



VALLEY
ACADEMY



Coyote News

From the Principal

Mrs. Brooks, M. Ed.



Happy February! As we continue through the school year, this month offers us many opportunities to celebrate growth, kindness, and community. February is not just a time to look forward to the promise of spring but also a time to reflect on the importance of learning, connection, and shared values.

I believe a strong partnership between school and home is essential for the success and well-being of our students and am committed to fostering an environment where open communication and collaboration are at the forefront. Valley Academy provides a respectful, safe learning community where every child and adult is valued through authentic, positive relationships with high standards to reach every person's potential.

Our highly qualified staff are determined to teach all students the academic skills and strategies needed to maximize their learning potential. Teachers use a variety of techniques to reach every child academically at every level. We also strive to keep parents informed of students' academic progress and enlist parents as partners in their child's education.

At Valley, we value the opportunities to work as a community in achieving the success of all our children. We appreciate parent and volunteer support, and we invite our families and the community to attend school functions throughout the school year.

Soon, we will be hosting Valentine's Day parties and at the end of the month, a campus-wide spring concert. I look forward to seeing you all here for those events, sharing our community and enjoying our campus together.

Together we make a difference!

My best,

Mrs. Brooks, M. Ed., Principal

Upcoming Events

Spirit Day February 6th — All students in grades PK-8 may celebrate their school spirit with wearing spirit day t-shirts.

Progress Reports February 11th — Students' work is assessed and reports are available on ParentVUE.

Early Release and Classroom Parties February 13th — K-8 Valentine's Day parties will be held in the classrooms from 11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m., and students in K-8 will dismiss at 12:15 p.m. Preschool dismisses at 11:30 a.m.

Parent Teacher Conferences February 13th — Conferences are scheduled upon request with your teacher.

No School February 16th — Presidents' Day

Spring Concert February 24th — Grades 1-8 perform.

More Events Listed on Calendar Page

Channel 12 Teacher of the Month



Mrs. Keely's class had a special visit from Channel 12 news anchor Trisha Hendricks. Mrs. Keely was surprised by the nomination and being chosen for the A+ Teacher of the Month Award. Congratulations to Mrs. Keely!

For more information, please visit our web-

NEWS & UPDATES



Congratulations to all our Scripps National School-Wide Spelling Bee students! All contestants did an

outstanding job spelling extremely difficult words and are wonderful spellers. A special congratulations to our winners: 3rd place, Vedashree T.; 2nd place, Nihal G.; and our 1st place winner, Twisha S. Congratulations!



Now that it is cold and flu season, our school nurse would like to remind our families that your children need to be fever free for 24 hours before they can return to

school. Also, all medications must be checked in with the school nurse and given at the nurse's office. Students may not carry any medications on them or in their backpacks. Thank you for helping to keep students healthy.



Hot Cocoa for Crisis Aid International— Hansha M. and Nadhira D., both seventh-grade students, had a hot cocoa and brownie stand in their neighborhood. They



donated all their proceeds, \$147.00, to Crisis Aid International. This was such a wonderful donation on behalf of NJHS. Thank you for your kind and generous hearts and for giving back.

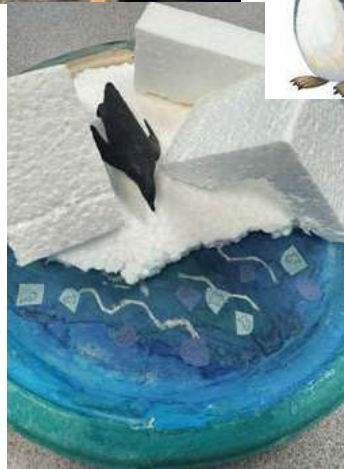
1st Grade Animal Reports



Shivaansh C. to the left is presenting his Orca project, and to the right is Miriam N. with her project.



Animal projects and reports turned out great! Above is Advitha P. showing off her project. To the right and below are Yanishk A. and Natasa Z. presenting their reports.



