

Valley Academy Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have almost completed another year. I'm sure I don't have to tell you how excited we are about next year and opening of the 2012-2013 school year.

Valley Academy is very appreciative that you have chosen us for your child's school. We were founded on a philosophy of traditional education and we are committed to continuing that philosophy to provide students with the finest possible education available. Sustaining that philosophy and the solid programs we offer requires the partnership of parents and the school. Valley Academy is a school of choice, and we require the participation of the parents/guardians. We encourage our parents to work with the school for your child's benefit. Parents can help by checking your child's homework and signing their planners or green sheets. Read with your child. Studies show that your child will be a better reader if you read with them. Make sure your child is following the dress code and you are supporting our behavior policies. Help out by volunteering on campus each month. Valley Academy is a great school with an extraordinary staff, but the truth is, we can't do the job alone. Excellent education requires parent and student participation and responsibility, along with the school's commitment to each child.

Have a great summer!

Thank you for choosing and supporting Valley Academy.

Sincerely,
Victoria Wilber
Principal

Important Numbers

Main Number: (623) 516-7747
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May 2012

- 1-4 Book Fair
- 4 Spirit Day
Family Fun Night 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- 7 Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.
- 8 VAPO Meeting/Elections 8:15 a.m.
Staff Appreciation Luncheon
Chorus & Band Concert 7:00 p.m.
- 9 Honor Roll Meeting 8:15 a.m.
New Parent Orientation 6:30 p.m.
- 12 8th Grade Promotion Dinner 6:00 p.m.
7/8 Grade Dance 8:00 p.m.
- 14 Sports' Recognition Night 6:30 p.m.
- 15 8th grade Promotion Parent Meeting
8:15 a.m.
- 14 Honor Roll Meeting 8:15 a.m.
- 15 Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 16 AZ Instructional Drama Program 6:00 p.m.
- 22 8th Grade Promotion Breakfast/Field Trip
Honor Roll Ceremony 6:00 & 7:30 p.m.
- 23 8th Grade Promotion Rehearsal
- 24 *Caught Being Good* Giveaway
8th Grade Promotion 7:00 p.m.
- 25 Last Day of School
Early Release 12:15 p.m.
- 28 Memorial Day *office closed*

Starting May 29, 2012 summer office hours are:
Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Closed Fridays

Board Meetings

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 encouraged to attend. If you wish to contact members of the Board, you may send a letter to the school or leave a message with Jeannine at ext. 116.



Health Office News

Mrs. Susan McIver, R.N. Mrs. Joanne Priest, R.N.

- ☺ 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 started this year with more than 30 belts and we now have none. If you could, please return any borrowed belts. We would really appreciate it. Also, if you have any belts to donate, that would also be appreciated. Thanks!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our awesome preschool teachers and aides for the wonderful job they have done working with our three and four year olds this school year. I have been able to stop by and see wonderful lessons going on and the students engaged in great learning activities. It is amazing to me how much these little ones have grown! Many of our four year olds will be moving on to our kindergarten program and I am sure they are well prepared to start their academic careers at Valley Academy. Over the summer continue to develop good learning habits.

Thank you,
Mrs. Browne,
Preschool Director



Year End Parties

Remember that year end parties are for the current students of Valley Academy. Valley Academy prohibits former students, minor siblings, friends of students, and underage relatives from attending class parties.



TOY DRIVE

VAPO would like to ask that over the summer parents keep an eye out for preschool toys to donate to our VAPO rooms' playroom, This room is used by many parents throughout the year. More toys would be greatly appreciated.

The final "Caught Being Good" day will be held May 24th during lunch. Students don't forget your tickets!



Lost and Found Reminder

Lost and found items will be donated to charity on May 29, 2012. Please check the M.P.R. and the VAPO room on the last day of school if you have misplaced any items.



Used Uniforms

Thank you to all who have so generously donated their used uniforms to VAPO this year. Your generosity blesses many families! If you have any questions or concerns about our used uniforms, feel free to call Mrs. Palomo at 602-200-4918.



Proper Dress Code Starts at Home...

