



VALLEY  
ACADEMY



# Coyote News

May 2025

## From the Principal's Desk

Mrs. Brooks, M. Ed. Principal



As we approach the end of another incredible school year, we want to take a moment to reflect on the achievements and growth of our students and express our heartfelt gratitude to each one of you for your continued support.

This year has been filled with countless memorable moments, both big and small. From the excitement of the first day of school to the joy of seeing our students excel in their academic, artistic, and athletic endeavors, we have been privileged to witness the remarkable journey of each child in our care.

Academically, our students have shown remarkable progress, demonstrating a deep understanding of core subjects and a thirst for knowledge that inspires us all. Whether

it's mastering multiplication tables, exploring the wonders of science, or delving into the rich tapestry of history, our students have embraced learning with enthusiasm and dedication.

But education is about more than just academics, it's also about personal growth. We are proud to see our students exemplify qualities such as kindness, empathy, resilience, and leadership each day. These are the qualities that will serve them well not just in school, but throughout their lives.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the unwavering support of our parents. Your involvement is truly invaluable. Together, we are creating a nurturing and supportive environment where every child can thrive.

As we look ahead to the next school year, we are filled with excitement and anticipation for all the possibilities that lie ahead. We remain committed to providing the highest quality education for our students and to partnering with you to ensure their success.

Wishing you all a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to seeing you refreshed and ready for another fantastic school year in the fall!

Have a great end of year and summer break!

Mrs. Victoria Brooks, M. Ed.

## Upcoming Events

**Spirit Day** Friday, May 2nd—All students in grades PreK-8 may celebrate their school spirit with wearing spirit day t-shirts.

**Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week** May 5th—9th—A week of appreciation for a great year of hard work and dedication from our wonderful staff.

**Fun Friday** May 9th—For \$1, to your homeroom teacher to participate, students may wear their favorite jersey/sport team shirt. Funds will go towards the purchase of foam pads for the basketball court. .

**Early Release** Friday, May 23rd—Students K-8 will release at 12:15 p.m. **There is no Coyote Club on the last day of school. All students should be picked up through drive through lanes.**

**Report Cards** Final 4th Quarter Report Cards will be go home on Friday, May 23, 2025.

**More Events Listed on Last Page**

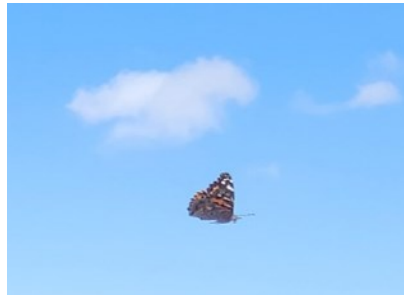
# NEWS & UPDATES


## SHINING HARDWORKING INDIVIDUAL AND NOBLE EXAMPLE

Congratulations to the following students: Sara M., Maya D., and Rachana M. from seventh grade and Stella M. and Arnav M. from eighth grade. They were selected by their seventh and eighth grade teachers as their "SHINE" recipients this month! SHINE stands for Successful, Hardworking, Individual, and Noble Example. I am so thankful to them for being shining examples for others to follow. This is a special award, and I am so proud of them. Way to go, students! - Mrs. Breshears, M. Ed. Assistant Principal



**Preschool Learns All About Butterflies!** Preschool learns a new theme each week. They have learned about insects including the four stages of the butterfly life cycle as they observed and cared for their classroom butterflies. Miss Burns and Miss Keely are pictured releasing the butterflies.



**2nd Grade Hatches Baby Chicks!** During the Chicken Egg Development Unit, second grade students learn and identify the various components of an egg at each stage of development. They learn about the life cycle of chickens and monitor stages while learning about their growth during incubation and eventually can monitor the hatching of baby chicks. 



Marko P., Anastasia and Luka M., and Aadrika K. are pictured above (left to right) holding the newly hatched chicks.

Mrs. Freeland is holding a couple of her chicks that hatched in her class.

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## VALLEY ACADEMY FUN FRIDAY! MAY 9TH

Valley Academy Student Council is hosting Fun Friday! Donate \$1 or more to your homeroom teacher to participate.

**Friday, May 9th: Jersey/Sport Team Day**—Represent your favorite sports team or sport by wearing a jersey or shirt of your favorite team or sport. You must wear uniform bottoms. \*\*Must adhere to school policy of no religious symbols/icons, no political messages, or nothing offensive or controversial.\*\*



*Teachers will not make change, so please pay with exact change only. There will be a consequence if you come to school dressed to the theme without paying.*

Classes with 100% participation will get a small treat from Student Council.

## CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES

Next week, May 5th – 9th, we will be celebrating Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week on campus. We have planned a special week! This year's theme is **Superheroes**. Our Valley Academy teachers and staff are our real-life superheroes. They will guide our kids through a brighter tomorrow. Let's celebrate our everyday heroes who inspire, empower, and go above and beyond in and out of the classroom. Because not all heroes wear capes... some carry red pens and coffee mugs. Below is an itinerary of the week's events Administration and VAPO are planning along with a suggestion of ways you can contribute to the fueling of our teachers. Participation in this week's activities is voluntary.



### MON. 6th

Our staff will be **ZOOMING** through the week with Superhero Fuel, enjoying coffee and a continental breakfast.



It's a **SUPERb** day to have your child bring in a **STAR** for their teacher's door with their **SUPERPOWER** on it!

### TUES. 7th

Because Superheroes need a **SUPER CHARGE**, they will be enjoying cold cuts and crackers today.



**RECHARGE** your teacher by bringing a flower—hand-made, drawn, or from your garden. Your teacher will be sure to **LOVE** it!

