

Valley Newsletter



OCTOBER 2018

ISAT Results– Mr. Anderson

The State's assessment results are in for the Idaho Standards Achievement Test (2.0). This test is given to all 3rd graders through the 10th grade. (Participation for 10th graders is required for graduation). Our results are encouraging. Each grade level but two have shown increasing proficiency rates in the English Language Arts test and the math test, as compared to the previous school year. As an overall district our proficiency percentage increased 8 points on the English test, and 9.5 percentage points on the math test. At a district level this is excellent news. At a state level we are slowly closing the gap.

A link to this information can be found on our website, under the tab "Report Card". Our staff is committed to making progress. Through Interim Assessments, Curriculum/Standards Mapping, Aligned Curriculum & Instructional Strategies, and Professional Development training, we have a plan that is working.

The Value in Assessments

- Provides information to students, teachers, and parents with information about student progress that can be used to improve instruction and support in the classroom.
- Identifies strengths and areas of growth for students.
- Identifies achievement gaps to help ensure all students receive the support and resources they need to succeed.
- Serves as an academic check-up to make sure students are on track for the next grade.

(Provided by the State Department of Education)

Parent Teacher Conferences - Mrs. Kohtz

Parent teacher conferences are coming up on October 22nd. Please call the elementary school at 829-5961 to schedule your conference. We look forward to seeing you!!

Wounded Warriors - Mr. Hardy

The athletic department will once again be joining the 4th District Coaches Association drive to help raise funds for the Wounded Warrior Project. The past 4 years we have raised money that has been pooled with other schools in the Magic Valley. Last year the Coaches association donated over \$13,000 to veterans and families affected by military service. If a family would like to make a \$10 donation we will create a sign to put up on our display board at the school and during the football game on October 26th against Grace. We will also be taking donations that night to help in this worthy cause. Thank you for your support.

SCHOOL BOARD

ZONE 1: Elizabeth Jones
ZONE 2: Dusty Standlee
ZONE 3: Jim Ritchie Jr.
ZONE 4: Mark Okelberry
ZONE 5: Kattie Carlquist

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ON THE WEB

valleyvikings.org

From the Lunch Room

Parents: Remember to get your free and reduced lunch application in now! Anyone who was free or reduced last year and has NOT returned a form for this year will be changed to paid lunches. Don't delay! Free Breakfast is available to all students. Make sure your student starts the day fueled up and ready to go. We encourage all students to try our hot lunch meals. They are a great price. We offer a wide variety of fruits and vegetables as well as tasty entrees and baked bread items. What better way to keep your child ready for an afternoon of super learning than with a healthy lunch! If you have any questions about the Valley Lunch Program please call 208-829-4107, between the hours of 6:30–1:30 Tuesday through Friday. Thank you.

Flu Vaccines Coming Soon—Mrs. Richardson

On Wednesday, October 31st, starting at 7:30 am, South Central Public Health District (SCPHD) will be at Valley School to administer flu vaccines for students, family members, teachers and community members. If students need school vaccines, HPV boosters, or college immunizations, please contact the school nurse, and those vaccines will be made available as well. Information and immunization signature cards will be sent home with students prior to the date of the clinic. **Parents must be present for their child to have vaccines.** Extra immunization signature cards will be available for family and community members in the elementary office. Immunization signature cards and a copy of your insurance card are due in the office by October 29th. SCPHD will bill private insurance and Medicaid. **If your insurance requires prior authorization, please obtain this before the date of the clinic.** If your child does not have insurance, you will be billed for the services. **No payment will be taken at school.** SCPHD hopes that offering the flu vaccine at school will make it easier for you to get your child vaccinated. Flu is the 6th leading killer in Idaho and accounts for 4.5 days of absence from school. Protect your children with a flu vaccine along with plenty of fruits and vegetables, regular exercise, adequate sleep, and frequent hand-washing. For questions, or to request additional vaccines, please contact Gail Richardson, School Nurse at (208)-829-5961. Thank you for helping to keep our school and community healthy!

Cross Country—Coach Hunter

The Cross Country teams have competed in three meets already this season. There are ten girls and ten boys on the high school team. The middle school has eleven girls and twelve boys participating. All four groups have finished in the top third of the teams competing each meet. Garrett Christensen, Jady Peltier, Nikoli Carlquist and Kelbi Lewis have earned medals in high school meets while Autumn Allen, Joanie Lewis, Emma Allen, Brooke Koehn, Tex Godfrey, Kyle Christensen and Alejandro Recendez have all had top ten finishes in at least one meet. We are looking forward to the district meet on October 17th in Gooding.

Girls Basketball—Coach Kohtz and Coach Jarvis

Girls basketball will start on Monday, October 29th. Try-out times will be announced at the school later this month. All girls wanting to try-out need to have a physical on file with the school. 9th and 11th graders will need to have a new physical. We are excited for the upcoming season and look forward to working with the players.

