November 2026

Coyote News

From the Principal's Desk — Mrs. Brooks, M. Ed. Principal



Dear Parents,

As we gather to celebrate this season of gratitude, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you. Your care and support of our students, commitment to the success of our school, the dedication you show to our teachers and staff, and the incredible support you provide have not gone unnoticed.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, I am grateful for the sense of community that Valley has maintained. It is a joy to witness the collaborative efforts of parents, students, and educators working together to create an environment where learning thrives.

Our teachers and staff are at the heart of this community, and your support makes a significant difference in their ability to inspire and educate our students. Your commitment to fostering a positive and enriching educational experience is truly appreciated.

During this month, my wish is that we all are blessed beyond measure and have a wonderful Thanksgiving break. May the spirit of gratitude continue to unite us and guide us in all our endeavors. Thank you for being an integral part of the Valley Academy community.

Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving filled with warmth and joy!

Best Wishes,

Mrs. Victoria Brooks, M. Ed.



Upcoming Events

Spirit Day Friday, November 6th. All students may participate in Spirit Day by wearing their Spirit Day shirt. For grades K-8, ice cream is available at lunch for purchase.

No School Wednesday, November 11th. No school in honor of Veterans Day.

Talent Show Rehearsal Thursday, November 12th and 18th at 4:00 p.m.

Early Release/Staff Development Friday, November 13th. Preschool dismisses at 11:30 a.m. and all students K-8 dismiss at 12:15 p.m.

Progress Reports Wednesday, November 18th. Students' work is assessed and grades are also available online to view using ParentVUE.

Talent Show Thursday, November 19th at 5:30 p.m. in the MPR.

No School Monday, November 23rd—Friday, November 27th. No school for Thanksgiving Break.

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NEWS & UPDATES

OPEN ENROLLMENT

October 26—November 15th

Do you have friends or family whose kids could benefit from the great education your child is getting? Would your children like to have their neighborhood friends at school with them? Would you like your friends to join the fun, working alongside you on the Valley Academy Parent Organization (VAPO)? Help us build the Valley Academy family by inviting your friends to join you here.

Open Enrollment is Now-November 15th for KG-8th grade. That's the best time for new students to apply. If you have a kindergartener for next year, siblings receive admissions preference, but we need to have an application, so we know to save their seat. If you have other children in any grade you'd like to enroll at Valley Academy, please apply during Open Enrollment.

Kindergarteners should be five years old by December 31, 2027, to attend during the 2027-2028 school year. After November 16th, any remaining openings are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, so encourage your friends to apply soon.

The Preschool Waiting List is also now open, for children who will be four years old by August 31st. Preschool is a private, tuition-based program. Spaces are offered in the order applications are received, with a limited number of half-day positions.

ARIZONA Department of Education RATING

It's official! Valley Academy has earned an "A" for 2025-2026 from Arizona Department of Education. Thank you, students, families, and staff for another successful year!

November SHINE Recipients Congratulations to the following students: Ammar Ahmed M., Prisha P., Alan K., and Rehmiyah H., from 2nd grade. They were selected by their 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

NEWS & UPDATES



Spirit Day T-Shirt and Valley Academy Sweatshirts For Sale!

Our online sale will run from Monday, November 9th to Friday, November 20th. Orders can be placed online at crash-sports-2.myshopify.com. This is the last sale for the school year.

Co-ed Flag Football Tryouts

Monday and Tuesday, November 9th and 10th

3:15 – 5:00 p.m.

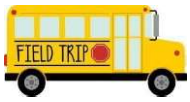
For 5th – 8th grade students.





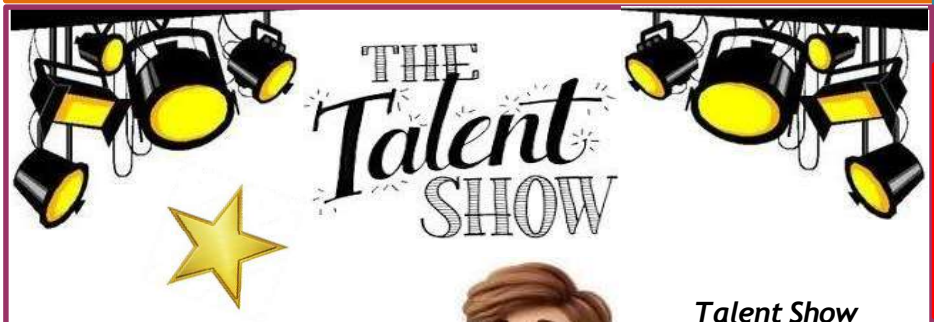
NO SCHOOL on **Wednesday,** November 11th in observance of Veterans Day.

REMINDER! 2nd Grade Field Trip November 12th









Talent Show ***Rehearsal***

November 12th at 4:00 p.m.

and

November 18th at 4:00 p.m.

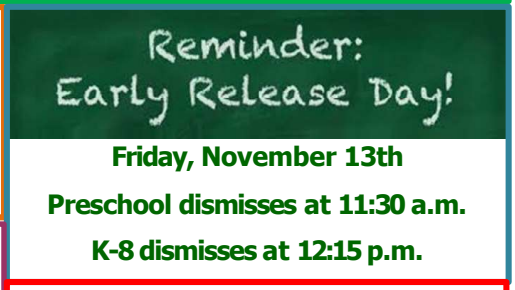
In the MPR



Talent Show

Thursday, November 19th, At 5:30 p.m. in the MPR

$2.00/person



Friday, November 13th

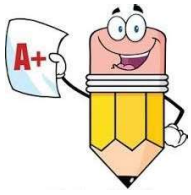
Preschool dismisses at 11:30 a.m.

