



VALLEY  
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# Coyote News

December 2017

## From the Principal's Desk

Mrs. Wilber, M. Ed., Principal



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 two and one half 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 winter break.

Along with my staff, we wish you a safe and wonderfully blessed New Year. I look forward to your return on January 8, 2018.

Best Wishes,

Mrs. Wilber, M.Ed., Principal

## Upcoming Events

**Food Drive** December 1<sup>st</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. Campus wide food collection to benefit Moms' Pantry. Classroom competitions

**Spirit Day** Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> All students in grades K-8 may participate in monthly ice cream and special t-shirts to celebrate Spirit Day.

**School Board Meeting** Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> Reid Office (14841 N. Black Canyon Freeway) School Board meetings are open to the public, and parents are welcome to attend.

**Morning Assembly** Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> Outdoor Courts. Students in grades 1-6 are honored for their class achievements.

**Band Concert** Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. M.P.R.

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

**Early Release/End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter** Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 p.m. **NO PM COYOTE CLUB**

**Winter Break** December 21<sup>st</sup> through January 5<sup>th</sup>. School resumes January 8<sup>th</sup>

**More Events Listed on Calendar Page**



Meet our newest members of the National Jr. Art Honor Society. Its purpose is to assist student members to attain their highest potential in all forms of art, and to raise awareness of art education throughout the school and community.

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

# NEWS & UPDATES



Valley Academy Student Council is getting ready for the **Pack the Pantry** food drive.

## Pack the Pantry!

Valley Academy's Student Council is spearheading our annual community service project. The purpose of this project is to help those in need this winter season. Each homeroom will be collecting all non-perishable food items and toiletries. The collection starts December 1<sup>st</sup> and concludes on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generosity.

## Campus News

It won't be long before the weather will be changing. Please remember to make sure your child brings to school something warm to wear outside for playtime and P.E. Also, make sure to write your child's name in those pieces of outerwear. It make it so much easier to identify if it gets left outside.

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

Happy Holidays and stay healthy.

Mrs. Browne, M.Ed.

## School Music Happenings

Paradise Valley Community College has extended an invitation to our Choir to perform at the annual "Festival of Tales" program. This is a free program highlighting the importance of reading. Please plan on attending this Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and bring extended family and friends.

Save the date! Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at North Hills Church on 19<sup>th</sup> 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. - 8:15 p.m.

The students have been working extremely hard to put on a wonderful show!

Donations will be accepted at the door. If you are willing to help with the concerts, please contact Mrs. Wright at [cwright@valleyacademy.com](mailto: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, Intermediate Band along with the Advanced Band. The band will perform its winter concert at 6:30 p.m.

December 14<sup>th</sup> in the M.P.R. The band students will report to the band room at 6:00 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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