



VALLEY
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Coyote News

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From the Principal's Desk

Mrs. Wilber, M. Ed., Principal



Parent Teacher Conferences are this month! We have decided again to offer a sign up for conferences online. We heard that these were convenient and efficient for both parents and our teachers. Conferences are one way to get involved. Every time you attend a parent/teacher conference, you learn more about your child and strengthen the bond with your child's teacher. So, make parent/teacher conferences a priority and take the following steps to ensure you and your child get the most out of them.

Before the conference:

- Talk with your child: Find out his or her favorite subjects or activities, and ask if there are any concerns he or she would like you to discuss with the teacher.
- Review assignments: Are there some areas where your child really shines and others that might need a little extra work? Discuss both strengths and weaknesses with the teacher.
- Check whether your child should attend: In most cases, the conferences are strictly between the parents and the teachers, so you'll probably need to make childcare arrangements.

The day of the conference:

- Be on time: The conference schedule is tight and teachers need all parents to be on time. If something comes up, notify the teacher as soon as possible. Try to reschedule, even if it has to be a telephone conference.
- Remember that conferences are brief: A typical parent/teacher conference lasts 15-20 minutes. If you need additional time, ask for a follow-up session.
- Keep an open mind: Some parents get angry when teachers discuss trouble spots. Remember these conferences are meant to help you understand your child's school performance. Working together with the teacher will help your child succeed.

Afterward:

- Tell your child: After the conference, meet with your child and discuss the teacher's comments. Remember to praise all the things your child is doing well and pass along the teacher's compliments. If you need to, talk about areas that you and the teacher will be working on to help your child improve.
- Follow up: In the days that follow, let your child's teacher know that you are following through on what was discussed, and that you'd like to hear how things are progressing in the classroom.

Remember that at Valley Academy, parental involvement is welcomed and encouraged through the year. Feel free to schedule a phone or in-person conference any time you think there is a need.

Mrs. Victoria Wilber, M. Ed., Principal

Upcoming Events

Morning Assembly

Monday, October 1st, October 15th and October 29th—Outdoor Courts. Students in grades 1-6 are honored for their classroom achievements.

Student Council Movie Night

Thursday, October 4th The movie being shown is The Incredibles. The show starts at 6:30 p.m.

Spirit Day

Friday, October 5th All students in grades K-8 may participate in monthly ice cream and wear their special t-shirts to celebrate Spirit Day.

No School

Monday, October 8th Columbus Day/Staff Development Day. Teachers will participate in a Staff Development in-service.

Report Cards

Wednesday, October 17th Students' work is assessed and reports are available online using FamilyLink.

Early Release/Parent Teacher Conferences

Thursday, Friday, October 18th and 19th All students K-8 dismiss at 12:15 p.m. Preschool dismisses at 11:30 a.m.

School Board Meeting

Thursday, October 25th Reid Offices (14841 N. Black Canyon Freeway) Meetings are open to the public and parents are welcome to attend.

More Events Listed on Calendar Page

Please welcome our newest club. The Robotics Club is a small group of enthusiastic junior high students. They meet every Wednesday in the Science Lab. Their advisors are Ms. Brasher, Mr. Hayo and Mr. Smith. We are looking forward to their inaugural season!



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

NEWS & UPDATES

Parent Teacher Conferences are October 18th & 19th ; this will also coincide with our Early Release Days. Our students dismiss both days at 12:15 p.m. in order to accommodate our conferences.

Please click [here](#) to set an appointment for your conference. From there, click on your child's teacher's conference and select the time that is most convenient for you.

All parents with children in grades K-6 are required to attend a conference. For parents with children in grades 7 and 8, conferences are on an "invitation only" basis or by parent request.

To make this process easier for you, you may stop by the front office and use the computer there to sign up for your conferences. Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you then.



Earlier this month our students enjoyed Spirit Day, ice cream, and great weather! It was certainly worth the wait!



Student Council

Elections have been held and those elected are:

President: Connor C.

Vice President: Madison H.

Treasurer: Abbi P.

Secretary: Ava V.

Historian: Finley N.

Congratulations on your hard work!

Student Council will be hosting their upcoming Movie Night on October 4th.

The movie is *The Incredibles*. The cost is \$3.00 per child and \$1.00 for their parent/guardian to attend. All children 3rd grade and under must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. Permission slips are required for all other students.

Mrs. Garcia, Mrs. Breshears, and Mrs. Simon, Advisors



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Week 8	1 Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.	2	3	4 Student Council Movie Night	5 Spirit Day	6 8th Grade Car Wash 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
7 Week 9	8 No School Columbus Day Staff Development	9 VAPO Meeting 8:15 a.m. Caught Being Good	10	11	12 End of 1st Quarter 7/8 Fall Dance 6:00-8:30 p.m.	13
14 Week 10	15 Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.	16	17 Report Cards Go Home	18 Early Release 12:15 Dismissal PM Specials VAPO Dinner Parent Teacher Conferences	19 7/8 Grade Assembly 8:15 a.m. Early Release 12:15 Dismissal AM Specials	20
21 Week 11	22 No School Fall Break	23 Fundraiser Distribution Honor Roll Ice Cream	24 Picture Retakes	25 Family Fun Night Board Meeting Reid Offices	26	27
28 Week 12	29 Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.	30	31	1	2	3

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