Please remember that Valley Academy has a dress standard and it is expected that students come to school in appropriate attire throughout the entire school year. Even though the school year is coming to a close, it is still expected that students follow all parts of the dress code. Please take a look at your children's uniforms. Your children have grown over the school year. Pants and skirts might be getting short, shorts may be getting tight, or they are just wearing out. You might consider stopping by the VAPO room to trade some of the uniforms your children have outgrown for the next bigger sizes. Students are reminded not to wear dark nail polish, more than one earring, or unnatural make-up. Hair must be a natural color. Please make sure when you send your child to school that he or she is in proper dress code.



Please join us for our final performances of this school year!

The band will play at 6:30 p.m. during the Book Fair this Friday, May 4th. You won't want to miss this!

Our final concert will be held on Tuesday, May 8th at 7:00 pm in the M.P.R.

We would love to see you there.

Thank you all for your support!



Choir has a busy month ahead. We will be performing at the book fair at Friday, May 4th at 6:00 p.m. There is a combined choir / band concert on May 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the M.P.R. I encourage any student considering joining choir or band next year to attend and see what you have to look forward to learning. Our last concert of the year is May 12th at Fellowship Square at 1:00 p.m., this is our community outreach performance. We hope to brighten the day for many senior citizens.



Student Council

Student Council would like to thank everyone who donated to Pennies for Patients. We had an amazing response, raising over \$3,000 this year. Miss McMillan's class won first place, Mrs. Freeland's class came in second, and Miss Crabtree's class came in third place. Thank you again for your support of Valley Academy Student Council this year! We had a fabulous year ☺



Sports' Awards Recognition Night

May 14, 2012 is a special night for our student athletes. At 6:30 p.m. in the M.P.R. Mrs. Browne, our Athletic Director, along with our coaches, will celebrate all of the students who participated in athletics. Invitations have been sent out and a great turnout is expected. If you would like to donate treats or beverages, please call Mrs. Browne at school, extension 115.

New Parent Orientation Dates

May 9, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

June 13, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

August 1, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.



From The Valley Academy Parent Organization

Dear Parents,

It is with great sadness that I announce that I will be stepping down as President of VAPO as of July 1, 2012. I have proudly served on the VAPO Council for a two-year term - one year as the Fundraising Chair and the second as your VAPO President. It has been my honor to represent the parents at Valley Academy. This year, I have been blessed to have worked with eleven amazing women and to have been successful in maintaining a full Governing Council. I have had the privilege of being interviewed for our school's award of receiving Arizona Charter School of the Year. I have gone to the Capitol to meet with Arizona State legislators and senators to speak with them on behalf of our charter school and various bills we would like to see passed. It has been rewarding to have worked so closely with our administrators and our Board of Directors for Reid Traditional Schools' Valley Academy, as well as Arizona Charter Schools Association.

I loved meeting so many parents, being involved with each committee chair and their events, learning new things, and being your representative for our charter school. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

For the 2012-2013 school year, we will have a new President. These elections take place on Tuesday, May 8, 2012, at 8:15 a.m. in the VAPO room, room # 8, in the kindergarten area. Many of the same council members will remain but we do have some council openings. Please take this time to reflect on your own abilities and how you can bring your talents to our council. Applications can be found both online and in the office.

Sincerely,

Vicki Lowery

Vicki Lowery
VAPO President

Volunteer News

Reminder to all Parents: When you registered your child(ren) at Valley Academy you agreed to volunteer a minimum of 3 hours per month. Many of you will end this school year without coming close to the 27 hour annual requirement! Let's all make a concerted effort during the next school year to fulfill this obligation.

The Volunteer Family of the Month for March 2012 is the Hansen Family with 27 1/3 hours!

Congratulations and thank you so much for your dedication! We love families like you!

