdoor Courts. Students in grades 1-6 are honored for their class achievements.

Early Release/End of 2nd Quarter Friday, December 18th at 12:15 p.m. **NO PM COYOTE CLUB**

Winter Break December 21st through January 1st.

School resumes January 4th

More Events Listed on Calendar Page



Miss McCartney was the recipient of a \$250.00 gift certificate to Lakeshore Learning. Arrowhead Honda has generously provided this gift to Miss McCartney through their *Giving Back to Teachers Program*.

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



Long May They Wave

Valley Academy recently replaced our flags, both the United States flag and the Arizona State flag. The old flags have performed their service and needed to be retired. The tattered and worn flags will be disposed of properly courtesy of Troop 316 Grand Canyon Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Take a moment when you are walking into the main building to notice the beautiful new flags.

As you begin to prepare your 2015 taxes, please consider making a donation to Valley Academy extracurricular activities and receive a dollar-for-dollar refund on your taxes. The form is available [here](#), and you may drop it off in the front office with your donation check, or you can donate by credit card online [here](#). Full details about the Arizona Tax Credit Donation are on our website [Tax Credit Donation Information](#) page.

Campus News

The weather has changed and I have noticed many students out playing without a sweater or jacket. Please remember to make sure your child has something warm to wear outside for playtime and P.E.

It is also cold and flu season! The best way to prevent catching and spreading those pesky germs is hand washing. Coach your children on proper handwashing techniques. One way to make sure they are spending enough time handwashing, is have them sing the ABC song twice and use warm, soapy water.

Enjoy your holidays and stay healthy!

Mrs. Browne, M.Ed.

Holiday Concert

Save the date! Thursday, December 17th at North Hills Church on 19th Avenue, south of Greenway.

1st - 3rd grade will be performing from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

4th - 8th grade will be performing from 7:15 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Donations will be accepted at the door. If you are willing to help with the concerts, please contact Mrs. Wright at cwright@valleyacademy.com or (623) 516-7747 ext. 419.

Winter Band Concert

Valley Academy Band has a rich musical program filled with many aspiring young musicians, featuring the Beginning Band and the Advanced Band. The band will perform its winter concert at 7:00 p.m. December 15th in the M.P.R. The band students need to report to the band room at 6:30 p.m. for warm-up and tuning. Please join us for our first performance of the year. The band students have been working really hard!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		176	277	378 Spelling Bee 1:00 p.m. Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. Reid Offices	479 Spirit Day	5
6	780 Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.	881 VAPO Meeting 8:15 a.m.	982	1083	1184	12
13	1485	1586 Band Concert M.P.R. 7:00 p.m.	1687 VAPO hosted Luncheon	1788 Caught Being Good Winter Concert No. Hills Church	1889 Classroom Parties 11:15-12:15 Early Release 12:15 Dismissal No Specials End of 2nd Quarter	19
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Winter Break—School Resumes January 4, 2016						