

VALLEY NEWSLETTER



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Title I Programming—Mr. Anderson

Valley School District qualifies as a Title I School-Wide Program

What is Title I?

"Title I" is the federal program that provides funding to local school districts to improve the academic achievement based on the poverty rate of that particular school district. It is part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act first passed in 1965. That Act is reauthorized by Congress from time to time, and often given a new name. It is currently known as the Every Student Succeeds Act.

Section A of Title I provides grants to states to distribute directly to school districts. This is by far the largest source of federal money for local schools.

School districts do not have to apply for Title I funding as they would have to for a competitive grant. If a school district qualifies for Title I funding, it is entitled to the money. However, the district must submit to the state education agency a plan for how it will use the funds to improve academic achievement among its SES (socio-economic status) students, or those students whose families qualify as low income as determined by the federal government.

The districts have wide discretion in determining how the money is to be used. About 83% of Title I money is used for programs serving pre-K through 8th grade. These programs must specifically serve students who are failing to meet academic standards or at risk of failing because they meet the governments low-income criteria. However, if more than 40% of the students in a school qualify as a "low income" district, the school is allowed to run "schoolwide" programs that serve all students, not just the disadvantaged. Valley School District qualifies as a school-wide Title I program and offers several services for all students. Response to Intervention is one of the most successful programs at Valley. Response to Intervention (RTI) is a multi-tier approach to the early identification and support of students with learning needs. The RTI process begins with high-quality instruction and universal screening of all children in the general education classroom. Struggling learners are provided with interventions and support to accelerate their rate of learning. These services may be provided by a variety of personnel, including general education teachers, special educators, and paraprofessionals. The staff at Valley School District is committed to this program, as well as others, to help all children. If you have further questions, please ask your building principal.

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ON THE WEB

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Monday Tutoring—Principals

We are continuing Monday tutoring days for students. Students that need extra help or time on assignments or need to work on projects may attend from 9:00am to 12:00pm on Nov. 6th, Nov. 13th, Dec. 4th, & Dec. 11th. Secondary students may be referred by their teachers or principals and may also come in as needed as long as they have something to work on. Elementary students will be invited by Mrs. Kohtz after discussions with the classroom teacher. Transportation to and from the school is the responsibility of the parents. This is a great opportunity to get some individualized help for students that are willing to put in the extra time.

Book Fair—Mrs. Hunter

The first Book Fair of the year will be the week of November 14-17, 2017. It is a Scholastic Book Fair and, as always, proceeds from it are returned to your library for books and supplies. Books make great Christmas presents so you are more than welcome to come in and shop during regular school hours or on Wednesday the 15th after school until 8 p.m. Your kids will have multiple opportunities to view and buy from the fair during the week. Thanks in advance for your patronage.

Veterans Day—Mr. Hardy

We would like to invite our community to join us in the new gym for an assembly to honor our veterans on Nov. 10th at 9:00am. Also, we would love to have as many veterans as possible come for a breakfast at the school at 7:45am. If you know a veteran or have someone in your family that would like to attend, we would love to have them join us on this special day.

New Staff 5th Grade—Mrs. Bailey

Hi! I am Jennifer Bailey and I am teaching 5th grade. The students that I have this year are wonderful. Most of them seem to work hard. I am enjoying the 5th grade curriculum. I have been teaching for 11 years and I love it! I taught 1st grade for one year in Rupert. Then I spent 9 years in Dietrich teaching 4th grade for five years and 3rd grade for four years. My husband, Bud Bailey, a graduate of Valley, and I have 2 grown sons. Our oldest son, G.W. spent six years in the army working on helicopters; he lives in North Pole, Alaska. Nathan is in the Navy and he is a cryptologist; he is stationed in Hawaii. I appreciate the chance to teach the students at Valley Elementary.

Trick or Treat for Change—BPA/FCCLA

Thank you for your generosity! BPA and FCCLA combined forces on October 23, 2017 to Trick or Treat for Community Baskets. In less than 3 hours, our community donated \$1,760.20. The number of trick-or-treaters was lower this year and we apologize that we were unable to canvas all of the routes. We also had some confusion and some routes were doubled up or flyers were distributed but we missed houses on the return visit. If you would like to donate your change to community baskets, please call Toni Elorrieta at the school (829-5353) or home (731-6570) and a FCCLA or BPA officer will collect your donation. All proceeds from Trick or Treat will stay in the community and will be used to buy Christmas presents for local children. We will also be grateful for donations of new, unwrapped toys for the Christmas baskets. Donations will be accepted through December 12, 2017 and can be dropped off at the high school office or at U.S. Bank in Hazelton. Thank you for your support!