Those families who volunteered over 25 hours during the month of March are:

Palomo Family*	25 ¾ hours
E. Smith Family (vom 10/11)	42 hours
Webb Family	34 ½ hours
Stradling Family*	47 ½ hours
Waters Family (vom 1/12)	37 hours
R. Jackson Family (vom 9/11)	48 hours
Nuttall Family*	37 ½ hours
Lowery Family*	69 ½ hours
Schulte Family*	38 ½ hours
Skow Family (vom 8/11)	74 1/6 hours
Wilson Family (vom 2/12)	42 hours

*Denotes VAPO Council Board member

Again, thank you for all your hard work, have a great summer!

Thank you, Homeroom Parents, for a job well done this year! Our teachers and the students appreciate all of the hard work that you have put forth for classroom parties, Turkey Trot, Spring Festival, and Teacher Appreciation Week.



VAPO Elections

Our next VAPO meeting/Elections will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at 8:15 a.m. in the VAPO room, room # 8, in the kindergarten area. Parents are welcomed and encouraged to join us. If you have turned in an application to serve on the VAPO Governing Council, please join us. We look forward to seeing you at the Elections!

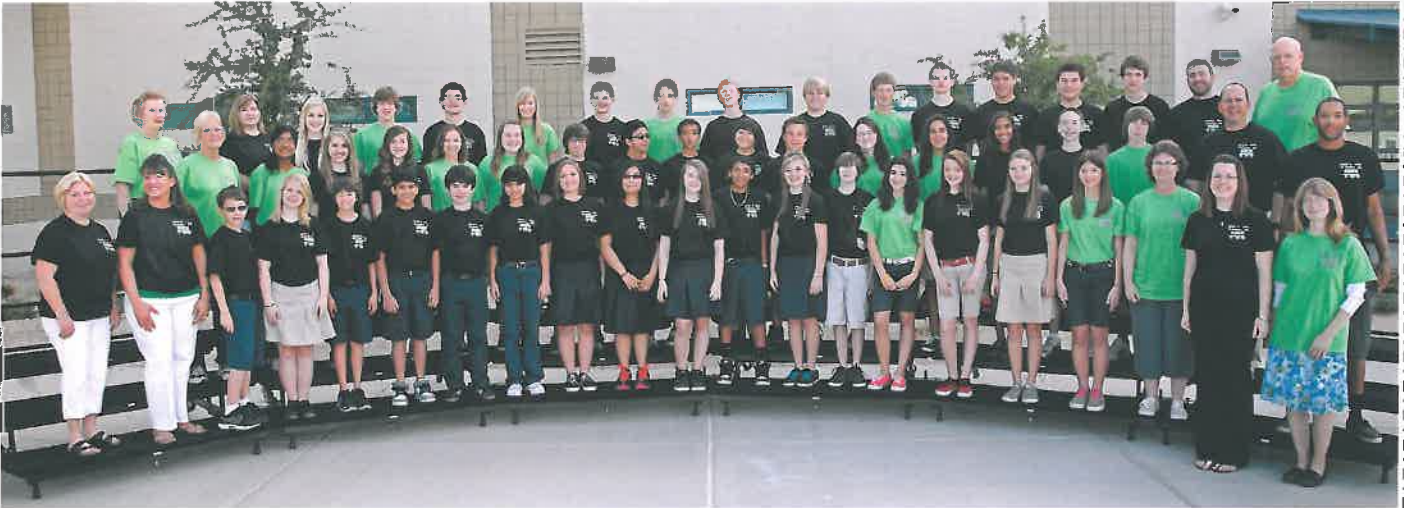
- Vicki Lowery
VAPO President



Student News

The 8th grade committee would like to thank all of the awesome 7th and 8th grade parents who volunteered throughout the year. We would like to especially thank Mrs. Young for a successful Great Skate night in April. This upcoming Promotion and Dinner/Dance event is made possible because of our awesome volunteers. THANK YOU!

2012 8th Grade Class



Valley Academy Parent Organization will be hosting the annual Honor Roll Ceremony and Reception on May 22, 2012 at Sandra Day O'Connor High School. The ceremony for grades 3 and 4 will be held at 6:00 p.m. and the ceremony for grades 5 thru 8 will be held at 7:30 p.m. The ceremony recognizes students who have made the honor roll at least three out of the four quarters. More information will be sent home to those students. We still need help with setting up prior to the ceremony and with decorations. If you would like to help contact Patricia Ogden at 480-686-7561 or patyno@hotmail.com.



