



VALLEY  
ACADEMY



# Coyote News

## From the Principal

Mrs. Wilber, M. Ed.



Dear Valley Academy families;

Wow! Is it February already? Are you thinking that this school year is flying by too? I am fond of the month of February because the weather is usually beautiful and the renewal of the New Year is upon us. I also like to reflect on the many things I am appreciative of, especially the people in my life. I like to think about all of the wonderful people that I interact with each day. I especially enjoy the beautiful faces of the students on campus that I have the honor to connect with and the staff that leads them daily on their path of growth and academic success.

Valley Academy is a truly unique and incredible place. From the outside, we might look like other schools, but inside we are truly special. I am proud of the work we do here and all of the factors that make us who we are. Valley Academy is not just a school, it is a community.

In addition, I would like to bring to your attention that February is heart health month. In P.E. your children will be learning about healthy bodies and participating in the Jump Rope for Life program through the American Heart Association. In addition, our staff will be wearing red to increase awareness.

Finally, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all of you who have made the choice to be a part of our community and I look forward to our future together.

My Best,  
Mrs. Wilber, M.Ed.

## Upcoming Events

**Spirit Day** February 2<sup>nd</sup> All students in grades K-8 may celebrate their school spirit with ice cream and special t-shirts

### Candy Grams

February 8<sup>th</sup> Student Council is kicking off their candy gram fundraiser.

**Progress Reports** February 14<sup>th</sup> Students' work is assessed and reports are available online

**Early Release** February 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 p.m.

**Parent Teacher Conferences** February 16<sup>th</sup> Conferences are scheduled upon request.

**No School** February 19<sup>th</sup> Presidents' Day

**School Board Meeting** February 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:00 p.m. 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**



Coach Ceballos gives basketball tips to a Valley Academy player at a recent game. Coach Ceballos is a former NBA player and Phoenix Sun who volunteered to help with our boys' basketball team this year. Good luck in the playoffs to our team, Coach Romley, and Coach Ceballos!

For more information, please visit our website

## Staff News

Please welcome Mrs. Lander, a former parent and current long term substitute teacher. Mrs. Lander is the long term substitute for Mrs. Licano, our 5th grader teacher. Mrs. Licano will be taking some time off to enjoy her new baby boy, Brantley. Mrs. Licano is expected back before school lets out in May.

We are also pleased to welcome a former Valley Academy student Miss Ekdahl to our teaching staff. Miss Ekdahl recently graduated from Northern Arizona University with a degree in anthropology. She will be the computer teacher for the remainder of this school year. Coach Crow has taken a position overseas as a professional baseball coach in Germany, with the Hamburg Stealers.

## Re-registration Information

A re-registration form was sent home today with students in kindergarten through 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Please complete this form and return it by Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> to hold your child's spot for the 2018-2019 school year. If you are aware of a situation that means you not return to Valley, we appreciate knowing that in advance as well. If you have any questions or would like to visit a classroom, please contact the front office. We hope to see each of you back next year!

## Campus News

### National History Bee

Valley Academy recently had 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students participate in the School Level of the National History Bee. After studying for weeks, and being quizzed by the Bee's Sponsors, Mrs. Simon and Mr. De La Cruz, they took an online exam. Their scores went up against all other 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders in the Southwest Region. We are proud that 20 of our students qualified for the regional level. All of these students are invited to represent Valley Academy in San Diego next week with a shot at qualifying for the National Finals! This is an amazing accomplishment by all of our students! Now let's cheer them on as they make their way to Regionals!

### Student Council

We are entering our busy season for Student Council! Starting February 8<sup>th</sup> and continuing through the 15<sup>th</sup>, parents and students will be able to purchase candy grams to be delivered during classroom Valentine's Day parties. Candy Grams are \$1.00 and will be available for purchase before school at the flagpole.

### Chorus

We are going strong for the second half of the year. If you missed out on joining us at the beginning of the year, now is a great to come and join us. We will be performing at the Spring Festival. Come watch us perform!

### Yearbook Club

This is a reminder for Messages From Home to be returned if you would like to have a message for your child published in the annual yearbook. Please have those orders returned no later than February 8<sup>th</sup>, since we must meet our deadline with the publisher.

LOOK for the Yearbook Order forms which will be sent home with the students during the first week in February. These forms have an attached envelope which is the actual order form. Please complete all information requested on the order form and **enclose \$18.00 checks only (made payable to Valley Academy)** and return these to the school no later than March 8<sup>th</sup>. Another option for ordering a yearbook is to **place your order online at [www.inter-state.com/yearbook](http://www.inter-state.com/yearbook)**. This option requires the code **23846J** to be entered. The last date to place an order is March 8<sup>th</sup>.

# February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Spirit Day	3
Week 23						
4	5	6	7	8 VAPO hosted Breakfast	9	10
Week 24						
11	12 Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.	13 VAPO Meeting 8:15 a.m. Caught Being Good	14 Progress Reports	15	16 Classroom Parties 11:15-12:15 Early Release 12:15 Dismissal No Specials Parent Teacher Conferences	17
Week 25						
18	19 No School Presidents' Day	20	21	22 Board Meeting Reid Offices	23	24
Week 26						
25	26 Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.	27	28 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Pictures			
Week 27						

Training for  
Kindergarten  
Screening  
Volunteers