K-8 dismisses at 12:15 p.m.

Progress Reports

available on ParentVUE

November 18, 2026.





Thanksgiving Break

November 23rd

to

November 27th

Turkey Trot November 20th!

Students in K-8th Grades, wear your running shoes! You'll be racing against classmates in your grade level for a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner! Watch for more information from our Parent Organization and join the fun!

Kindergarten—10:00 a.m.
1st and 2nd—11:30 a.m.
3rd, 5th, and 6th—12:15 p.m.
4th, 7th, and 8th—1:00 p.m.



Little Masters

Students from Valley Academy often share their trophies with us that they win from Phoenix Chess Academy. Students Arsh A., Alan K., Ivaan S., Jake J., Viyan T., Ranvir R., and Dave J. all won 1st place in October.



Ranvir R. and Dave J. are not in that photo (to the left) so they are both pictured with another trophy (to the right) won in May.



See what's happening in Art Class!

ARIZONA STATE FAIR STUDENT ART COMPETITION AND EXHIBIT – A huge congratulations to the ten Valley Academy art students who all won ribbons and had their masterpieces showcased at the Arizona State Fair Student Art Exhibit this October! Shoutout to Annielle M., Finley F., Jeswika G., Arjun N., Tarun B., Eesha J., Keyara K., Yogya K., Bhavika K., and Ipsa P. for their incredible work. Their talent was on full display for over a million people who visit the fair!



















8th graders created *en plein air* observational landscape drawings before transforming them into watercolor paintings. Students merge the compositional genius of Frankenthaler with watercolor techniques inspired by Homer, balancing structured outdoor observation with fluid color. Pictured is National Junior Art Honor Society (NJAHS) President, Jimmy S., and J.J. L.



2nd grade students Natasa Z. and Gurjas V. are showing off their Egyptian collars after a unit on ancient Egyptian art.

This cityscape brings together over 650 student artists from grades 1-8, each contributing a unique building to create a vibrant, interconnected community. Students drew inspiration from the art of Klee, Signac, O'Keeffe, and Bearden, celebrating individual creativity and the powerful spirit of collaboration.



GRADE LEVEL HIGHLIGHT – PRE-K



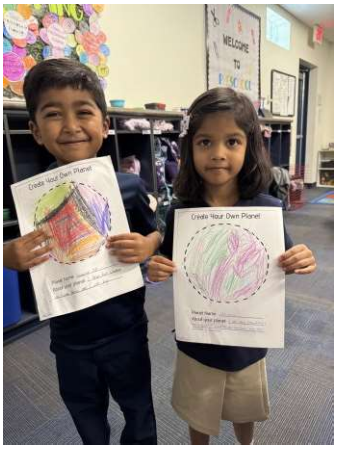
Meet our preschool teachers pictured above, Miss Uhlving and Miss Burns.

See what's happening in preschool!

Each week, preschool learns a new theme. This theme was all about space! Our students learned about the wonders of outer space, our planets, and stars. They enjoyed hands-on activities and stories inspired by outer space!

Working on creating their own solar systems is Joah M., Ivy H., Vihaan G., and Gia P. By using art supplies to create on their own, they are building fine motor skills, sparking science curiosity, and using creative expression with hands-on play.





Naitvik G. and Aadhya K. show off planets they made up using their imagination, self expression and creativity.



Vera S., Sidhiv M., and Aiden C. are looking at a diorama of the solar system along with a solar system poster. For preschoolers, this builds visual recognition and encourages natural curiosity and observation.



TRANSPORTATION REDUCTION PROGRAM

Congratulations to Mrs. Matangi for winning the Transportation Reduction Program 1st Quarter contest. She won a gift card for her participation in the TRP program! Great job!

State Forty-Eight Spalding shirts is a fun way that staff is sporting support for Spalding. Pictured below is Mrs. Briscoe (1st grade), Mrs. Ferris (World Languages), Mrs. Metza (2nd grade), Mrs. Francisco (1st grade), Miss Magnusen (3rd grade), Mrs. Johnson (kindergarten), Mrs. Brooks (principal), and Mrs. Lander (technology).



CALENDAR

November 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 **Enrollment is Open for August 2027**	2 **Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.** **Jeopardy Trivia 4th – 6th Grade 3:20 p.m.**	3	4	5 **Jeopardy Trivia 7th – 8th Grade 3:20 p.m.**	6 **Spirit Day** 	7
8	9 **Spirit Shirts/ Sweatshirts for Sale**  **Coed Flag Football Tryouts**	10 **VAPO Meeting 8:15 a.m.** **Coed Flag Football Tryouts**	11 **No School Veterans Day** 	12  **2nd Grade Field Trip** **Caught Being Good** **Talent Show Rehearsal 4:00 p.m.** 	13 **Early Release 12:15 Dismissal** **Staff Development**	14
15	16 **Morning Assembly 8:15 a.m.**	17	18  Progress Reports Available on ParentVUE **Talent Show Rehearsal 4:00 p.m.** 	19  **Talent Show 5:30 p.m.**	20 **Spirit Shirt/ Sweatshirt Orders Due** **Turkey Trot** 	21
22	23 **THANKSGIVING BREAK NO SCHOOL**	24	25	26 	27	28
29	30					