Mahalo to all our wonderful volunteers. We know the Book Fair Luau will be a Big Kahuna success! Look for all the new items we will have when you return to school in the fall. We look forward to having fun at the Luau with you. Thanks so much to Urbane Catering for providing the food.



MAY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Spirit Day	5
		BOOK FAIR APRIL 30- MAY 4			Family Fun Night 6:00-8:00 p.m.	
6	7 Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.	8 VAPO Meeting & Elections 8:15 a.m. Staff Appreciation Luncheon Chorus & Band Concert 7:00	9 Honor Roll Meeting 8:15 a.m. New Parent Orientation 6:30 p.m.	10	11 Staff Appreciation Luncheon	12 8th Grade Dinner 6:00 p.m. 7/8 Grade Dance 8:00-10:00 p.m.
13	14 Sports' Awards Recognition Night 6:30 p.m.	15 8th grade Promotion Meeting 8:15 a.m.	16 Honor Roll Meeting 8:15 a.m.	17 Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.	18 AZ Instruction Drama Production 6:00 p.m.	19
20	21	22 8th Grade Promotion Breakfast/Field Trip 3-8 Grade Honor Roll 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.	23 8th Grade Promotion Rehearsal	24 <i>Caught Being Good</i> 8th Grade Promotion 7:00 p.m.	25 Last Day of School Early Release 12:15 p.m.	26
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2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Office Closed	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 Office Closed	9
10	11	12 VAPO Meeting 9:00 a.m. <i>*subject to change</i>	13 New Parent Orientation 6:30 p.m.	14	15 Office Closed	16
17	18	19	20	21 Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.	22 Office Closed	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Office Closed	30



2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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School Office closed this week						
8	9	10	11	12	13 Office Closed	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Office Closed	21
22	23	24	25	26 Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.	27 Office Closed	28
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Have a safe and wonderful summer!

School Starts: August 13, 2012



Valley Academy

2012—2013 School Year

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August

Aug 10 Meet Your Teacher
Aug 13 First Day of School

September

Sept 3 No School-Labor Day
Sept 7 Spirit Day
Sept 19 Progress Reports
Sept 21 Early Release-Staff Development

October

Oct 5 Spirit Day
Oct 8 No School-Staff Development
Oct 19 End of 1st Quarter
Oct 24 Report cards go home
Oct 25-26 Early Release-Conferences

November

Nov 2 No School - Staff Development
Nov 9 Spirit Day
Nov 12 No School - Veterans' Day
Nov 14 Progress Reports
Nov 21-23 No School-Thanksgiving Break

December

Dec 7 Spirit Day
Dec 21 Early Release-Winter Break
Dec 21 End of 2nd Quarter
Dec 24-Jan 6 No School-Winter Break

January

Jan 7 School Resumes
Jan 9 Report cards go home
Jan 11 Spirit Day
Jan 18 Early Release-Staff Development
Jan 21 No School-MLK Day
Jan 23 100th Day
*100th Day + 100% attendance = 100% funding
Please make every effort to be in school today!*

February

Feb 1 Spirit Day
Feb 6 Progress Reports
Feb 15 Early Release-Conferences
Feb 18 No School-Presidents' Day

March

Mar 1 Spirit Day
Mar 15 End of 3rd Quarter
Mar 15 Early Release-Staff Development
Mar 18-22 No School-Spring Break
Mar 27 Report cards go home
Mar 29 No School - Spring Day Recess

April

Apr 5 Spirit Day
Apr 15-19 AIMS/Stanford 10 Test
Apr 24 Progress Reports
Apr 26 Early Release-Staff Development

May

May 3 Spirit Day
May 24 Early Release-Last Day of School

January 2013						
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March 2013						
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April 2013						
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May 2013						
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KEY

=No School =Early Release
 =End of Qtr. =Spirit Day
 =Testing =Progress/Report Cards
 =First & Last Day of School
 =100th Day of School