



REID TRADITIONAL SCHOOLS' Valley Academy



Parent Teacher Conferences are this month, and I would like to share with you that children do better in school when their parents are involved in their education.

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

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IMPORTANT DATES

October 2013

3	High School Information Night
4	Spirit Day
7	Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.
10	Caught Being Good Give-Away
11	End of 1st Quarter 7/8 Grade Fall Dance
14	No School Columbus Day Staff Development
16	Report Cards
17/18	Early Release 12:15 p.m. Parent Teacher Conferences
21-25	Book Fair
21	Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.
23	Picture Retakes
24	School Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. District Office
25	7/8 Grade Assembly Family Fun Night
28	Honor Roll Ice Cream
29	Talent Show Try-Outs PreK- 3 rd
30	Talent Show Try-Outs 4 th -8 th Grade

Board Meeting

The Board of Directors meets on the fourth Thursday of each month unless otherwise posted. All regular meetings are open to the public, and parents are welcome to attend. Board Meetings are held at the Reid Traditional Schools conference room at 14841 N. Black Canyon Highway. If you wish to contact members of the Board, you may send a letter to the school or leave a message at the Reid Traditional Schools office, (623)478-2344.

School Information Page

Health Office News

Mrs. Susan McIver, R.N.

Mrs. Sherrie Goesling, R.N.

- ☺ In order to help keep all of our children healthy, please remember that children must be fever-free for 24 hours before they may come back to school.
- ☺ Please do not allow your children to carry any medicine with them, including over-the-counter medications. All medicines need to be checked in and stored for your child in the Health Office.
- ☺ Please be sure to send a water bottle with your child on a daily basis. We want to be sure to keep the students well hydrated.
- ☺ We could use donations of new boys' and girls' underwear, especially in the smaller sizes. If your child comes home in a new pair, please replace them with a new pair.

McKinney-Vento Information

If your family lives in any of the following situations:

in a shelter;

in a motel or campground due to the lack of an alternative adequate accommodation;

in a car, park, abandoned building, or bus or train station;

doubled up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship;

Your school-age children may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act. If you believe your children may be eligible, contact Mrs. McIver, our school nurse, to find out what services and supports may be available. There also may be supports available for your preschool-age children.



Early Release

Due to Parent/Teacher Conferences, there will be early release on Thursday, October 17 and Friday, October 18. Lunches are served to grades 1-6 on early release days. K-8 school hours are

8:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

P.M. Preschool only will have a later schedule on these days starting at 1:00 p.m. and finishing at 3:30 p.m.

Attendance

If your child is going to be absent, you may report it on the www.ValleyAcademy.com website or call the attendance line at (623)516-7747 ext. 108 at any time. Absences must be reported before 9:00 a.m. If you leave a message on the attendance line, please spell the first and last name of your students so that we may correctly identify them and excuse the absence. If you request homework **before 11:00 a.m.**, it can be picked up in the office at the end of the school day.

An Invitation from the Board

Are you a strong supporter of traditional education? Are you looking to get more involved with Valley Academy? If so, the Board of Directors would like to invite you to the next meeting on Thursday, October 24th at 6:00 p.m. This is a good opportunity to meet the Board members and learn more about the important work they do to advance traditional education and our schools. You will also learn about the selection process for new Board Members and find out ways in which you might be involved. This invitation is open to all members of the community who may have an interest in traditional education – don't hesitate to invite a friend. We hope to see you there! Please call (623) 478-2344 for more information and to confirm your attendance.

Student Information Page



Volleyball

Our volleyball season is underway! We have another great team this year. The volleyball players at Valley are determined to have another winning season. The girls continue to work hard as a team, encourage one another, and improve their skills—it is going to be an exciting year. Come out and support us! You will not be disappointed!
Miss Faber, Coach



Science Buddies

This is our second year of Science Buddies and I am certain it is still a big hit with the fourth and fifth graders. They have enjoyed learning about surface tension and aerodynamics with many more lessons to come. We will learn about "Rocket Cars," making a battery, helicopters, fountains in bottles, exploding plastic bags, levitating orbs, and much more during the next thirteen weeks. Although we try to keep this club fun and engaging, we have decided to add a short lecture onto the beginning of the class to add more information about what they are going to experience. Running this club is the highlight of our week as it is so much fun to watch these kids get excited when science happens right in front of their eyes.
Mrs. Lewandowsky
Mrs. Freeman
Mrs. Christopher



Save the Date!

Thursday, December 12, 2013
is the annual School Music Concert
at North Hills Church.



