



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 1st—All students in grades PreK-8 may celebrate their school spirit with wearing spirit day t-shirts.

Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week May 4th—8th—A week of appreciation for a great year of hard work and dedication from our wonderful staff.

Early Release Friday, May 22nd—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 go home on Friday, May 22, 2026.

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Four students from Valley Academy competed in the Math Counts State Competition on Saturday, March 28. The competition consists of a 40-minute Sprint round where the students solve 30 questions that progressively become more and more challenging. This is followed by the Target rounds which are 4 6-minute rounds where students solve 2 problems during each round. These also increase in difficulty. Then, finally, there is a Team round where the students work as a group of 4 to solve 10 question in 20 minutes. The competitions are very challenging, and students work hard to study and prepare. This was the club's first time to have 4 students invited to compete. They are, from left to right, Viraj J., Nick U., Ayaan K. and Siddhant S. Congratulations, gentlemen for being invited to participate and doing your best at the competition.

Rolling out the **Red Carpet** for our **CELEBRITIES!**

Next week, May 4th – 8th, we will be celebrating Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week on campus. We have planned a special week! This year's theme is **LIGHTS, CAMERA, APPRECIATION!** Our Valley Academy teachers and staff are our real-life celebrities, and we are rolling out the red carpet. Let's celebrate our everyday celebrities who inspire, empower, and go above and beyond in and out of the classroom. Because not all celebrities are accepting awards on stage... some carry red pens and coffee mugs.

Below is an itinerary of the week's events Administration and VAPO are planning, along with suggestions of a ways you can contribute. Participation in this week's activities is voluntary.



<p>MON. 4th Our staff SETS THE STAGE FOR SUCCESS, so they will begin the week with a VIP continental breakfast and coffee.</p>	<p>TUES. 5th Celebrities get the SWEET TASTE of STARDOM and will receive a red carpet sweet treat worthy of Hollywood's finest.</p>	<p>WED. 6th LIGHTS, CAMERA, APPRECIATION! VAPO will be hosting an ACADEMY AWARD WINNING luncheon for staff today.</p>	<p>THURS. 7th Our staff makes us POP with appreciation. They will be receiving VIP room service as the BOX OFFICE CONCESSION CART visits their rooms.</p>	<p>FRI. 8th Staff will snack like a star and say, "CHEESE!" They will enjoy platters of meats, cheeses, and veggies while we celebrate them with awards.</p>
 <p>FAN MAIL Make your teacher a homemade card from their biggest fan.</p>	 <p>CURTAIN CALL Give your super star teacher a flower from your garden or make one.</p>	 <p>Please see an email sent from VAPO to see how you might volunteer to help! Fans—Today is SWAG DAY. Bring a special gift for your teacher, such as something you made or something small, like a pen.</p>	 <p>CINEMA & SNACKS Surprise your teacher with a favorite treat! It could be a coffee or a favorite chocolate bar.</p>	 <p>YOU'RE THE STAR! Tell your teacher why they're a super star!</p>

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The Last Week of School, May 18— May 22, 2026

Monday, May 18th — 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 19th — 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 20th — 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 20th — 8th grade promoting class will participate in a promotion ceremony rehearsal.

Thursday, May 21st — Preschool's last day of school.

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Friday, May 22nd — All grades will commemorate the year with awards presentations followed by classroom celebrations beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Friday, May 22nd — **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 21st.

EARLY RELEASE

Early Release
Friday, May 22nd.
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 22nd. 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 22nd, 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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SHINING HARDWORKING INDIVIDUAL AND NOBLE EXAMPLE

Congratulations to the following students: **Nadhira D., Kavya P., and Laney H. (not pictured)** from seventh grade and **Westley M. and Deetya 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



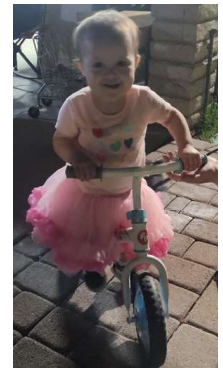
Dear Valley Academy families,

Words truly cannot express the depth of our gratitude for the incredible outpouring of love and support you have shown our family following our recent house fire. Losing our home and belongings has been an incredibly difficult journey for us, but experiencing the kindness of this community we find here in our school has been the light that has carried us through all of this hard confusing time. We are completely overwhelmed by how this school family came together. Whether you shared our GoFundMe, purchased items from our Amazon wish list, or dropped off generous donations, please know that every single gesture no matter how big or small has made a tangible difference in our lives and has helped us begin to rebuild.

A special and heartfelt thank you goes out to the seventh and eighth grade classes along with Mrs. Simon, Mrs. Meyer, and Mrs. Ferris; Your decision to donate the proceeds from your school dance to our family was completely unexpected and touched our hearts more than we can say. It is a powerful example of the empathy and leadership this school fosters, and we are so proud to be part of such a compassionate community and school. We feel truly blessed to be surrounded by such thoughtful, generous, and caring people. Thank you for holding us up when we needed it most. We will never forget your kindness.

With love and deepest appreciation,

The Hite-Lowery Family



I can't begin to express how deeply appreciative my husband and myself are to the love, kindness, and generosity my second home has shown our family in the time of need. Thank you, immensely, for the outpouring of support you have graciously shown to our son, James, and his family. This school has been our community for the past 19 years and it really shows just how special of a place this is. Thank you for your love and compassion. —Mrs. Lowery

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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 4th Quarter Travel Reduction Program winner is Mrs. Lander, our Technology teacher. We also held a New Alternative Mode User contest, and the winner is Mrs. Keely, one of our 3rd grade teachers. In a couple of weeks, we will also hold two more contests for staff; a Best Alternative Mode User contest and lastly, a High Pollution Advisory contest. Congratulations to all of our winners, potential winners, and thank you for your participation in helping to do our part in reducing pollution.

Arizona Instruction Jr. Cheer and Dance Performs

Our Valley Academy Junior Cheerleaders brought the energy to March 26th's boys' basketball game lighting up the court with an amazing performance, full of spirit, teamwork, and enthusiasm! Our Valley Academy Dancers brought excitement to April 13th's game with an energetic halftime performance. Their hard work, talent, and passion always shines through. Great job ladies!



Hearts united: one beautiful vision.

Students in grades 1 – 8 explored a range of contemporary and historical artists and then created over 650 original hearts using a variety of media, including weaving, mosaic, watercolor, color pencil, crayon, and more. Each student contributed a unique piece, that when joined together, forms a radiant collaboration celebrating love, unity, and creativity!

Phoenix Chess Academy



Sisira A. (preschool) participated in a chess competition through Phoenix Chess Academy and won second place in the Kindergarten Section. She also received a prize representing the school, along with other Valley Academy students from Kindergarten and 1st Grade. Pictured are Sisira A., Ranveer R., Jake J., and Dave J. Congratulations on a chess game well done.



School's Out for Summer!

The last day of school is Friday, May 22, 2026. 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 2026-2027 school year. The upcoming school calendar is on our school website.

May 2026

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