



From the Principal's Desk

Mrs. Brooks, M. Ed., Principal



It was nice seeing some of you at the spring festival this year. It was a beautiful day, and it was great to have so many of our community enjoying the campus. As a reminder, it is part of Valley Academy's philosophy that all parents volunteer a minimum of three hours each month. This instills a strong connection between school and home and helps with strengthening our school community. I hope that you take this policy seriously, as we need your help in maintaining our events and traditions. If you need guidance in how you can help, please either email me directly, or email VAPO. We would love to get you started.

Spring has arrived, and with spring comes the very important state assessments. Through the week of March 30- April 2 our campus will be closed to visitors until 11:30 a.m. for state testing. AASA will take place in grades 3 – 8. We would appreciate it if you would make a conscious effort to please provide your child with a nutritious breakfast each day and have them to school on time every day. It is also important for them to get a good night's rest and to understand the importance of these tests. We will begin testing at 8:30 a.m. and keep all the students in the classroom until 11:30 a.m. Once testing has begun students will not be permitted to enter the class, so again, please have them here on time. If you need to schedule an appointment, please schedule them in the afternoon. Your cooperation in these matters is greatly appreciated.

I wish you all a wonderful spring and a strong, academically focused end to the school year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs. Brooks, M. Ed., Principal

Upcoming Events

Arizona Academic Standards Assessments March 30th—April 2nd

No School Friday, April 3rd — Spring Day Recess

Spirit Day Friday, April 10th — All students in grades PreK-8 may celebrate their school spirit with wearing spirit day t-shirts.

Progress Reports Wednesday, April 22nd — Students' work is assessed and reports are available to view on your ParentVUE.

School Board Meeting Thursday, April 23rd, Reid Office (14841 N. Black Canyon Freeway) - School Board meetings are open to the public, and parents are welcome to attend.

Early Release Friday, April 24th — Students in PreK will release at 11:30 a.m. and K-8 will release at 12:15 p.m. Teachers will participate in a Staff Development day.

More Events Listed on Last Page

NEWS & UPDATES

Why Reading Matters

Reading helps to IMPROVE student concentration.

Reading helps to DEVELOP language skills.

Reading helps students to DO BETTER in all subjects.

Reading fosters CURIOSITY about the world we live in.

Our annual Read-In guests included published author Mrs. Kendra Cuzick, a children's author who advocates reading for young children, who came to share some of her favorite books with students. Visits from a race car driver, Mr. Rick Webb; a police officer for City of Surprise, Sergeant Ray Gomez; a nurse, Mrs. Elizabeth Rivera; a paramedic/firefighter, Mr. Drew Freeman; a former NFL football defensive back, Mr. Alden Darby; an engineer, Mr. James Smith; an author, educator, and Valley Academy Board of Directors member, Mr. Josh Bauer; and also Ms. Ashley Bunch, who is an Advanced Associate of the White House, made the morning very exciting. A special 'Thank You' to Mrs. Dever, Librarian, for her hard work to put the Read-In together and to our Student Council members, who assisted with the event by greeting and guiding our guests. Below are pictures from the event.



Pictured are our Read-In guests; Mr. Bauer, Mr. Freeman, Seargeant Gomez, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Rivera, Mrs. Cuzick, Ms. Bunch, Mr. Darby, and Mr. Webb.



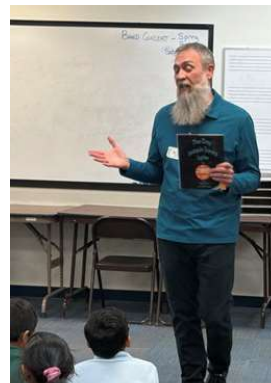
Seargeant Gomez read to our first grade students.



Student Council members helped with the event by greeting and guiding our guests to the morning's events.



Mr. Freeman read to our fifth grade students and had Ms. Loreto, one of our fifth grade teachers, assist him in demonstrating how to put on all the equipment.



Mr. Bauer read his own published book to our third grade students.



Mr. Darby shared his career path and some reading with our seventh grade students.



To the left, Ms. Bunch read to our eighth grade students, and to the right, Mrs. Rivera read to kindergarten.



To the left is Mr. Smith, and above is Mr. Webb, who brought his race car to share with the fourth grade classes.

NEWS & UPDATES

April SHINE Recipients

Congratulations to the following students: Abrielle E., Lana O., and Vishal C., from sixth grade. They were selected by their 6th 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
Valley Academy



Arizona Academic Standards Assessments (AASA)

March 30th – April 2nd
Testing will take place on campus for grades 3-8. Please have your child to school on time every day. The campus will be closed to visitors until 11:30 a.m., Monday—Wednesday.

Friday, April 3rd
Spring Day Recess

No School!

S H I N E

SHINING HARDWORKING INDIVIDUAL AND NOBLE EXAMPLE

SCHOLASTIC Book Fair
April 6th—9th

FAMILY FUN NIGHT!
April 9th
5:00—7:00 p.m.

ART SHOW

Yearbooks for Sale

Price: \$21.00 + tax
Scan below or visit Treering.com

Passcode:
1016827231844556
Purchase by April 22nd

McKinney-Vento Act – Special guidelines on the enrollment and education of homeless children are outlined in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. For more information, see [Rights of Homeless Students](#).

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 3rd Quarter Travel Reduction Program winner is Miss Magnusen, one of our 3rd grade teachers.

Congratulations, Miss Magnusen! Thank you for your participation in helping to do our part in reducing pollution.

7TH & 8TH GRADE BLACKOUT DANCE

April 10th, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Permission slips and \$ are due by noon on Friday, April 10th.



Jake J., Arjun G., and other members of their chess team won 3rd place through Little Masters.

3rd Grade Field Trip










April 17th

Progress Reports will be available to view on ParentVUE Wednesday, April 22nd.

Friday, April 24th Dismissal is at 12:15 p.m.

EARLY DISMISSAL

April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	30 Arizona Academic Standards Assessments	31 Honor Roll Ice Cream  Basketball Game Valley Academy 4:45 p.m.	1	2	3 Spring Day Recess No School 	4
5	6 Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m. S C H O L A S T I C B O O K F A I R	7  Basketball Game Valley Academy 4:30 p.m.	8	9 Family Fun Night/ Art Show 5:00-7:00 p.m.	10 Spirit Day 7/8 Dance 6-8 p.m.	11
12	13  Basketball Game Valley Academy 4:30 p.m. *Jr. Dance performs	14 VAPO Meeting 8:15 a.m.	15	16 Caught Being Good  Basketball Game Hearn Academy 4:30 p.m.	17  FIELD TRIP 3rd Grade Field Trip Great Skate 6:00-9:00 	18
19	20 Morning Assembly/ Band Perf. 8:15 a.m.	21  Basketball Game Imagine @ Cortez Park ARCH 4:30 p.m.	22 Yearbook Orders Due Progress Reports	23 Board Meeting 6:15 p.m.	24 Early Release 12:15 p.m. Staff Development	25
26	27	28  Basketball Game Ridgeline Academy 4:30 p.m.	29	30  Basketball Game Pensar Academy 5:00 p.m.	1 Spirit Day	