



VALLEY  
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# Coyote News

May 2016

## From the Principal



As we start the month of May and finish up this school year, I cannot help but start to get excited about the new school year just around the corner. There are going to be many great changes coming soon with the new construction starting in June, a new school start date of Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, and so much more. Please watch for updates during the summer on our website. I hope to document construction events so that you can get an inside peek of what is going on around here while you are away.



Until then, we have much to accomplish. 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.

Best wishes for a safe and happy summer,

Mrs. Victoria Wilber

## Upcoming Events

**VAPO hosted Staff Luncheon** May 3<sup>rd</sup>. 10:45-1:00 p.m.

**Spirit Day** May 6<sup>th</sup> All students in grades K-8 participate in ice cream & special t-shirts to celebrate Spirit Day

**8th Grade Promotion Dinner/Dance** May 7<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. 8th grade students enjoy a very special evening with their parents, followed by a 7/8 Grade Dance beginning at 8:00 p.m.

**Sports' Recognition Night** May 9<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. Student athletes are recognized for their achievements.

**More Information Listed on Last Page**



One last look. We bid a fond farewell to our main office building as we look forward to the new construction that will begin this summer. Thank you, little building, for serving us so well for so long!

For more information, please visit our website at [www.ValleyAcademy.com](http://www.ValleyAcademy.com)

# NEWS & UPDATES



Every Friday in the fourth quarter, eighth grade students enjoy lunch outdoors with our principal, Mrs. Wilber!



The extended day kindergarten classes learned all about insects from a couple of friendly neighborhood bug guys. A big thank you to Mr. Libby and Mr. Ordonez for sharing their knowledge about entomology with us!

## Year End Parties...

Remember that year end parties are for current students of Valley Academy. Valley Academy prohibits former students, minor siblings, friends of students, and underage relatives from attending class parties. Thank you for your cooperation. In addition, Valley Academy is a **no-gum campus**. Please help us maintain a clean campus.

## Club Roundups

**Science Club** had an outstanding year proving and investigating various science experiments with students in grades 6-8. Mr. Smith & Ms. Brasher wish their students well and are eagerly looking forward to next year!

**Science Buddies**, the cousin of Science Club, offered some interesting theories of science and tested out different hypotheses to students in grades 4 and 5. Mrs. Lewandowsky, along with Mrs. Freeman and Mrs. Christopher, club advisors, had a great time with the second semester club and are excited to meet next year's clubbers!

**Scrabble Club** has finished up for the school year with a club party for their students. Mrs. Vig along with Mrs. Freeland are very h-a-p-p-y for a great time \*word score 28 points!

# NEWS & UPDATES

**Preschool:** The school year has flown by and our preschoolers have grown by leaps and bounds. I want to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful preschool teachers, Miss Agee and Miss McCartney for the incredible job they do teaching our preschoolers. I also would like to thank our preschool aides, Ms. Baczynski and Mrs. Modi for their tireless attention to these littlest Valley Academy students. I am sure our preschoolers are all very well prepared to be successful Valley Academy kindergarteners.

Mrs. Browne, Preschool Director

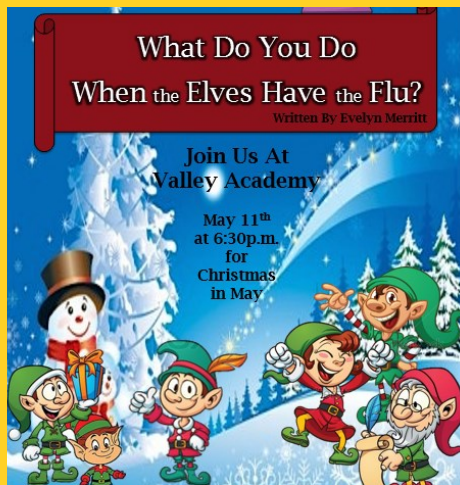
**Staff News:** Mrs. Neal (formerly Mrs. Henry) is retiring at the end of this school year. Mrs. Neal will be traveling and being a lady of leisure! Also, Mrs. Douthitt is not returning this upcoming school year and is pursuing her professional writing career. We wish both these educators well, and want them to know they will always be a part of our Valley Academy family! Also, our first grade teacher, Mrs. Baca and her husband will be welcoming the newest member of their family. Along with big sister, Shelby, a baby boy will be joining the family in July.

## Tidbits

**Honor Roll Ceremony** The month of May brings the return of the Honor Roll Ceremony to honor the academic achievements of those students in grades 3-8. The date of this event is Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. We are excited to host this event at LDS church not far from Valley Academy. Students in third and fourth grade will be honored beginning at 6:00 p.m. and fifth through eighth grades will be honored starting at 7:30 p.m.

**Student Council** Once again Valley Academy's Student Council had a tremendous year in service to our school and community! Mrs. Simon, Mrs. Meyer, and Mrs. Licano were so proud of how they demonstrated leadership and teamwork. Whether it was a campus cleanup, the daily raising of the flags, or the food drive to benefit "Mom's Pantry," Student Council is awesome!

**National Junior Art Society National Junior Art Society** Wow! This school year has flown by! The National Jr. Art Honor Society's last meeting for the school year is Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. We've had a great year creating fun art projects benefitting others. Watch for news of when we begin again next fall. In the meantime, have an artsy summer!



**Arizona Instruction** The Drama students will be performing their play, "What Do You Do When The Elves Have The Flu?" in the multi-purpose room on May 11<sup>th</sup>! The show starts at 6:30 p.m. and is FREE to anyone who would like to come and watch! There's nothing like a brisk wintry play, to break up the heat, in the middle of May!

# CALENDAR



Reid Traditional Schools' Valley Academy has always received the highest possible rating given by the Arizona Department of Education.

## May 2016

**Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat**

1	2 Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.	3 VAPO Hosted Staff Luncheon	4	5	6 Spirit Day	7 8th Grade Promotion Dinner 7/8 Grade Dance
		STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK				
8	9 Sports' Recognition Evening 6:00 p.m.	10 VAPO Meeting 8:15 a.m. AZ Instruction Rehearsal 3:30 p.m.	11 AZ Instruction Drama Production 6:30 p.m.	12 Chorus/Band Concert 6:30 p.m.	13	14
15	16	17 3-8 Honor Roll Ceremony	18	19 Caught Being Good 8th Grade Promotion 7:00 p.m.	20 Last Day of School Classroom Parties 11:15-12:15 Early Release 12:15 Dismissal No Specials Report Cards Go Home	21
22/29	23/30 Offices Closed Memorial Day May 30	24	25 New Parent Orientation 6:00 p.m.	26 School Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. Reid Offices	27	28