



VALLEY
ACADEMY



Coyote News

May 2017

From the Principal



We have almost completed another school year. This 2016-2017 school year has been especially busy and exciting here on campus. With the completion of the new administration and early education building and being able to watch the gym rising above ground level, we cannot help but be thankful of all we have accomplished. The gym is expected to be open and ready for use by the start of the new school year, and we could not be happier.

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 nurturing 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, M. Ed.



Upcoming Events

VAPO hosted Staff Luncheon May 4th. 10:45-1:00 p.m.

Spirit Day May 5th All students in grades K-8 participate in ice cream & special t-shirts to celebrate Spirit Day

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

Sports' Recognition Night May 15th 6:30 p.m. Student athletes are recognized for their achievements.

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Our Choir students performed at the Paradise Valley community College *Festival of Tales* on Saturday

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

NEWS & UPDATES



We are pleased to present the Class of 2017! These fine students have the distinction of being present during construction of the big building as kindergarteners and they will finish eighth grade during the completion of our latest phase of construction. You are indeed Elite! Congratulations!

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 and Ms. Brasher wish their students well and are eagerly looking forward to next year!

Science Buddies, the cousin of Science Club, has gone STEM! Science Buddies is having a great time discovering engineering and how that ties to math, science, and technology. Mrs. Freeman and Mrs. Lewandowsky have presented the students with several engineering fetes that have been very challenging. However, as the facilitators will profess, the students have stepped up and met the challenge every time. They have made transportation devices to carry batteries down a zip line, made edible race cars that actually rolled, built bridges that spanned gaps and supported weight, catapults for marshmallows, and attempted to make hanging mobiles with paper clips and pencils. It has been a fun semester and the students have truly embraced their inner scientist!

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

NEWS & UPDATES

Preschool News There have been so many changes this year for our Valley Academy Preschoolers! They now have wonderful new rooms and a great new playground. It was a long time coming, but everyone has settled in to their new surroundings. They have grown and learned so much since the first of August. I want to extend our appreciation to our preschool teachers, Miss Agee and Miss McCartney who continued to do such a great job teaching our preschoolers in the midst of all the changes. I also want to thank Mrs. Baczynski and Mrs. Erb, our preschool aides, for their endless patience and loving guidance for our littlest Coyotes.

Mrs. Browne, M.Ed., Preschool Director

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 23rd. 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.

Choir Valley Academy's Choir is preparing for a grand finale! Along with our band they will be performing Thursday, May 18th at 6:30 p.m., in the multi-purpose room for all our families. Please come out and support the fine arts at Valley Academy.

Student Council It has been a fantastic year for Student Council! Our officers and representatives have helped raise the flag every morning, kept this campus clean once a month, sold and delivered Candy Grams, and helped raise money for our school while providing fun activities like Movie Nights and painting faces at the Spring Festival! We would like to wish all 8th grade Student Council members (Reese T., Danika M., Matthew B., Annika O., and Ben F.) good luck in high school; we will sure miss them!

National Junior Art Society National Junior Art Society

The National Jr. Art Honor Society's last meeting for the school year is Tuesday, May 9th. It's been a great year with gaining leadership skills, fun art projects, friendship, and service through art to others. Thank you to all of the families who have been supportive of your student's interest in art through this program. Have an arty summer and come join us next Fall!

Arizona Instruction Arizona Instruction's production of Annie jr. will be performed on our campus on May 11, 2017, in the cafeteria. The show is FREE to attend and starts at 6:30 p.m. Come and enjoy an evening watching the very talented cast that is comprised of our primary grade students. Everyone is welcome to attend!



May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Week 35	1 161	2 162	3 163	4 164 VAPO hosted Staff Appreciation Luncheon	5 165 Spirit Day	6 8th Grade Recognition Dinner 6:00-8:00 p.m. 7/8 Grade Dance 8:00-10:00 p.m.
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Week 37						20
		Sports' Recognition 6:30 p.m.			Chorus Band Concert 6:30 p.m.	
Week 38	21	22 176	23 177 8th Grade Breakfast & Field Trip 3-8 Honor Roll Ceremony	24 178 8th Grade Rehearsal	25 179 8th Grade Promotion 7:00 p.m.	26 180 Last Day of School Classroom Parties 11:15/12:15 Early Release 12:15 Dismissal No Specials Report Cards Go Home
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Week 39	28	29 Offices Closed Memorial Day	30	31 New Parent Orientation 6:00 p.m.		