### WED. 8th

VAPO says our staff is above all the rest! Our staff will be receiving lunch today, compliments of our **VA parents. SCHOOL LUNCH HERO DAY**

Please see an email sent from VAPO to see how you might volunteer to help! **Super Students**—Today, you can write your teacher a letter telling them their **SUPERPOWER**!

### THURS. 9th

Let's face it, our teachers and staff are **AWESOME**! They will be receiving VIP room service as the **Fueling Station** visits their rooms.



Surprise your teacher with their favorite treat today! It could be their favorite color pen or chocolate bar.

### FRI. 10th

Because we're thankful to our teachers and staff for being the **HEROES** they are, they will enjoy ice cream floats and a **SWEET** treat today!



Enjoy Fun Friday with your teacher. By having 100% participation, your class will receive a special surprise.

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## The Last Week of School, May 19— May 23, 2025

**Monday, May 19th** — Our 8th grade students will participate in their 8th grade breakfast with their core teachers, special area teachers, and administrators. After breakfast, they will leave for their field trip.

**Tuesday, May 20th** — 3rd - 8th grade students who received Honor Roll for at least three quarters this year will be recognized at the Honor Roll Ceremony.

**Wednesday, May 21st** — Our students in grades K-7 will participate in Visiting Day. Students in each grade level will move to a grade above to visit a classroom to discuss what to expect next year.

**Wednesday, May 21st** — 8th grade promoting class will participate in a promotion ceremony rehearsal.

**Thursday, May 22nd** — Preschool's last day of school.

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**Friday, May 23rd** — All grades will commemorate the year with awards presentations followed by classroom celebrations beginning at 11:00 a.m.

**Friday, May 23rd** — **No Coyote Club available** after dismissal at 12:15 p.m. All students must be picked up as our campus will be closed.

**PRESCHOOL**

Preschool's  
last day is  
Thursday, May 22nd.

**EARLY RELEASE**

Early Release  
Friday, May 23rd.  
Students in K-8th grades  
dismiss at 12:15 p.m.

## No Coyote Club on the Last Day of School!



As a reminder, there is **NO Coyote Club** on the last day of school, Friday, May 23rd. All students must be picked up on time through 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. Thank you.

## Classroom Awards Presentations

May 23, 2025

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. Siblings are permitted to attend the Classroom Award Presentation. However, siblings both older and younger are not permitted to attend the classroom parties or to remain on campus without parental supervision. See you then!

## Last Day of School Reminders

On Friday, May 23rd, the last day of school, students will be celebrating the end of the school year with an End of the Year party in their classrooms beginning at 11:00 a.m.

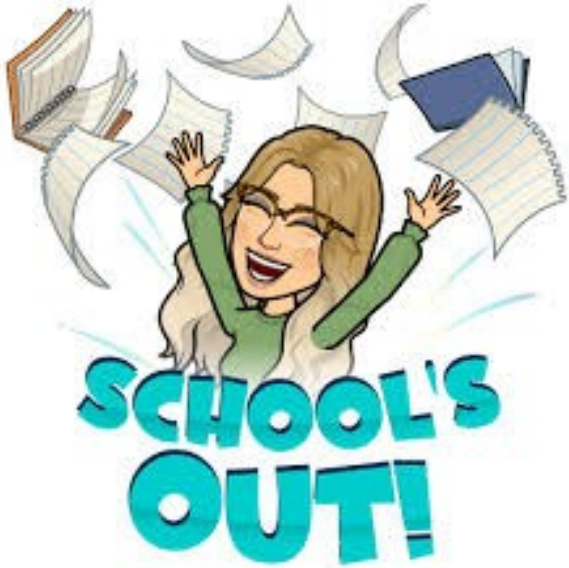
- \* **All parents picking up students must use the pick up line, or walkers can be picked up across the street. To minimize traffic inside the building, we ask that parents do not pick up from the front office.**
- \* All parents must have a current placard. Please see Mrs. Lowery in the front office prior to the last day of school if you need one printed.
- \* **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.****

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**Valley Academy participates in the Travel Reduction Program**, and one of the perks to using an alternative mode of transportation to work is being entered into drawings each quarter. Our 3rd Quarter Travel Reduction Program winner was Mrs. Brooks, our principal. Our 4th Quarter Travel Reduction Program winner is Mrs. Hilgendorf, one of our 4th grade teachers. We also held a New Alternative Mode User contest, and the winner is Mrs. Lander, our Technology teacher. There was also a Best Alternative Mode User contest with the winner being Mrs. Lewandowsky, one of our 5th grade teachers. Lastly, we held a High Pollution Advisory contest and our lucky winner was Ms. Rohr, our 8th grade Math teacher. Congratulations to all of our winners and thank you for your participation in helping to do our part in reducing pollution.

## Arizona Instruction Dance Performs



## School's Out for Summer!

The last day of school is  
Friday, May 23, 2025.

We hope that your family has a safe, wonderful, summer that is filled with new memories made. We look forward to seeing all of our students return for the 2025-2026 school year. The upcoming school calendar is on our school website.



# May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR			1  Basketball Game Valley Academy 4:30 p.m. Family Fun Night 6-8 p.m.	2 Spirit Day	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Fun Friday! 	10
TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK						
11	12	13	14	15 Sports Recognition 5:00 p.m.	16	17 8th Grade Dinner 6-8 p.m. 7th/8th Grade Dance 8-10 p.m.
18	19 8th Grade Breakfast & Field Trip 	20 VAPO Meeting Caught Being Good  Honor Roll Ceremony 	21 8th Grade Rehearsal Visiting Day	22 8th Grade Promotion 7:00 p.m. 	23 Award Presentations Classroom Parties Early Release 12:15 p.m. No Coyote Club Available	24
25	26 Office Closed Memorial Day	27	28 New Parent Orientation 5:00 p.m.	29	30 Office Closed	31