

Valley Newsletter

October 2019

From the Superintendent —Mr. Anderson

McTeacher's Night

On the evening of **October 17th** (Thursday), our administrative team will be "working" at **McDonald's** on **Poleline Road** in Twin Falls. From **5:00 to 7:00pm** the Valley Admin Team will take your orders and fill your sodas, all for a good cause. McDonald's will donate a portion of the sales back to the school for our safe & drug-free programs. Please stop by to enjoy a meal with your family or friends. We look forward to seeing you on the 17th.

Valley Report Card

On our Valley District's website there is a link to the "Report Card." Every year the State Department of Education publishes information about our district. The report card gives demographic information about our students and academic indicators such as: student achievement, student progress, English learner progress, graduation rate, and college/career readiness. As well, the administration team continually analyzes the data provided by the State Report Card to set district goals and action items. These goals help drive our continuous improvement plan. The continuous improvement plan (or CIP), coordinates our teacher professional development, aligns instructional practices, and directs us towards curriculum resources. This is an on-going, steady, process as we prepare our students for life beyond K-12. The staff makes every effort towards improvement and growth. If you would like more information regarding our Report Card or CIP please call the district office.

Parent Teacher Conference—Mrs. Kohtz & Mr. Hardy

Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up on October 21st. Please call the elementary school at 829-5961 to schedule your conference. We look forward to seeing you!! Middle School students do not need to schedule ahead. Please just come in and meet with all five of your child's teachers.

Attendance—Ms. Moffitt

We are only in the first quarter of school and many students are missing enough days to be in jeopardy of losing credit. **This is just a reminder to parents and students of the importance of school attendance.** In the high school we are seeing way too many absences and tardies, many of which are going to affect students receiving credit for classes. According to Valley School District Policy and Idaho State Graduation Requirements a student shall not be absent from any class over 10% of the total days the class has met or credit may be withheld – nine (9) days per semester for hourly scheduled classes and five (5) days for block classes. ANYTIME (home sick, doctor visit, etc.) a student misses class, unless they are participating in a school activity, it counts as an absence. And ANYTIME a student is more than 15 minutes late to class it counts as an absence. Parents we need your help to ensure your student's attendance in school and therefore ensure your student's success.

Monday Tutoring

We will have Monday tutoring days from 9:00am to Noon on October 7th and October 28th. Parents must provide transportation to and from the school on those Mondays.

SCHOOL BOARD

ZONE 1: Kortney Romer
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

Girls Basketball — Coach Kohtz and Coach Jarvis

Girls basketball will start on Monday, November 4th. Try-outs 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.

Cross Country—Mr. Hunter

We had nearly 400 runners compete in our home meet September 5th. Multiple coaches complimented the entire Valley community for executing a smooth meet. It took a lot of help to get it done. Thank you Mrs. Lamun, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Kohtz, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Lukes, Mrs. Hardy, Mrs. Pearson, Mrs. Meek, Mr. Lancaster, Mr. Recendez, Mr. Buschhorn, Mr. Grigsby, Kayleigh Talbot and Andrew Gomez for your efforts. The meet simply wouldn't happen without Mr. Hardy's assistance. While our support crew helped execute the meet, our Valley runners competed very well. Every returning Valley runner improved their time from last year. We can't ask for more than that and are proud of our runners.

College and Career Readiness-Mrs.Elorrieta

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 14 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in Mrs. Elorrieta's room #126 at Valley High School. Parents of seniors and students already in college: the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) opens October 1, 2019. Many colleges will make priority financial aid decisions by December 1st; you should plan to have the FAFSA completed within the next two months. More information can be found on the FAFSA website <https://fafsa.ed.gov/> or visit Mrs. Elorrieta's website at www.vhsfacs.org. The student and at least one parent or legal guardian will need an FSA ID <https://fsaid.ed.gov/> before applying for FAFSA. Do NOT delay the FAFSA process. If you have any questions, please contact Toni Elorrieta or Risa Moffitt at the school (208) 829-5353 or email elorrieta@valley262.org

Trick or Treat for Community Baskets - BPA/FCCLA — Mrs. Elorrieta

"Save your change!" BPA and FCCLA high school students will be Trick or Treating for Community Baskets on Monday, October 28 from 6:00 - 8:00 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 92 children. Thank you for your support! We couldn't do it without you.

Wounded Warrior—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 or display board at the school and during the football game on October 4th against Glenns Ferry. We will also be taking donations that night to help in this worthy cause. Thank you for your support.

From the Lunch Room

Remember to send money for your child's lunch. You may also fill out a free/reduced form to see if you qualify. The deadline for free or reduced applications is October 4th. If you have not sent money or made payment with Mrs. Kelso in the kitchen you are charging, which is not allowed.

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Business Professionals of America—Mrs. Gordon

Welcome to the 2019-2020 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 are due by October 31st. For additional information please contact Mrs. Gordon at gordon@valley262.org or in Room 124. This year's events have already gotten underway! We have had a membership drive BBQ to introduce members to each other and answer questions. We will be carving pumpkins together in October as we discuss and prepare for our competitive events. Regional Leadership Conference is scheduled for December 4th at Minico High School.

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 (208)-829-5961. Thank you for helping to keep our school and community healthy!

Mini Cheer Camp—Coach Codi Van Sickle

The cheerleaders will be putting on a mini cheer camp for preschoolers through 6th grade. The camp is a fundraiser for Valley Cheerleading program. The cost will be \$20 and will include a shirt. Camp will be held October 8th-10th after school from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the old gym. Participants will learn cheers, dance, stunts, jumps, and kicks. A presentation for family and friends will be held on October 11th during half time of the Varsity football game. Sign up forms will be sent home from your childs' classroom soon.

Fall Band Concert—Mr. Eiler

Our Fall Band Concert will be held on October 30th at 7:00pm. Come and enjoy a Heroes & Villains night.