



**VALLEY**  
ACADEMY



# Coyote News

## From the Principal's Desk

**Mrs. Wilber, M. Ed., Principal**



Dear Parents,

In the month of November, we often take a moment to thank those in our lives for the contributions they have made. I am no different. There are so many wonderful families involved in our school that I feel blessed to be a part of the organization and in making a positive impact on the academic environment here at Valley.

I would like to personally thank all of the parents who have stepped up and are volunteering their three hours every month. Valley Academy would not be the same without your support. I would also like to thank the VAPO Council who have committed to organizing, putting in many volunteer hours, and contributed their time and talents to the many great events we have here on campus.

I am also thankful to be an administrator and work with such a caring, quality staff. Our faculty and support teams are truly top notch and they continuously give their very best efforts in order to continue to provide our students and their families the best school possible.

Thank you again for your commitment to our school, being a contributing part of our organization, and working together to accomplish great things. May you have a restful Thanksgiving break and enjoy the extra time with your families.

Best Wishes,

Mrs. Wilber, M.Ed., Principal

## Upcoming Events

### Morning Assembly

Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> Outdoor Courts. Students in grades 1-6 are honored for their class achievements.

### Picture Day Makeup

Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> Any student who was absent on September 30<sup>th</sup> will have their picture taken.

### Spirit Day

Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> All students in grades K-8 may participate in monthly ice cream and special t-shirts to celebrate Spirit Day.

### No School

Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day.

### Morning Assembly

Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> Outdoor Courts. Students in grades 1-6 are honored for their class achievements.

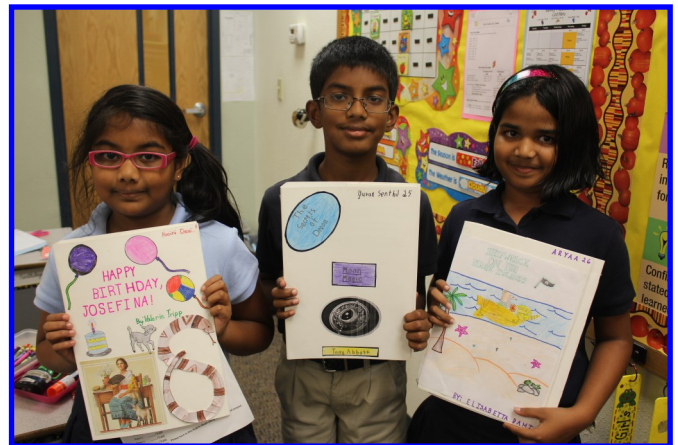
### Progress Reports

Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> Students' work is assessed and reports are sent home.

### Turkey Trot

Monday and Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> All students K-8 will be participating with a parade, and outdoor events, culminating with a real turkey trot!

**More Events Listed on Calendar Page**



Mrs. Keely's students showing the book report cover that they created. Students learned how to complete a story map and a synopsis. Third grade teachers really enjoyed reading these terrific reports. Nice work Hasini, Yuvan, and Aryaa !

# NEWS & UPDATES



Imagine almost 700 birds in a giant tree! 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students each created a bird found in Arizona while fulfilling state standards. You'll see quail, roadrunners, hummingbirds, woodpeckers, lovebirds, owls, and wrens, to Northern Mockingbirds, Steller's Jays, Lesser Nighthawks, Great Blue Herons, Cardinals, Western and Mountain Bluebirds, Painted Buntings, and more. We have such observant, creative artists and nature lovers in our school. Come take a peek the next time you're on campus! It's amazing!

## Club News

**Band** We have a tremendous group of talented musicians. The advanced, intermediate, and beginning bands are hard at work preparing for the December concert. Please join us next month for our performance.

**Chorus** What a great group we have this year. Choir is preparing for caroling at the Scottsdale Promenade in December.

**The National Junior Art Honor Society** Members, including elected officers, brainstormed ideas and began work on their Art Project to benefit students. It's been a busy and fun kick off! Families are invited to the annual Induction Ceremony into the National Junior Art Honor Society on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> after school in the Art Room. (More information to come.)

**Student Council** will be hosting our community fundraiser for Mom's Pantry again. We will be collecting nonperishable items for this local food bank. This fundraiser will begin on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and end November 20<sup>th</sup>. Last year, representatives of Mom's Pantry said Valley Academy had collected the largest donation they had ever received. Way to go Valley Academy! Student council will provide a pizza party for the two classes with the most donations. There will be one winning class in K-4<sup>th</sup> grade and one winning class in 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Yearbook Club** is up and running and in full swing! We have a great group of hardworking students this year. They are all being trained to use digital cameras and our online yearbook program. We are looking forward to our best yearbook yet!

**Science Club** is putting a special emphasis on engineering and building this year. Your child can expect to have fun experimenting and building lots of fun projects as well as competing to see whose are the best. A special reminder that on half days and holidays there is no science club.

**Science Buddies** is off to a great start. We have investigated Newton's laws of motion with balloons and cardboard and we have channeled our inner Galileo with the making of a telescope. We have even discovered that it takes something special to make a ball bounce! We will keep exploring the wonderful world of science until Winter Break.

**Scrabble Club** is letter perfect so far this year! The students are coming up with some really interesting words, all legal in the Scrabble Dictionary. They really enjoy getting a small prize for coming up with words that fit the theme of the week.

# November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1       Week 13	2 59  Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.  Student Council Food Drive Begins	3 60	4 61  Picture Retakes	5 62	6 63  Spirit Day	7
8       Week 14	9 64	10 65  VAPO Meeting 8:15 a.m.  8th Grade Chipotle Fundraiser 4-8 p.m.	11  No School Veterans' Day	12 66	13 67	14
15       Week 15	16 68  Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.	17 69	18 70  Progress Reports	19 71  Caught Being Good	20 72  Student Council Food Drive Ends	21
22       Week 16	23 73  Turkey Trot Grades 1-4	24 74  Turkey Trot Kindergarten Grades 5-8	25  No School Thanksgiving Break	26  No School Thanksgiving Break	27  No School Thanksgiving Break	28
29       Week 17	30 75					