



VALLEY  
ACADEMY



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# Coyote News

## From the Principal's Desk

Mrs. Wilber, M. Ed., Principal



Valley Academy is a traditional school that focuses on providing an environment conducive to academic success. On campus we use the following principles:

- Valley Academy will create an atmosphere conducive to the pursuit of academic excellence.
- Valley Academy will teach students to read, write, speak, spell, and compute accurately and effectively.
- Teachers will train students in the logical application of the scientific method.
- Teachers will challenge students to do their best by requiring that all work be done properly and on time.
- Students will learn the fundamental principles of citizenship, discipline, respect, and personal responsibility.
- Students will know and understand our history, heritage, and government.
- Valley Academy will help students develop strong morals and excellent character.
- Valley Academy will help students develop a spirit of individual achievement and appropriate competition.

In addition, high parental involvement is one of the things that make Valley Academy students achieve success. Parents can heavily influence the success of their children by just getting involved in their child's education. Parents who take an active interest in helping their children succeed are more likely to have well-educated children who excel in school. One of the ways parents can stay involved in their child's education is maintaining a disciplined attitude toward homework. Please provide your child a quiet place to work and make sure the homework is completed. This instills a habit of always getting homework done on time, which hopefully lasts the child throughout high school and beyond.

Parents who are involved can more actively monitor the progress of their child. This helps them catch weaknesses and spot strengths, allowing the parent to provide additional support to their child's learning. Working together with the school is beneficial to ensure your child's success.

Children whose parents are involved with their education are more likely to achieve higher grades. Parents should help children study and make sure they thoroughly understand all the information they need before a big test. In addition, the involved parent is likely to proofread the child's homework and show him/her where errors were made before the work is submitted.

Working together as a team will help our students, your children, be the best they can be. We look forward to strengthening our partnership with you this year.

Best wishes for a successful school year!

Mrs. Wilber, M.Ed.

## Upcoming Events

### Hurricane Harvey

Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> Collection ends for victims of Hurricane Harvey. Water, diapers pet food, non-perishable food, blankets are being collected

### Morning Assembly

Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> Students in grades 1-6 are acknowledged for their classroom achievements

### Progress Reports

Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> Students' work is assessed and progress reports are available online using the FamilyLink website.

### Early Release/Staff Development

Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> All students K-8 dismiss at 12:15 p.m. Preschool dismisses at 12:30 p.m. Teachers will participate in a Staff Development in-service.

**More Information Listed on Last Page**



Here is our newest logo for the brand new gymnasium, scheduled to open later this month.

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

# NEWS & UPDATES

## And now, a word from our Government ...

As a public school, Valley Academy is asked to make our families aware of certain state and governmental notices. Here they are, in a nutshell:

*AZ HB2732*-stipulates that 3rd grade students who obtain a score on the reading portion of the AzMERIT test that demonstrates the pupil is reading far below the third grade level may not be promoted from the third grade.

*Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)* – Parents are allowed to inspect school records and have an expectation of privacy in educational matters. For more information on FERPA rights, check out the *Other Services* area of our website, or ask the school office for assistance.

*IRS Form 990* - A copy of the school's non-profit tax return is available in the school office upon request.

*Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA)* – The school has been inspected for asbestos and certified to be asbestos free. The required AHERA Management Plan and inspection materials are available in the school office.

*Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)* – Students with disabilities are entitled to a copy of procedural safeguards. For more information, check out the *Other Services* section of Valley Academy's website, or ask the school office for assistance.

*McKinney-Vento Act* – Special guidelines on the enrollment and education of homeless children are outlined in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. For more information, see [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov).

*TEACHERS*-Get to know our teachers! All our teachers' profiles are available in the front office for your review.

## Hurricane Harvey

Valley Academy Student Council is working to collect water bottles, non-perishable food, blankets, dog food, diapers, wipes, etc. to help aid the victims of Hurricane Harvey. We are accepting donations from September 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. Bring any donations to the office or your child's classroom. We are working with St. Mary's Food Bank; they will help with the transport of the donations to those affected by Hurricane Harvey. We appreciate any donations, and we know that they will be appreciated by the victims of Hurricane Harvey.

