



VALLEY
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Coyote News

From the Principal's Desk

Mrs. Wilber, M. Ed.,



I hope you all had a wonderful winter break. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy new year. I would also like to thank the VAPO Council 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.

Coming up at the end of this month is National School Choice Week. It takes place nationally, January 25-29. National School Choice Week celebrates effective educational options for all children. I would like you to know that I appreciate your choosing Valley Academy as your school of choice. Reid Traditional Schools' Valley Academy is an "A" school because of the support of the people in our community. Our staff, students, parents, and board members all contribute to making our school a success. Every child deserves a quality education, and we are happy to be one of many successful schools in our community celebrating National School Choice Week.

Again, along with my staff, we wish you a safe and wonderfully blessed 2016!

Victoria Wilber, Principal

Upcoming Events

Report Cards

January 6th Students' work is assessed and reports are sent home.

Spirit Day

January 8th All students in grades K-8 may participate in monthly ice cream and special t-shirts to celebrate Spirit Day.

7/8 Grade Assembly January 8th 8:15 a.m. M.P.R. Students in grades 7 & 8 are honored for their academic achievements.

Honor Roll Ice Cream January 11th Students who have received 2nd quarter honor roll will celebrate with an ice cream

Early Release/Staff Development January 15th at 12:15 p.m.

No School January 18th Martin Luther King Day

100th Day of School January 19th 100% attendance = 100% funding.

School Board Meeting January 21st Reid Office (14841 N. Black Canyon Freeway) School Board meetings are open to the public, and parents are welcome to attend.

More Events Listed on Calendar Page



Meet the newest members of the National Junior Art Honor Society. These members uphold the traditions and values of the charter organization. Congratulations!

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Arizona Tax Credit Donation



As you begin to prepare your 2015 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 [here](#), and you may drop it off in the front office with your donation check, or you can donate by credit card online [here](#). Full details about the Arizona Tax Credit Donation are on our website [Tax Credit Donation Information](#) page.

Here Comes the Bride...

Over the winter break our very own Miss Cunningham her marriage to Kort Meyer. The wedding was held here in the valley, and after a brief honeymoon, Mrs. Meyer is expected to return to her duties as our seventh & eighth grade literature teacher. Congratulations, Mr. & Mrs. Meyer!

Campus News

What is the 100th Day of School?

The 100th day of school is literally the 100th day of the school year. Most importantly for our school the **100th day + 100% attendance = 100% funding**. As a school, our funding is based on student attendance on this very important day, so if at all possible, please have your child here on January 19, 2016.

The 100th day is also a great way for elementary school teachers to celebrate the various mathematical concepts that can be taught using the number 100. From the very first day of school, classes begin keeping track of the number of days they've been in school in anticipation of the 100th day. It's this anticipation that is actually the first math lesson, as the days are often marked using coffee stirrers or Popsicle sticks, ten of which become a "ten bundle," paving the way to counting by tens and ones. It is a fun way to bring math into our classrooms in an interactive way.

So again, please make every effort to have your child in school on the 100th day. It will be an exciting day, full of fun activities. Mark you calendar for **January 19, 2016!**

It is hard to believe that we are starting the second half of our school year. Your children are growing fast and with that growth comes short skirts, short pants, tight fitting tops and pants. I wanted to remind you, that because we are well into the school year, there is no need to purchase new uniforms. We do have gently used uniform items in the VAPO room for purchase of \$1. per item. This might be an easy way to stretch your clothing budget until the end of the school year and eliminate those Dress Code Citations. You may also trade or donate your children's outgrown uniforms. We gladly accept gentle worn articles of clothing, no tears or stains.

We like to see our Valley Academy students looking "well-groomed and neat in appearance, with clothing well fitted and in good repair."

Mrs. Browne

January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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No School Winter Break–January 3rd						
3	4 ⁹⁰ School resumes	5 ⁹¹	6 ⁹² Report Cards	7 ⁹³	8 ⁹⁴ Spirit Day 7/8 Grade Assembly 8:15 a.m.	9
Week 20						
10 DIBELS Testing	11 ⁹⁵ Honor Roll Ice Cream	12 ⁹⁶ VAPO Meeting 8:15 a.m.	13 ⁹⁷	14 ⁹⁸	15 ⁹⁹ Early Release PM Specials 12:15 p.m. Dismissal Staff Development	16
Week 21						
17	18 No School MLK Day	19 ¹⁰⁰ 100 th day of School	20 ¹⁰¹ Boosterthon Kickoff Assembly	21 ¹⁰² Caught Being Good Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. Reid Offices	22 ¹⁰³	23
Week 22						
24/31	25 ¹⁰⁴	26 ¹⁰⁵	27 ¹⁰⁶	28 ¹⁰⁷ Field Day Grades 1-3	29 ¹⁰⁸ Field Day Grades 4-6	30
Week 23						