

# Valley Newsletter

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## Reading Development and Parental Support-Mr. Anderson

There is a lot of research dedicated to literacy development in young children. One especially important key to literacy development is the interaction between parent and child. Building literacy and language skills helps children be kindergarten ready, but also moves children from the continuum of learning to read, to reading to learn. Researchers have provided a lengthy list of benefits when parents read to their children at an early age. A few of these benefits are listed below:

- Supports cognitive development
- Improves language skills
- Prepares for academic success
- Improves concentration and discipline
- Improves imagination and creativity
- Cultivates a lifelong love of reading
- Reading to your children will develop a solid foundation for literacy, which will serve them well throughout school, work, and life in general.

## Valley School District Literacy Day – Mr. Anderson

Due to Covid-19 virus restrictions on gatherings, we will not hold our traditional literacy night in the commons area. However, during our parent-teacher conference day on Monday, February 8th, we will have a literacy table set up near the elementary office. We encourage parents to stop by and select a free book for your child along with other literacy information. Your child may also choose a bookmark and other reading prizes. Valley staff will be available to help answer questions regarding literacy and your child. We hope to see you on the February 8th.

## Parent Teacher Conferences

Valley Elementary: Conferences will be held February 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Please call the Elementary office to schedule an appointment. Also, if your child is absent from school, please call the office at 829-5961 by 9:00 AM that morning. Thanks!

Middle School and High School parents do not need an appointment. See each teacher in their classroom to discuss your child's progress.

## SCHOOL BOARD

ZONE 1: Kortney Romer  
ZONE 2: Dusty Standlee  
ZONE 3: Jim Ritchie Jr.  
ZONE 4: Matthew Kimmel  
ZONE 5: Kattie Carlquist

## CONTACT NUMBERS

Superintendent: 829-5333  
High School: 829-5353  
Middle School: 829-5961  
Elementary: 829-5961  
Food Service: 829-4107  
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Technology Services: 829-4165  
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## ON THE WEB

[valleyvikings.org](http://valleyvikings.org)



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## **Lumen and Tutoring – Ms. Moffitt & Mr. Hardy**

If parents want to be able to log in to Lumen and check student attendance, grades, etc, they need to stop by the school and ask for their login.

We will have Monday tutoring days from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm on February 1st and 22nd. Parents must provide transportation to and from the school on those Mondays.

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## **Viking Foundation Dinner and Auction – Mrs. Hardy**

The Viking Foundation will not be having the Annual Dinner and Auction this year. However, the Viking Foundation is still committed to providing scholarships to upcoming graduates, as well as future community projects. Thank you for all your support!

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## **Business Professionals of America – Mrs. Gordon**

Congratulations to Madyn Black, Angelica Beltran, Vicky Chaires, & Adam Lukes for qualifying for State Leadership Competition in Video Production Team with 1st place. Their video focused on solving team conflicts due to scheduling constraints.

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## **Drivers Education Class – Mrs. Lamun**

It's not too late to sign up for Spring Driver's Education. Class will begin at 6:30 am Wednesday, February 17. Sign up in the high school office, pay at least \$100, go get your permit at the DMV (don't forget the Idaho Driver's Manual) and we'll see you then. Any questions please contact Mrs. Lamun.

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## **Track – Mr. Hunter**

Our first track practice will be after school on Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. If you have not participated in a sport this season, make sure to have a physical on file with the athletic department.

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## **College and Career Readiness – Mrs. Elorrieta**

For seniors planning to attend college Fall 2021, there are several things that need to be completed soon: 1. Look for a packet (email or traditional mail) from the colleges applied to during Apply Idaho week (October 2020). This packet will include login information. Each student should try the username and password to check accessibility. 2. Apply for housing through the school's portal. 3. Apply for scholarships – also through the portal. 4. Apply for outside scholarships. There are many listed at [www.vhsfcs.org/scholarships](http://www.vhsfcs.org/scholarships). Most scholarships will close before March 1, 2021. Don't wait until the last minute. 5. Check the financial aid portal to see if verification documents are required. Apply now for FAFSA if you haven't already! 6. Ask 3-5 people for letters of recommendation. A variety of recommenders are preferred – school, community, employer, ecclesiastical. I am available to meet with students and families in an individual or small group setting to assist with school access, FAFSA, and/or scholarship applications. Please email me at [elorrieta@valley262.org](mailto:elorrieta@valley262.org) if I can be of assistance or to set up an appointment.

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### **Boxtops for Education – Mrs. Lukes**

Earning Boxtops for our school has changed. You now need to download the Boxtops for Education app to your phone. It is very easy, all you need to do is scan your store receipt within 14 days of purchase and it will automatically credit Valley's earnings online. I am still able to send unexpired boxtops that you are able to clip off boxes, but most products now need to be scanned using the app. Please consider downloading the app, our school used to receive several hundred dollars during the school year and now we only receive around \$30. If you have any questions please feel free to call Jenny Lukes at 208-829-5961 or message me on DoJo. Thank you!

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### **Sport Attendance Changes – Mr. Hardy**

The Valley School District has updated our procedures on spectators at athletic events. Starting January 28th, for all home Junior High & High School basketball games or wrestling matches in the new gym, we will allow 300 spectators. Guaranteed admission to (2) guests for each athlete from the visiting & home teams will be reserved. That will occupy around 100 spots. People on this list can come at any time without worrying if there will be room.

The remaining 200 spots will be on a first come, first served basis for both the visiting & home teams. If you really want to come, please arrive early. Fans can stay for both the JV & Varsity games if they want. Once we hit 300 people in the gym we will not allow anyone else in. We currently do not have an online ticketing option or any other way to do advanced ticket sales. We don't want to turn anyone away, but we have to follow the state guidelines. I hope to see many of you that have patiently waited this year at the upcoming games. If you have questions, please email me at [hardyb@valley262.org](mailto:hardyb@valley262.org). Thank you and Go Vikings!

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### **Valentine's Day Carnation Sale -The Senior Class of 2021**

The Class of 2021 is selling red and pink carnations and sugar cookies from February 2nd to the 10th. The carnations will be \$3 apiece and the sugar cookies are \$2 a cookie. They can be ordered from 11:30- 12:00, Tuesday to Friday, in the school cafeteria. You can attach a note to the flowers if desired. The flowers will be delivered at the end of the school day on Friday, February 12th. For parents who want to order flowers or cookies for their children, contact Katie Christensen at (208) 308-5862. All the money made will go towards the senior class funds, including Senior Sober and graduation.

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### **From the Lunchroom – Mrs. Kelso**

We are still serving FREE breakfast and lunch to all children 1-18 years of age until the end of the school year. If you are homeschooling or have little ones at home come to the lunchroom and pick up a breakfast between 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. or lunch from 11:00-12:30. You may also pick up both at the lunch time. Calling ahead to 208-829-4107 is a good idea but not necessary. Remember to wear a mask when entering the school building. Please come support your Valley School District food service department.

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