High School Information Night

6th, 7th and 8th grade parents and students are invited on Thursday, October 3rd at 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the M.P.R. to listen to representatives from a few high schools and hear from recent Valley Academy alumni. They will be sharing information that will be helpful in your child's transition to high school. You don't want to miss this!



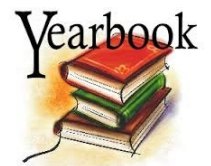
Football

The fun has begun on the gridiron across the nation from pros to pee wees and Valley Academy is no exception. Your Coyotes have started out strong with two wins and one loss. Our team is practicing hard and giving all they got to get back to the championship game where we have been the last two years. Check out our schedule on our school website and come out and root your Valley Academy Coyotes on to victory.

Mr. Woodbury, Coach

Yearbook Photos Wanted!

If you have any great pictures from Great Skate Night, Cheer, Football, or any Valley Academy events, please forward them to the Yearbook committee for possible use in this year's yearbook! Email photos to kkeely@valleyacademy.com.
Thank you!



Congratulations 2013-2014

We are so happy to announce our new Student Council officers!
President – Kaden E.
Vice President – Erin L.
Secretary – Kristin S.
Treasurer – Keenan M.
Historian – Reese T.



Congratulations to our new officers! Class elections were also held, and we are very excited to be working with our new group of students. They have already participated in our first-ever Campus Clean Up! Our next event will be the Salvation Army Clothing Drive. Look for information to be coming home in the next few weeks!

Thanks!
Mrs. Simon
Mrs. Licano
Miss Cunningham

VAPO Volunteer Page

Hello VAPO families,

Well, it's October and the school year is going by fast. I wanted to let you know that since you are a member of VAPO, the VAPO Council is here for you. Every member of the Council is ready and willing to help you find a way and a place to volunteer. Last month, the Council voted in the 12th and final member of the Council. Welcome Amanda Laswell as the Student Recognition Committee Leader!

As a parent at Valley you do a lot. You do daily drives to and from school. You help your child(ren) with homework. You sign the planner/ green sheet nightly. You will be attending Parent Teacher Conferences soon. The list goes on and on. I just wanted to take a minute to give you each a pat on the back. You do a great job as parents. You are choosing a harder path by making a choice to have your child(ren) attend Valley Academy. Let me tell you, with two kids in high school, the payoff is worth it! Parents make this school great! Thanks for all you do!

Much Appreciation,

Mrs. Nuttall

VAPO President

audranut@gmail.com 623-261-7204



Volunteer of the Month

The Volunteer Family for the months of May and August was the McCulloch Family. To earn this honor, the McCullochs volunteered 123 hours to Valley Academy! Congratulations and thank you so much for your dedication. We love families like you!

McCulloch*	123 hours
McKinnon*	106 hours
Mathur*	98 hours
Snyder*	69 hours
Nuttall*	61 hours
Fisher*	61 hours
Evans*	59 hours
Day*	59 hours
Brock*	44 hours
Ogden*	40 hours
Smith	35 hours
Schulte	34 hours
Padilla*	33 hours
Hansen	28 hours

*Denotes VAPO Council member 2013-14

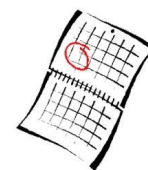
VAPO Teacher Dinner

Are you available to help at the VAPO Teacher Dinner on Thursday, October 17th? The Staff Appreciation committee provides dinner for our dedicated Valley Academy teachers while they stay late for Parent/Teacher Conferences. If you are available to help between 3:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on October 17th, please contact Mrs. Evans at tamaradevans@gmail.com or 602-799-6593. Volunteers are needed to help decorate, set up, serve, and pick up afterward. Volunteers are also needed to prepare and bring food items. Check with Mrs. Evans for details!



A Look Ahead November

- 1 - Talent Show tickets on sale
- 12 - VAPO Meeting 8:15 a.m.
- 15 - Talent Show Dress Rehearsal
4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
- 16 - Talent Show 4:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
- 21 - *Caught Being Good* Give-Away
- 25 - Turkey Trot Grades 1-4
- 26 - Turkey Trot Kindergarten, Grades 5-8



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Did you know that you can earn money for Valley Academy when you shop at Target? If you have a REDCard (Target credit card OR debit card) you can add Valley Academy to your card by looking up school ID#2182 and adding it to your account on the Target website. If you don't have a Target REDCard, the debit card is super easy to get and links directly to your debit card, plus you save 5% on all your purchases.

To link your REDCard to Valley Academy, go to https://www-secure.target.com/redcard/tcoe/home?ref=sr_shorturl_tcoe. Be sure to look up Valley Academy by school ID#2182.

Happy Shopping!