Spring Drivers Ed.—Mrs. Lamun

Be thinking about Spring Drivers Ed!

Our next class will begin in early March. If you will be 14 ½ by then, and are interested, sign up in the high school office. Class will be from 6:30 to 7:30 am. and 8-11 on Mondays. The cost is \$200. You must pay at least half when you sign up for the class. You must also go purchase a permit at the DMV and get a driver's manual. These are needed for class and I do not provide them. Get the list of things you need to take with you before you go. They are available in the high school office. One thing you will need is your birth certificate. If you do not have yours get it now to be ready for the spring class. Any questions, ask Mrs. Lamun or call 829-5961 and leave a message.

Accelerated Reader Points Scan—Mrs. Hunter

It has come to our attention that there are several apps available for smartphones that can scan the ISBN numbers on the books you might have at home. These apps will then tell you the AR level and points available for that book. This is a good way for you to see what you have for your child to read from home to work toward their AR goal. Some of them work better than others, and some charge a small fee. If you are interested, go to your app store and put in Accelerated Reader Points Scan. You should have several options to choose from for whichever platform you are using.

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Boys Basketball—Mr. Hardy

The first day of boys basketball practice will be on Friday, Nov. 10th. All students wanting to try-out need to have a physical on file with the school; 9th and 11th graders need to have a new one from last year. We will have a Parent Night on Monday, Nov. 27th at 6:00pm for all players and parents. I am very excited to work with these young men again this year and look forward to a fun winter.

Cross Country—Mr. Hunter

HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

The girls team were underdogs going into the district meet. They gave a good effort but came up a little short of their goal of qualifying the entire team to the state meet. Hannah Buschhorn and Kelsey Henry both qualified for state by finishing 3rd and 6th individually.

The boys won the District Championship by placing our first five runners in the top ten. Omar Recendez, Garrett Christensen and Nikoli Carlquist finished 8, 9, 10 while Adam Elorrieta was 5th and Ben Christensen won the District Championship.

It seems like it was just a couple weeks ago when most of these same runners attended the Summit View High Altitude Running Camp in July. The investment definitely paid off.

Thanks to the runners for a rewarding season. Thanks to Mr. Hardy, administration, school board and community for supporting the running programs at Valley.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Both teams finished the season in Gooding with solid runs.

Alejandro Recendez and Tex Godfrey finished 1st and 2nd, leading the team to another 4th place finish. The team had a balanced mix of ages competing this season. 6th: Joseph Hinojosa, Kellen Jarvis, James Meyer, Tex Godfrey. 7th: Alejandro Recendez, Kyle Christensen, Luke Giles. 8th: Evan Allen and Isaac Giles.

The girls won ANOTHER meet! That makes four this season. This girls team was very balanced. They finished 8, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16 in the Buhl meet. When a team is grouped that closely they are hard to beat. 6th: Autumn Allen, Jasmine Krieger, Brooke Koehn. 7th: Kimberly Hinojosa. 8th: Kelbi Lewis, Caitlyn Whitaker, Mary Meyer.

Mrs. Christensen helped Mrs. Hunter coach the middle school teams this season. They made a good coaching tandem. Both teams benefited from their efforts.

Music News—Mr. Eiler

Wow! What a great concert! Thank you to all our wonderful community members for your support and attendance. On November 1st and 2nd, eight of our P.O.T.V. band members will represent Valley High School at the District IV Honor Clinics. Emily Udy and McKenzie Schilz on clarinet, Logan Eiler on flute, Jeremiah Schilz on alto sax, Trenton Stoker and Jacob Schilz on trumpet and Nikoli Carlquist on trombone. The concert will be the evening of November 2nd in the Roper Auditorium at Twin Falls High School. These students will be performing with the best in our region. It's great to see our students on the field against each other but it's amazing to see them work together as well.

The Christmas concerts are coming fast (Already?!). Please mark December 15th at 7:00pm for the Band Christmas Celebration and December 20th at 10:00am for the Elementary Christmas program. What a great time for music here at Valley Schools!