Homecoming Dinner—Booster Club

Come out and support your Valley Vikings on October 12th as they play against Butte County. The Booster Club will be serving cheeseburger, hamburger, and hot dog meals from 4:30 till 9:00 p.m. Please join us for dinner and cheer on your favorite team!!!

Fall Concert—Mr. Eiler

Our Fall Concert will be on October 24th at 7:00pm. Come and enjoy a Disney Movie Night! There will even be popcorn available for everyone. The music room is finished now and looks amazing. Thank you to administration, staff and community people who helped make the music room look spectacular!

College and Career Readiness— Mrs. Elorrieta

FAFSA, Merit Aid, Pell Grant, Scholarships, Subsidized Loans, Work Study! Navigating the Financial Aid vocabulary can be overwhelming and confusing. This month the “College and Career Readiness” series will focus on the topic of Financial Aid 101 and the basic concepts parents and students need to understand when budgeting for college. Students in grades 8-12 and their parents are invited to attend this meeting on Monday, October 8 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in Mrs. Elorrieta’s room #126 at Valley High School. Parents of seniors: you and your student should apply soon for an FSA ID and begin the FAFSA process (FAFSA opens October 1, 2018). More information can be found on the FAFSA website fafsa.ed.gov or visit Mrs. Elorrieta’s website at vhsfacs.org.

Trick or Treat for Community Baskets - BPA/FCCLA

“Save your change!” BPA and FCCLA high school students will be Trick or Treating for Community Baskets on Monday, October 29 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Members will go door-to-door with Christmas stockings to Trick-or-Treat for change. ALL money donated will be used to purchase Christmas gifts for children in the community in coordination with the Valley Community Helpers Christmas Basket initiative. Last year, your donations helped provide gifts for 88 children in our community. Thank you for your support.

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Business Professionals of America—Mrs. Gordon

Welcome to the 2018-2019 membership year for Business Professionals of America (BPA). The mission of BPA is to contribute to the preparation of a world-class workforce through the advancement of leadership, citizenship, academic, and technological skills. BPA offers leadership training, community awareness and educational based programs including the National Leadership Academy, Torch Awards Program, BPA Cares Program, Officer Elections, certifications, scholarships and much more. BPA is a national career and technical student organization that allows student the freedom to participate at any level they are comfortable based on their schedules and commitments. Please ask your student about their interests and encourage them to become involved! Dues for BPA are \$25 and final registration will close on November 1st. For additional information please contact Mrs. Gordon at gordon@valley262.org or in Room 124.

#IWONTSTAYSILENT—Marisol Bedolla and Brianna Arteaga

Suicide is considered the “Silent Epidemic” because it’s a topic that is not frequently discussed. Unfortunately, suicide is the second leading cause of death in our nation for ages 10 - 24. September was Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month. Under the direction of Brianna Arteaga and Marisol Bedolla, Valley High School students were challenged to learn the warning signs and to take the pledge to not stay silent if a friend or family member is at risk. Suicide is Preventable. With your help, we can save more lives. We challenge anyone and everyone to raise the national conversation about the “Silent Epidemic” of youth suicide. Download the app “A Friend Asks” to learn more and take the pledge . . . I Won’t Stay Silent!!!

Soles4Souls—Kelsey Henry

Kelsey Henry is hosting a Soles4Souls fun run to support a great organization that supplies shoes for families in need. On October 13, 2018 there will be a 5K run and 1 mile run/walk at Valley Schools. These runs will have a poker theme where playing cards will be handed out throughout each run. T-shirt’s and snacks will be provided while supplies last. There will also be prizes for participants with the best poker hands. Registration will take place at the football field house and begin at 10:30 am. The race will begin at 11:00 am. The entrance fee is \$20 per person or \$65 for a family of four. This will cover the costs of shirts, snacks and shipping of the shoes to Soles4Souls. Please donate old, gently used shoes. If you can’t come to the race but have shoes to donate, please leave a message at (208) 825-5342 or email trixieh2112@gmail.com. Since Soles4Souls began in 2006, they have distributed over 20 million pairs of shoes in 127 countries and all 50 US states. But EVERY SINGLE ONE of those pairs makes a difference in people’s lives. Thank you for your support and hope to see you there!

Homecoming—Student Body Officers

Homecoming is creeping up and will be the week of October 8th-12th. To kick off the week we will have a dance and bonfire on the 6th. Dance starts at 7:00pm with the bonfire at 9:00pm. The Volleyball team has a game against Shoshone on Monday the 8th. XC has a meet at Gooding on Tuesday. Finally on Friday, the varsity football team will play against Butte County. Come support the teams and don’t miss seeing who is crowned Homecoming King and Queen during Friday’s halftime. Throughout the week we will be celebrating with various dress-up days as follows: Tuesday Color Wars: 9th/Pink, 10th/Orange, 11th/Yellow, 12th/Black; Wednesday PJ/Crazy Hair; Thursday Aliens: dress up as something out of this world; Friday Viking Pride: Viking apparel/Blue, Black, or White. Our goal for this year is to bring back the school fight song. We will be singing it at the homecoming football game Friday night.