Great Skate Family Fun Night was a blast! Thank you everyone for your participation.

We were able to raise \$516 for 8th grade promotion expenses!



"Caught Being Good" prize giveaway day will be Thursday, October 10th at lunchtime. Remember to bring all the tickets you have earned!



Beep-Beep, Car Wash Coming!

October 5th from 10:00 a. m. until 2:00 p. m. The committee is asking for a \$5.00 donation for each car to help raise funds for the 8th grade promotion expenses.

Thank you.



Thank you, Cookie Dough Sellers !

Results of this year's profits from cookie dough sales will be announced in November's Newsletter.

October 2nd & 3rd - Delivery Dates

2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday	Last Names	A-L
Thursday	Last Names	M-Z



7th/8th Grade Dance

"Starry Night"

All 7th & 8th graders are invited to the "Starry Night" Dance on Friday, October 11th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Please

RSVP by turning in a signed permission slip and \$5 by October 7th. Dress code will be enforced!

VAPO would like to congratulate the top 10 box top winners for the Back to School contest! Thank you to everyone for saving their labels for education and their box tops over the summer. Keep up the great work during the rest of the school year! What an easy way to earn money for our school!



Here are the top ten winning classes.

3rd	Mrs. Keely	1894
5th	Mrs. Henry	716
2nd	Mrs. Freeland	606
2nd	Ms. Schambach	598
7th	Mrs. Douthitt	525
K	Mrs. Trotter	488
1st	Ms. Jubb	488
K	Mrs. Johnson	453
2nd	Mrs. Calderon	446
3rd	Mrs. Breshears	393
1st	Miss Faber	397

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Keep Cool this year at the Reading Oasis Book Fair

It's that time of year for Valley Academy's first book fair. It is coming up soon on October 22nd – 25th. Now is a great time to get a good start on your monthly volunteer commitment. We need help getting ready for the Reading Oasis Book Fair and Family Fun Night. Meetings for the Book Fair and Family Fun Night will be Wednesday at 8:15 a.m. in the VAPO room.

Volunteers are needed to help with the Reading Oasis Book Fair and Family Fun Night.

Contact Mrs. Snyder at 602-722-9092 or tracey@traceybsnyder.com for book fair information and

Mrs. Chapin at 623-203-4478 or hiedi.chapin@cox.net for Family Fun Night.



It's time to start getting ready for

Valley Academy's 5th Annual

Talent Show

GET YOUR FRIENDS. FORM A BAND. LEARN A DANCE. TRY OUT!

Auditions

Tuesday, October 29th – 3:15 p.m. until finished – PreK - 3rd grade

Wednesday, October 30th – 3:15 p.m. until finished – 4th- 8th grade

Once the child has performed for the judges their audition is complete. Students whose parents are not present after they are finished auditioning will be checked in to the Coyote Club (fee-based after school childcare).

Audition Results will be posted Friday, November 1st outside the MPR

Mandatory Dress Rehearsal

Friday, November 15th 4:00 & 7:00p.m.

Talent Show

Saturday, November 16th

PreK-3rd Grade 4:00p.m.

4th-8th Grade 7:00p.m.

Staff will perform at both shows!

Valley Academy Multi-Purpose Room

Looking forward to the acts! Put yours together today!

Audition entry forms will be coming out soon.

Volunteers are needed to help with auditions, rehearsals, and the Talent Show. If you are able to help, please contact Mrs. Combs at jodykay5@gmail.com or by phone: 480-254-6612.

October 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Cookie Dough Pick Up A-L	3 Cookie Dough Pick Up M-Z High School Night 6:30-8:00 p.m.	4 Spirit Day	5 8th Grade Car Wash 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
6	7 Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.	8 VAPO Meeting 8:15 a.m.	9 Book Fair Meeting 8:15 a.m.	10 Caught Being Good Give-Away	11 End of 1st Quarter 7/8 Grade Fall Dance 7:00-9:30 p.m.	12
13	14 No School for students Columbus Day Staff Development	15	16 Book Fair Meeting 8:15 a.m. Report Cards Go Home	17 Parent/Teacher Conferences <i>Early Release</i> (12:15 p.m.) (PM Specials) VAPO hosted Dinner for Teachers 4-7 p.m.	18 (AM Specials)	19
20	21 Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.	22 Book Fair All Week	23 Picture Retake Day	24 Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. District Office	25 7/8 Grade Assembly 8:15 a.m. Family Fun Night	26
27	28 Honor Roll Ice Cream Give-Away	29 Talent Show Auditions 3:15 p.m. PreK-3rd Grade	30 Talent Show Auditions 3:15 p.m. 4-8th Grade	31		