Spirit Week Fun!



Ms. Loreto and Mrs. Brooks both sport a Hello Kitty sweatshirt.



Support Staff had some fun for Twin day. Pictured is Mrs. Cummings, Mrs. Karumuri, Mrs. Talluru, Mrs. Vummentala, Mrs. Ramakrishnan, Mrs. Fernando, and Mrs. Tammana.



Mrs. Keely and Miss Keely twin with the same candy cane heart shirt.

Pictured below are Isabella and Ava G. and Annorah and Alyssah V. who not only are twins, but twinning for Spirit Week!



Our 7th grade team, Miss Ekdahl, Mrs. Meyer, and Mrs. Simon find some much appreciated fun in Spirit Week.



Anna B. and Sienna E. twin in red together and Abby U. and Stevie M. twin Hello Kitty shirts for Twin day above.



Mrs. Brooks and Genesis N. twin in Hello Kitty.



Pictured to the left is Aubrey B. and Idunn R.-J.

Pictured to the right is Finley F.

Below to the right is Adhav M.



David B., Stefan K., and Filip T. look like they are enjoying Crazy Hat day.



Crazy hat day delivered some craziness. Pictured is Mr. Smith and Mrs. Lander.



Pictured with some holiday fashion is Elliot G. and Matthew E.



Charlotte B. and Nora R. show off their holiday hats.

Getting ready to do your taxes?

If you are an Arizona taxpayer, you can choose to send some of your tax dollars directly to our school.

When you choose to direct your **Arizona School Tax Credit** to our school, you are making a direct investment in our students—and the impact is real.

Supporting our sports teams, from uniforms and equipment to field trip transportation and tournament fees, tax credit donations make a tremendous difference.

Your contributions also help support:

- Extracurricular activities like sports, choir, arts, clubs, and NJHS
- Fees for referees and stipends for our incredible coaches
- Equipment, technology, and athletic gear
- Health, safety, and playground resources

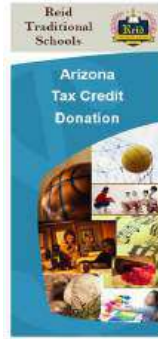
You can make a MASSIVE difference—without it costing you a penny.

Arizona's tax credit program allows you to donate up to **\$400 (married) or \$200 (single)** and receive a full state tax credit.

The deadline is **April 15, 2026**. Every donation helps open doors for our students and supports the programs that make them soar.

[Click here](#) for more information.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT
AND FOR BELIEVING IN OUR SCHOOL.**



Travel Reduction Program

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 a drawing each quarter. Our 2nd Quarter Travel Reduction Program winner is Miss Magnusen, one of our third-grade teachers. We also held a New Alternative Mode User contest, and the winner is Mrs. Dever, our Librarian. Congratulations, Miss Magnusen and Mrs. Dever! Thank you for your participation in helping to do our part in reducing pollution.

Save the Date for Valley Academy's

Spring Festival

on Saturday, March 7th

from 11 a.m.—3 p.m.

Details coming soon!



January/ February SHINE Recipients

Congratulations to the following students: Tej T., Stefan M., Klaudia M., and Charlotte B., from 4th grade. They were selected by their 4th grade teachers as their classes' "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



Intent to Return Information for 2026-2027



An Intent to Return Form has been sent to students in kindergarten through 7th grade. Please complete the form by Friday, February 13th to hold your child's spot for the 2026-2027 school year. If you are aware of a situation that means you will not be returning to Valley Academy, we appreciate knowing that in advance as well. If you have any questions please contact the front office. We hope to see each of you back next year!



VALLEY ACADEMY
PRESENTS
"WHY WE SING"



A VOCAL CONCERT BY 1ST-8TH GRADES

How does an evening under the stars, listening to beautiful music, and enjoying some family time sound? Your children have been working for many months to sing for you, and I am so excited at the prospect of you getting to hear them!

