

# VALLEY Coyote News

## 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, 2019.

Best Wishes,

Mrs. Wilber, M.Ed., Principal

### **Upcoming Events**

**Food Drive** November 29th-December 14th. Campus wide food collection to benefit Moms' Pantry. Classroom competitions.

**Spirit Day** Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> All K-8 grade students may wear special t-shirts and purchase ice cream to celebrate.

**Morning Assembly** Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> Outdoor Courts. Students in grades 1-6 are honored for their class achievements.

**School Board Meeting** Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> Reid Office (14841 N. Black Canyon Freeway) School Board meetings are open to the public, and parents are welcome to attend.

**Band Concert** Thursday, December 13th 6:30 p.m. M.P.R.

**Winter Concert** Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> North Canyon HS (1700 E. Union Hills Drive Phoenix) 5:15 p.m. Grades 1-4 and 7:00 p.m. for grades 5-8. Holiday Program.

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

**Winter Break** December 21st through January 7th. School resumes Tuesday, January 8th.

More Events Listed on Calendar Page



Meet our newest members of the National Jr. Art Honor Society. Its members had a busy and fun kick off! Students elected officers, brainstormed ideas, and began work on their first art project to benefit others. They are collecting dried up markers of any brand in each classroom for the Crayola® recycle program. Also, families are invited to the annual Induction Ceremony into the National Junior Art Honor Society on Tuesday, December 11th Art Room. (More information to come.)

# **NEWS & UPDATES**



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

#### **Tax Credit Donations**

As you begin to prepare your 2018 taxes, please consider making a donation to Valley Academy extracurricular activities and receive a dollar-for-dollar refund on your taxes. The form is available <a href="here">here</a>. You may drop it off in the front office with your donation check, or you can donate by credit card online <a href="here">here</a>. Full details about the Arizona Tax Credit Donation are on our website <a href="Tax Credit Donation Information">Tax Credit Donation Information</a> page. Thank you for supporting activities such as choir, band, and clubs for our students.

#### 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 non-perishable food items and toiletries. The collection starts November 29<sup>th</sup> and concludes December 14<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 1<sup>st</sup> and bring extended family and friends.

Save the date! Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. North Canyon High School (1700 E. Union Hills Drive Phoenix.)

Students in grades 1-4 will be performing at 5:15 p.m.

Students in grades 5-8 will be performing at 7:00 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 <a href="cwright@valleyacademy.com">cwright@valleyacademy.com</a> 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. Band will perform its Winter Concert December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the M.P.R. Band students will report to the band room at 6:00 p.m. for warm-up and tuning. Join us for our first performance of the year. The band students have been working really hard!

# December 2018

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Week 17	10 Morning	11 VAPO Meeting	12	13	14	15
Week 18	Assembly 8:15 a.m.	8:15 a.m. Caught Being Good Give-Away	VAPO hosted Luncheon	Board Meeting Reid Offices 6:00 p.m. Band Concert 6:30 p.m.		
16	17	18	19 Winter Concert	Classroom Parties 11:15-12:15 Early Release 12:15 Dismissal No Specials  End of	21	22
Week 19			North Canyon High School	2nd Quarter		
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29
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