



From the Assistant Principal's Desk

Mrs. Browne, M. Ed.



It's May already! This has been quite a rollercoaster of a year, but we have made it through. We have come to the end of another school year and for me, it's my last school year. I am retiring! It has been my honor and privilege to have spent the last ten years here at Valley Academy as Assistant Principal. I have enjoyed watching your children grow both in stature and in knowledge. There are students who were in preschool my first year and now they are in 8th grade! Valley Academy is a family comprised of teachers, students, families, staff, and administrators. I am happy I have gotten to spend my last years professionally as a member of this great community. I will miss you, but I am on my way to my next great adventure. I am excited for the future and what this next season of my life will bring. You all will never be far from my mind and will always be in my heart. I look forward to seeing what the future holds for Valley Academy. I do plan on stopping by from time to time to catch up, but my early morning commute will be a thing of the past.

I'm so happy I am able to pass this position back to the person I replaced ten years ago, Mrs. Carol Breshears. Ten years ago Mrs. Breshears' children were younger and the hours made it hard for her to attend those games and special events her children were involved in. So, she decided to return to the classroom. Now that her children have grown up, she feels ready to put her administrative skills back to work. She will be a wonderful addition to the administrative team, and I know she will be awesome in this spot. She and Mrs. Brooks will be a great team together. So, although I'm sad to be leaving, I'm happy Mrs. Breshears will be taking over. Congratulations, Carol!

Blessings to you all, and hopefully I will see you when I visit.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Browne, Assistant Principal, M. Ed.

Upcoming Events

Report Cards Friday, May 21st, Students' work is assessed and reports are available on our Parent Portal.

Early Release Friday, May 21st, Students K-8 will release at 12:15 p.m. **There is no Coyote Club on the last day of school.**

More Events Listed on Last Page

Our Newest

Spalding Certified Teacher

Congratulations to our newest Spalding Certified teacher, Mr. Beckham. Mr. Beckham is a former student of Valley Academy, currently teaching fourth grade. To earn this certification during an already tough year is quite the accomplishment. Congratulations, Mr. Beckham! We are so proud of you!

Spalding

Congratulations, Promoting Class of 2021

There's no doubt that this has been a tough year, but our 8th grade promoting class is tougher than anything you can throw their way. They have adapted, grown, and overcome all the challenges this year presented to them and conquered it all coming out on top! Our promoting class of 2021 will be celebrating the last week of school with special promotional activities including their 8th grade breakfast, speeches from their teachers, and their own Promotion Assembly.



The Last Week of School, May 17— May 21, 2021

Tuesday, May 18th — Our students in grades K-7 will participate in Visiting Day. Teachers in each grade level will move to a grade below to visit a classroom to discuss what to expect next year.

Wednesday, May 19th — Our 8th grade students will be participating in their 8th grade breakfast with their core teachers, special area teachers, and administrators.

Thursday, May 20th — 8th grade promoting class will participate in a promotion assembly.

Friday, May 21st — All grades will commemorate the year with awards presentations followed by classroom celebrations beginning at 11:15 a.m.

Classroom Zoom Awards Presentations



May 21, 2021



Grades 5 & 6

8:45 — 9:30 a.m.

Grades 3 & 4

9:30 — 10:15 a.m.

Grades 1 & 2

10:15 — 11:00 a.m.

Kindergarten Scheduled by Teachers

If parents are unable to attend due to having children in several classes, possible adjustments in presentation times may be made with the teacher. Valley Academy remains a closed campus, therefore Zoom links will be provided by teachers so that parents may attend virtually. See you then!



Last Day of School Reminders

We have invited all students back to campus on Friday, May 21st, the last day of school, to join their class and teacher in celebrating the end of the school year and one of our most challenging years in our school's history.

- * We are a closed campus to all parents or visitors.
- * Treats can be shared but only if they are store bought and already come individually prepackaged.
- * We will not be allowing deliveries of food at the office for classroom celebrations. Students must be able to bring treats with them to class.
- * All parents picking up students must use the pick up line or walkers can be picked up across the street. To minimize traffic inside the building, we ask that parents do not pick up from the front office.
- * All parents must have a current placard. Please see Mrs. Lowery in the front office prior to the last day of school.
- * Classes dismiss at 12:15 p.m. and students must be picked up promptly. There is no Coyote Club on the last day of school.

NEWS & UPDATES

Complete Back-to-School Forms for 2021-2022 School Year

For your child or children who are currently attending Valley Academy, please complete the back-to-school forms using the Parent Portal. Completing these forms confirms both your child's seat in the classroom and your intent to return to Valley Academy next year. It is important that these be completed as soon as possible. Only the primary contact will be able to see the forms on their Parent Portal by clicking the yellow bar at the top of their screen.

Log in [here](#) with your current user name and password, or click "Forgot your login information?" and enter the email address you have on file at the school.

If your child is not planning to return next year, please call the office to let them know of the withdrawal. Thank you.

3rd and 4th Qtr. TRP Winners

Our Transportation Reduction Program awards a contest winner each quarter. For participation in helping to reduce pollution by using an alternative mode of transportation to work, our winners receive a \$25 gift card to Target. Congratulations to our winners! Miss Ekdahl won the 3rd quarter contest, and the 4th quarter winner will be announced after the last day of school ends. Thank you for using alternative modes to get to work.



A Tribute to our Staff

As we just wrapped up Teacher and Staff Appreciation week, we want to express our gratitude to our very own Superheroes: our teachers and staff.

As we've learned this year and as the saying goes, "Not all superheroes wear capes; some have teaching degrees." This rings true. Our teachers have gone above and beyond the teaching parameters that they know and are accustomed to and not only learned how to teach two new ways, on Zoom and as a Hybrid class, but did an amazing job doing it. They rose to the challenges this year presented to us and learned the technology, fell into grooves of grading techniques, spent countless hours uploading, copying, lesson planning, rearranging classrooms, sanitizing everything, and so much more. What our teachers did, most don't know, but if you see your teacher, just know that they really are a Superhero.

Thank you to our aides and support staff who stepped in and willingly had their schedules change on what seemed to be a weekly, sometimes daily, basis. They helped in ways that aren't normal to their job, and we thank them for an abnormal year well done!

Thank you to our school nurse who kept illnesses at bay and those in each classroom as healthy as can be. Your job wasn't an easy one. Thank you.

To our fearless leaders, Mrs. Brooks and Mrs. Browne, thank you for staying true to keeping our students and staff safe and healthy as best you could by keeping strict rules and putting families first through this crazy year. You listened to everyone's voices the best you could with the weight of the world on your shoulders. You are true Superheroes.

To our Parents,

Thank you for your support through this unprecedented school year. There's no doubt that it has been challenging but we appreciated your support and understanding as we moved through different levels this year. We know that it wasn't easy at home for any length of time but we acknowledge that you also were a Superhero this year. Thank you.

We are excited to welcome your family back in the 2021-2022 school year. It is our intent to return to normal operations while continuing to safeguard the health of our students, to the extent that we are able to achieve both goals. Our traditional school is designed to be delivered in person and we believe that students benefit academically, socially, and emotionally from attending school in person. We look forward to welcoming all our students back in August for a great school year!

May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7 Spirit Day	8
9	10	11 VAPO Meeting Via Zoom 8:30 a.m.	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Visiting Day	19	20	21 Classroom Parties Early Release 12:15 p.m. No Coyote Club Available Report Cards On Parent Portal	22
23 30	24 31 Office Closed Memorial Day	25	26	27	28 Office Closed	29