Mrs. Licano, Mrs. Simon, Mrs. Garcia, Mr. De La Cruz

**K-8 Early Drop Off at 7:30 a.m.** In an effort to minimize traffic on campus in the morning between 7:45 and 8:05 a.m. we have offered some extended time for free early drop off. This helps alleviate the congestion coming on and leaving campus just as school is about to start. Please take advantage of the early drop off when you can.

Thank you for doing all you can to help ensure that Valley Academy is a safe and successful school.

Mrs. Browne, M.Ed., Assistant Principal

# Meet the Staff at Valley Academy!

## Administration & Office

Ms. Mitchell, M.Ed.- CEO  
Mrs. Wilber, M.Ed.- Principal  
Mrs. Browne, M.Ed.- Asst. Principal  
Mrs. Sommerfield -Secretary  
Ms. Uhlving - Office Manager  
Mrs. McIver, BSN, RN-Health Office  
Mrs. Lowery-Receptionist

## Support Staff

Mr. Carlson - Custodian  
Mr. Pace- Custodian  
Mrs. Schmidt -Food Service Mgr.  
Mrs. Wilkins - Food Service Assistant

## Preschool

Ms. Crabtree  
Miss McCartney

## Kindergarten

Mrs. Johnson  
Miss Mettes  
Mrs. Pearson  
Mrs. Trotter

## First Grade

Mrs. Baca  
Miss George  
Ms. Jubb  
Mrs. Lee

## Second Grade

Mrs. Calderon  
Mrs. Carpenter  
Mrs. Freeland  
Ms. Schambach

## Third Grade

Mrs. Breshears  
Mrs. Keely  
Mrs. Mettes  
Mrs. Willis

## Fourth Grade

Miss Gross  
Mrs. McMahon  
Mrs. Pace  
Ms. Ray

## Fifth Grade

Mrs. Freeman  
Mrs. Lewandowsky  
Mrs. Licano

## Sixth Grade

Mrs. Copper  
Mrs. Garcia  
Mr. Smith

## 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Miss Agee  
Ms. Brasher  
Mr. De La Cruz  
Mr. Hayo  
Mrs. Simon

## Special Area Teachers

Mrs. Watkins - Art  
Mr. Crow - Computers  
Mrs. Loveless - Foreign Lang.  
Mrs. Gan - Library  
Mrs. Wright - Music  
Coach Mims - P.E.  
Mrs. Holder - Resource  
Mrs. Mendoza- Speech  
Mrs. Ekdahl - Academic Tutor

## Coyote Club Aides

Mrs. Lacey, Coordinator  
Mrs. Carr  
Mr. Co  
Mrs. Leyba  
Miss Malave  
Miss M<sup>c</sup> Gary  
Miss Robinson  
Miss Saunders  
Mrs. Vazquez

## Classroom Aides

Mrs. Anzaldua  
Mrs. Baczynski  
Mrs. Banjapally  
Ms. Berry  
Mrs. Cummings  
Mrs. Forsythe  
Mrs. Kamat  
Mrs. Lacey  
Mrs. Mistry  
Mrs. Robinson  
Mrs. Vuppala  
Mrs. Webner  
Mrs. Zahariades

## Gymnasium Pictures





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> <b>Spirit Day</b> Student Council Hurricane Harvey Collection begins	2
3	<b>4</b> No School Labor Day	5	<b>6</b> Fundraiser Packets Due	7	<b>8</b> Student Council Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.  Student Council Hurricane Harvey Collection ends	9
<b>10</b> DIBELS Testing	<b>11</b> Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.	<b>12</b> VAPO Meeting 8:15 a.m.  Caught Being Good	<b>13</b> Progress Reports Available Online	<b>14</b> Preschool Pictures	<b>15</b>   Skate Night	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Picture Day	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Early Release AM Specials 12:15 Dismissal  Staff Development	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Scholastic Book Fair	<b>25</b> Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.	<b>26</b> Homeroom Parent Breakfast 8:15 a.m.	<b>27</b>	<b>29</b>  Family Fun Night 5-8:00 p.m.  Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. Reid Offices	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>