



VALLEY
ACADEMY



Coyote News

May 2018

From the Principal



As we start the month of May and finish up this school year, I think of the year and all we have experienced this year. I can say that I am grateful to have been a part of the community here and each year am grateful for the next school year to come.

During these last couple of weeks of the school year, 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, M. Ed.



Upcoming Events

Spirit Day May 4th All students in grades K-8 participate in ice cream & special t-shirts to celebrate Spirit Day

VAPO hosted Staff Luncheon May 8th.

8th Grade Promotion Dinner/Dance May 12th 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 14th 6:00 p.m. Student athletes are recognized for their achievements.

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Congratulations to our students for bringing home the trophy! Both of these students competed in the AZ State Chess Tournament.

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

NEWS & UPDATES



We are pleased to present the Class of 2018 Congratulations!

You have *Infinite Possibilities*!

Arizona Charter Schools Shine on Nation's Report Card

The National Assessment for Educational Progress, or Nation's Report Card, released scores recently that show charter school students in Arizona outshine their non-charter peers in **every grade** and **every subject** statewide. In fact, if the charter schools in Arizona were scored as their own state, they would rank **first in the nation** in eighth-grade math and **second** for eighth-grade reading. The NAEP scores confirm that Arizona charter schools and students are raising the bar and improving public education. We congratulate our students and families for your contribution to this success!

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 feats 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!

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Preschool News: Our littlest Coyotes have grown and learned so much since the beginning of August. I want to extend our appreciation to our preschool teachers, Ms. Crabtree and Mrs. McCartney who continued to do such a great job teaching our preschoolers. I also would like to thank Mrs. Baczynski and Mrs. Webner, our preschool aides, for their endless patience and loving guidance for our little ones. We look forward to seeing these students next year in our kindergarten. Remember, we do offer before and afterschool care for our preschool students. For more information regarding that, please contact the office. Also, Inspire International Preschool is offering pick up and drop off to our campus. Please call (602) 363-2945 for more information.

Have a wonderful summer!

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 22nd. We are excited to host this event at the 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 17th at 6:30 p.m., in the M.P.R. 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 have spent a good portion of 3rd and 4th quarters helping to raise money for the History Bee participants to go to Nationals this summer! But it is that time of year when we have to say farewell to our 8th graders. We would like to wish all 8th grade Student Council members (Riley W., Adell K., and Eve G.) good luck in high school; we will sure miss them!

History Bee Since it is the last newsletter of the year, we would like to wish our National History Bee participants good luck as they head to Atlanta, Georgia this summer to compete against hundreds of other elementary and middle school students from all across the country. They have been working so hard to prepare, and we will be cheering them on from Phoenix! Good luck: Anthony V., Anthony B., Vipul G., Riley W., Evelyn Y., Kyle M., Caden G., Genevieve P-K., Ava V., Tanish J., Sharvesh S., and Barrett E.!

Art Show

Grades 1-8 will have artwork on display during Family Fun Night and the Book Fair on Thursday, May 3, from 6-8 pm. You are invited browse through the artwork on display in the hallways and in the Art Room. Come see what our great young artists have created!

Arizona Instruction Arizona Instruction's production of Hi Ho Robin Hood will be performed on our campus on May 10th, in the M.P.R. 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!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Week 35		1	2	3	4 Spirit Day	5
6 Week 36	7	8 VAPO hosted Staff Appreciation Luncheon	9	10 AZ Instruction Drama Show 6:30 p.m.	11	12 8th Grade Recognition Dinner 6:00-8:00 p.m. 7/8 Grade Dance 8:00-10:00 p.m.
13 Week 37	14 Sports' Recognition Night 6:00 p.m.	15 VAPO Meeting 8:15 a.m.	16	17 Chorus Band Concert 6:30 p.m.	18	19
20 Week 38	21	22 8th Grade Breakfast & Field Trip 3-8 Honor Roll Ceremony	23 8th Grade Rehearsal	24 8th Grade Promotion 7:00 p.m.	25 Last Day of School Classroom Parties 11:15-12:15 Early Release 12:15 Dismissal No Specials Report Cards Go Home	26
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