When: Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Where: Valley Academy Basketball Court

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Students need to be at the staging area **10 minutes before** performance time.

7th/8th—6:00 p.m.
1st—6:25 p.m.
2nd—6:45 p.m.
3rd—7:05 p.m.
4th—7:25 p.m.
5th—7:45 p.m.
6th—8:05 p.m.

Valley Gram Sale!

What: Surprise someone special with a delicious treat for Valentine's Day! Purchase for a friend, classmate, or even your teacher!

When: Sold Feb. 5th - Feb. 12th

***They are delivered to that special someone at the Valentine's Day party on February 13th by a Student Council Member.**

Where: Students can buy two ways: (1): Sold inside by the trophy case at 7:45-8 a.m. (2) from your teacher, Mrs. Simon, Mrs. Lander, Mrs. Ferris, Mrs. Metz, or Mrs. Francisco.

Cost: \$1.00 - The cost will include a 2x4 label with a message affixed to the treat.



Classroom Valentine's Day Party Friday, February 13, 2026

All K-8 classes will participate in Valentine's Day parties from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Friday, February 13th. All students in K-8 will dismiss at 12:15 p.m.

AZ State Civics Exam



The 8th graders took the AZ State Civics Exam and yet again did amazing! Their average as a class was a 98% with 16 of them receiving a 100% and another 17 of them receiving a 99% or a 98%! The

group pictured received a 100% on both the AZ State Civics Exam and their Government Unit Exam (both 100 question exams), which is an incredible accomplishment! It is safe to say that this group is just outstanding! Great job everyone!

Pictured: Manasvi K., Maya D., Eha S., Laveena K., Pranav K., Jonathan S., Siddhant S., Wil M., Adisha P., Sara M., Sophia N., Amoolya H., Twisha S.



Ramannuza K. and his sister Geethika K. both won a 2nd place trophy for chess through Little Masters. Way to go!



Reid's 7th grade classes visited the Herberger Theater to see "A Diary of Anne Frank". They got to hear from a Holocaust survivor afterwards, Kirk van Leenen, whose family helped not only hide Jews during the Holocaust but who was sent to Bergen Belsen but was liberated 2 days later!

EARLY RELEASE Friday, February 13th.

School dismisses at 12:15 p.m. for K-8 grades.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Friday, February 13th upon request only.



NO SCHOOL on Monday, February 16th

in observance of Presidents' Day.




Field Trips This Month

6th Grade, Friday, February 6th
5th Grade, Thursday, February 12th
4th Grade, Friday, February 20th
1st Grade, Thursday, February 26th
Kindergarten, Friday, February 27th

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museum
of phoenix



February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2  Sent Home	3  Football Game Away vs. Desert Heights Academy 4:15 p.m.	4	5  Candy Gram Sales Begin Football Game Away vs. Academy of Math and Science 4:15 p.m.	6 Spirit Day  6th Grade Field Trip	7
8	9	10 VAPO Meeting 8:15 a.m.	11 VAPO Provided Breakfast Progress Reports	12  Candy Gram Sales End 5th Grade Field Trip Caught Being Good	13  Due Classroom Parties 11:00-12:00 p.m. Early Release 12:15 Dismissal No Specials Parent Teacher Conferences	14
15	16 Presidents' Day No School	17	18	19	20  4th Grade Field Trip	21
22	23  Football Game Home vs. Ridgeline Academy 4:30 p.m.	24  Spring Concert 6:00—8:00 p.m.	25	26  1st Grade Field Trip Football Game Away vs. Pensar Academy *Solano Park Field 4:45 p.m. Board Of Directors Meeting 6:00 p.m.	27  Kindergarten Field Trip	28
1	2	3	4 8th Grade Promotion Pictures	5 Read In 8:30 a.m.	6 Spirit Day	7 Spring Festival 11:00-3:00 p.m.