



VALLEY
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Coyote News

Mrs. Wilber, M. Ed., Principal



I hope you are having 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 20-26. National School Choice Week celebrates effective educational options for all children. I would like you to know that I appreciate you 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. Valley Academy has also been recognized for our academic performance; we are among the top ten percent of schools in Arizona! This achievement results in more funding for our school, the majority of which goes directly to the classroom in the form of teacher pay. We are proud of the work we do together with your help, and we are thankful for all of our accomplishments.

Again, along with my staff, we wish you a safe and wonderfully blessed 2019!
Mrs. Victoria Wilber, Principal

Upcoming Events

Report Cards January 9th Students' work is assessed and reports are sent home.

Spirit Day January 11th 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 11th 8:15 a.m. M.P.R. Students in grades 7 & 8 are honored for their academic achievements.

Honor Roll Ice Cream January 16th Students who have received 2nd quarter honor roll will celebrate with an ice cream

Early Release/Staff Development January 18th at 12:15 p.m.

No School January 21st Martin Luther King Day

100th Day of School January 23rd

School Board Meeting January 24th 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

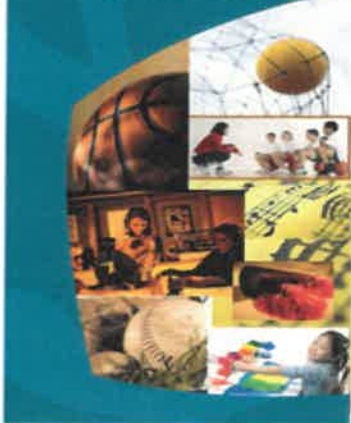


The Valley Academy chapter of the National Junior Honor Society has been approved! Membership will be open to 7th and 8th grade students who have met the academic criteria and have shown both leadership skills and outstanding citizenship. Potential members will receive notification in January, and the induction ceremony will take place on Tuesday, February 12th. Since NJHS has a strong emphasis on community service, members will have the opportunity to participate in various activities serving our school and community.

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Arizona Tax Credit Donation



As you begin to prepare your 2018 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.



Please welcome our newest History Bee competitors. This group is practicing very hard for its first competition in early March of 2019. Ultimately, this group could find itself in Chicago for the finals this summer. Good luck, participants!

Campus News

What is the 100th Day of School?

The 100th day of school is literally the 100th day of the school year. As a school, our funding is based in part on student attendance on this very important day, so if at all possible, please have your child here on January 23, 2019. 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 your calendar for **January 23, 2019!**

AZ Instruction 2nd Semester classes

Our Dance students rehearse after school each Monday, and both boys and girls are welcome in this dance troupe. Chess Club also meets on Mondays, and it is very popular among our older students. The Jr. Cheerleaders & Jr. Sports Club students meet on Tuesdays after school, Wednesdays are reserved for our artistic students who love to create and draw, and lastly, Drama Club meets each Thursday after school. Starting in January, the Drama Club students will begin auditioning and preparing for their annual spring play! New students are welcome to register for the second semester of AZ Instruction classes between December 20th and January 10th, and classes resume the week of January 14th. Registration forms can be found in the front office or online at <https://arizonainstruction-valley.jumbula.com>. We hope you'll join the fun, & we wish you all a very happy holiday season!



January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Dec 31	1	2	3	4	5
No School Winter Break–January 7 th						
6 Week 20	7 No School Staff Development	8 DIBELS Testing 	9 Report Cards Go Home	10	11 Spirit Day 7/8 Grade Assembly 8:15 a.m.	12
13 Week 21	14	15 VAPO Meeting 8:15 a.m. Caught Being Good	16 Honor Roll Ice Cream	17	18 Early Release AM Specials 12:15 p.m. Dismissal Staff Development	19
20 Week 22	21 No School MLK Day	22 100	23 100 th Day of School FunRun Kickoff Assembly	24 Board Meeting Reid Offices	25 Fun Run Field Day	26
27 Week 23	28	29	30	31		