



VALLEY
ACADEMY



April 2018

Coyote News

From the Principal's Desk

Mrs. Wilber, M. Ed., Principal

Spring is here, and with spring comes the very important state assessments. On April 3rd – April 6th, AIMS Science and AzMERIT testing will take place for grades 3-8. Please have your children to school on time every day, after eating a nutritious breakfast. It is also important for them to get a good night's rest and to understand the importance of these tests. State test results are important indicators of what students have learned and whether they are mastering state standards at each grade level. We will begin testing at 8:30 a.m. and keep all the students in the classroom until 11:30 a.m. Once testing has begun, students will not be permitted to enter the class so please have them here on time. In addition, to keep disruptions to a minimum our campus will be closed to visitors until 11:30 a.m. after testing has ended each day. If you need to schedule a doctor or dentist appointment, please schedule it in the afternoon. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

I hope you all have an enjoyable spring and we finish strong and academically focused. Thank you for your support.

Mrs. Wilber, M. Ed., Principal

Spring Recess Day Monday, April 2nd No School

Spirit Day

Friday, April 6th All students in grades K-8 may participate in monthly ice cream to celebrate Spirit Day.

Morning Assembly

Monday, April 16th and 30th at 8:15 a.m.
Outdoor Courts. Students in grades 1-6 are honored for their class achievements.

Progress Reports April 25th Students' work is assessed and reports are available online.

More Events Listed on Last Page



Yee Haw!

Our Seventh Grade teachers are all decked out to enjoy the Rodeo Dance with the 7th and 8th graders.

NEWS & UPDATES

National Jr. Art Honor Society

The National Jr. Art Honor Society members have been busy with several fun projects: submitting original designs to the Doodle for Google contest, creating an original large puzzle for a Senior Center, and now creating original tags and tie dye shirts to donate to a local charity where foster children shop for free outfits. Congratulations to these artists with a heart for others!

The Art Department is also getting ready for the Spring Art Show during Family Fun Night. If you can spare some time to come in and help prepare or hang student art (700 pieces or so!) please contact the Art Room, ext. 208. Thank you!



Student Council has been very busy! Last week, Student Council sponsored a rodeo-themed dance for the 7th and 8th graders. It was a lot of fun, and the students had a blast! Also, since we heard the exciting news that twelve Valley Academy students will be traveling to Atlanta this summer to compete in the National History Bee competition, we have been having weekly study sessions on Friday afternoons with Mrs. Simon and Mr. De La Cruz to help them prepare. Student Council and the History Bee participants along with their families have also been fundraising in many different ways to help them reach their goal.

First, we set up a Pie-in-the-Face booth at the Spring Festival. We had willing staff members and History Bee participants get pied to help raise money. This booth was a hit at the festival and our staff members were such good sports. This event raised over \$700!

Second, the Valley Academy staffed purchased raffle tickets for a chance to win a brand new Apple® watch that was donated to us to help the History Bee students and that raised another \$600!

Third, we set up a used technology recycling program where we raised even more money. This was on a Saturday in the Valley Academy parking lot, and we collected a lot of recyclable electronic items that will definitely help with the fundraising. The amount raised is not known yet at this time, but it was a great effort on behalf of the History Bee students.

We also recognized all students who started the History Bee journey from the beginning at a recent Morning Assembly. All twenty-one students who took the initial History Bee exam received a certificate and a Valley Academy Blue Ribbon School pin that previously had only been given to staff members.

We are so very proud of these students, and we are looking forward to the trip to Atlanta! A big thank you goes to Student Council for helping with all of the organizing and fundraising!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>1</div> <div>DIBELS Testing</div> <div>Week 31</div>	<div>2</div> <div>No School Spring Day Recess</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div>	<div>6</div> <div>Spirit Day</div>	<div>7</div>
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<div>8</div> <div>Week 32</div>	<div>9</div>	<div>10</div> <div>VAPO Meeting 8:15 a.m. Caught Being Good</div>	<div>11</div>	<div>12</div>	<div>13</div>	<div>14</div>
<div>15</div> <div>Week 33</div>	<div>16</div> <div>Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.</div>	<div>17</div>	<div>18</div>	<div>19</div>	<div>20</div>	<div>21</div>
<div>22</div> <div>Week 34</div>	<div>23</div> <div>No School Staff Development</div>	<div>24</div>	<div>25</div> <div>Progress Reports</div>	<div>26</div> <div>Board Meeting Reid Offices</div>	<div>27</div>	<div>28</div>
<div>29</div> <div>Week 35</div>	<div>30</div> <div>Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.</div>	<div>May 1</div>	<div>May 2</div>	<div>May 3</div>	<div>May 4</div>	<div>Scholastic Book Fair</div>