



VALLEY
ACADEMY



Coyote News

October 2015

From the Principal's Desk

Mrs. Wilber, M. Ed., Principal



Parent/Teacher Conferences are this month! We have decided again to offer a sign up for conferences online. We heard that these were convenient for both parents and our teachers.

Conferences are one way to get involved. Every time you attend a parent/teacher conference, you learn more about your child and strengthen the bond with your child's teacher. So, make parent/teacher conferences a priority and take the following steps to ensure you and your child get the most out of them.

Before the conference:

- Talk with your child: Find out his or her favorite subjects or activities, and ask if there are any concerns he or she would like you to discuss with the teacher.
- Review assignments: Are there some areas where your child really shines and others that might need a little extra work? Discuss both strengths and weaknesses with the teacher.
- Check whether your child should attend: In most cases, the conferences are strictly between the parents and the teachers, so you'll probably need to make childcare arrangements.

The day of the conference:

- Be on time: The conference schedule is tight and teachers need all parents to be on time. If something comes up, notify the teacher as soon as possible. Try to reschedule, even if it has to be a telephone conference.
- Remember that conferences are brief: A typical parent/teacher conference lasts 15-20 minutes. If you need additional time, ask for a follow-up session.
- Keep an open mind: Some parents get angry when teachers discuss trouble spots. Remember these conferences are meant to help you understand your child's school performance. Working together with the teacher will help your child succeed.

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Upcoming Events

Spirit Day

Friday, October 2nd All students in grades K-8 may participate in monthly ice cream and special t-shirts to celebrate Spirit Day.

Morning Assembly

Monday, October 5th Outdoor Courts. Students in grades 1-6 are honored for their classroom achievements.

No School

Monday, October 12th Columbus Day/Staff Development Day. Teachers will participate in a Staff Development in-service.

Morning Assembly

Monday, October 19th Outdoor Courts. Students in grades 1-6 are honored for their classroom achievements.

Report Cards

Wednesday, October 21st Students' work is assessed and reports are sent home.

Early Release/Parent Teacher Conferences

Thursday, Friday, October 22nd All students K-8 dismiss at 12:15 p.m. Preschool dismisses at 12:45 p.m.

School Board Meeting

Thursday, October 22nd Reid Offices (14841 N. Black Canyon Freeway) Meetings are open to the public and parents are welcome to attend.

More Events Listed on Calendar Page



Student Council officers, along with their advisor, Miss Cunningham are singing a patriotic song. The Morning Assembly is a nice way to honor our students' achievements! Well done, Coyotes!

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

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Afterward:

- Tell your child: After the conference, meet with your child and discuss the teacher's comments. Remember to praise all the things your child is doing well and pass along the teacher's compliments. If you need to, talk about areas that you and the teacher will be working on to help your child improve.
- Follow up: In the days that follow, let your child's teacher know that you are following through on what was discussed, and that you'd like to hear how things are progressing in the classroom.

Remember that at Valley Academy, parental involvement is welcomed and encouraged through the year. Feel free to schedule a phone or in-person conference any time you think there is a need.



Kindergarten would like to thank our wonderful parent volunteers who were able to come and support all four classes with information about their careers during our 'Workers in the Community' week. Thanks to you, we may have future doctors, nurses, firefighters, police officers, mail carriers, and even FBI sketch artists in the making! 😊

Lunch time is a time for refueling for the rest of the school day. Valley Academy offers lunches, both vegetarian and non-vegetarian. We also offer a nutritious salad bar. If you are packing lunches for your children, lunches that have some kind of protein, fruits and vegetables are always good choices.



Student Council

Elections have been held and those elected are:

President : Kassidy E.

Vice President: Nicole H.

Secretary: Saathvika V.

Treasurer: Hana O.

Historian: Molly C.

Congratulations on your hard work!

Student Council will be hosting their first Movie Night on October 8th. The cost is \$3.00 per child and \$1.00 for their parent/guardian to attend. Permission slips are required.

As a school we will be donating canned food to Mom's Pantry beginning in November. This will be our second year collecting food for Mom's Pantry, which is a local community food bank.

Mrs. Licano, Mrs. Simon, and Miss Cunningham, Advisors





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Week 8				1 ³⁸ Cookie Dough Distribution M-Z High School Information Night 6:30 p.m.	2 ³⁹ Spirit Day	3 8th Grade Car Wash 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Week 9	4 5 ⁴⁰ Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.	6 ⁴¹	7 ⁴²	8 ⁴³ Student Council Movie Night	9 ⁴⁴	10
Week 10	11 12 No School Columbus Day Staff Development	13 ⁴⁵ VAPO Meeting 8:15 a.m.	14 ⁴⁶	15 ⁴⁷ Caught Being Good	16 ⁴⁸ End of 1st Quarter 7/8 Fall Dance 6:00-8:30 p.m.	17
Week 11	18 19 ⁴⁹ Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.	20 ⁵⁰	21 ⁵¹ Report Cards Go Home	22 ⁵² Early Release 12:15 Dismissal PM Specials VAPO Dinner Board Meeting Reid Offices Parent Teacher Conferences	23 ⁵³ 7/8 Grade Assembly 8:15 a.m. Early Release 12:15 Dismissal AM Specials	24
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