

Valley Newsletter

September 2020

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Superintendent Notes—Mr. Anderson

South Central Public Health Department (SCPHD) Covid-19

Recommendations. The public health agency recently updated its regional response to the Covid-19 virus (August 2020). The agency has published a Risk Level Plan as a way to provide information and recommendations to the public. The goal of the regional risk level plan is to protect the health and wellbeing of residents, prevent overwhelming our first responders, and minimize the impact to local economies as much as possible while still protecting public health. Valley School District is working closely with SCPHD and our school nurse to follow the published guidelines. At this point in time the guidelines have placed Jerome County in a moderate (yellow) risk category. The mitigation strategies SCPHD have recommended in this category, Valley School District are following. We are calling these recommendations the 3W's: Wash Your Hands Frequently, Watch Your Distance around others, and Wear a Face Covering to protect you and others. These particular strategies are being applied once you enter our buildings with as much practicality as possible. The students, staff, and parents/guardians have been excellent adapting to our plan. We also have guidelines per the Idaho High School Athletic Association in regards to participating in athletics. Again, Valley is being as practical as possible when applying mitigation strategies during practice and competition. These are unprecedented times as we start a new school year and appreciate your understanding. Valley's goal is clear: we will do our very best to keep everyone safe and to keep our doors open. As we move through the next few months SCPHD will continue to advise and revise their Risk Level Plan. Valley SD will communicate any new information to you regarding risk categories and changing mitigation strategies.

State Department of Education Blended Learning Grant. The Valley School District was awarded a new blended learning grant amounting to over \$100,000. The district will use the funds to purchase new laptops. Our goal is to have the ability to assign devices to all students in the district and integrate technology strategies into our curriculum. We hope to have our goal completed in the next several months.

Txtwire Messages—Mr. Anderson

If you are new to the district or have changed phones you can "opt in" to our text messaging service. Please follow these directions:

1. Open up text/messages
2. To: 1-877-708-8480
3. In the message type: Valley
4. Click send

We will send out messages and other important school announcements from time to time. If you have questions please contact the district office at: 208-829-5333

SCHOOL BOARD

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

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ON THE WEB

valleyvikings.org

Valley Community Birthday Calendars

Thank you to the Valley community and local businesses who have faithfully supported the Community Birthday Calendar project for the past 20 years. With the increased use of technology to track events and birthdays, it has been decided that the calendar will be retired this year. A special thanks goes out to the many district workers who have graciously donated their time for so many years and to Lana Black for her countless hours every year in organizing and spearheading this endeavor.

Jerome County Fair—Booster Club

Thank you to all of the volunteers that donated their time and energy in making the Jerome Fair parking fundraiser a success! Thank you to the Jerome County Fair Board for this opportunity. Thank you for the muscle in setting up... Ken Hodges, Alan Lancaster, Bern Mussmann, Ryon, April, Kinley and Kellen Jarvis, Brian Hardy, Steve and Corinn Hunter, Shaun Elorrieta, Braden Cantu, Erich Buschhorn, Jeff, Carrie, Greta and Laney Morgan, and Matt and Adam Lukes. Thank you for donating supplies...Rob and Jana Sellers, Road Works Ahead, Steve Fogg with Qualpol, and Franklin Building Supply. Thank you for your time spent at the fair...Vikki and James Meyer, Tara and Bailey Stephens, Pat Burns, Rob and Sonia Stone, Melissa Tattersall, Naomi Wethern, Amy Alves, Rick and Holly Hall, Amy and Kimberly Hinojosa, Megan and Jordan Stubbs, Galicia Hernandez, Jennifer Hardy, Monica Lopez, Shanon and Michelle Taylor, Alex Raney, Cassi Whitaker, Hilary Stubbs, Sean and Katie Christensen, April Jarvis, Lindsey Christopherson, Denise Krieger, Susana Chaires, Marcia Mussmann, James and Jamie Madson, Ken and Shannon Hodges, Todd and Bridget Buschhorn, Jessica, Afton and Alora Godfrey, Brenda and Jakobi Johnson, Jacob and Paulette Shobe, Maria Gutierrez, Jenny Kincaid and Emily Mckague, Matt West, Becki and Journey Fenton, Connie and Alexis VanSickle, Kathrine Brune, Katie Clark, Jeff and Carrie Morgan, Bob and Nancy Staffen, Codi VanSickle, Alfredo and Anna Valdez, Justin and Sarah Johnson, Braden Cantu, Dean, Eden, Raquel, Mackenzie, Logan and Treg Dimond, Adrian and Ofelia Guzman, Jim, Jackie and Rellis Murphy, Kelly, Tina, Cooper, and Karleigh Irish, Matt and Andrew Lukes, and Troy and Beckie Lewis. Thank you for the muscle in cleaning up...Neil Clark, Steve and Corinn Hunter, Hilary, Jordan, Austin and Lukas Stubbs, Alex, Heidi, Evan and Avery Hurtado, and Matt, Adam and Andrew Lukes.

Membership & Homecoming—Booster Club

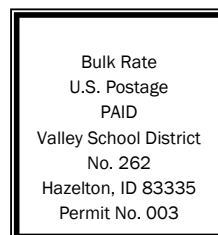
We are beginning a new school year and would appreciate your support as a Booster Club member. The cost for membership is \$25 per family. You can turn in your membership fee to Jenny Lukes by dropping it off at the school office during regular school hours or mail it to Valley Booster Club at 882 Valley Road South, Hazelton, ID 83335. Please make checks payable to Valley Booster Club. Thank you for your support and GO VIKINGS!

Come out and support your Valley Vikings on September 25th as they play against Nampa Christian. The JV play at 4:00pm and the Varsity game starts at 7:00pm. The Booster Club will be serving dinner and goodies from 4:30-9:00pm. Please join us for dinner and cheer on your favorite team!

Fall Drivers Ed Class 2020—Mrs. Lamun

The fall drivers' education class will begin at 6:30a.m. on Wednesday, September 16th. Class will be held from 6:30-7:30a.m. each Tuesday-Friday. Monday classes will be held from 8-11a.m. A parent must attend the first 20 minutes of class on the first day. Class will run approximately through October. Drives will be scheduled in addition to the class hours. The cost is \$200. You may pay in full or at least half before class starts. The balance must be paid in full by the end of class. If we do not get at least 12 we will cancel the class. Your money will be refunded if the class is canceled. You must be 14 ½ before Tuesday, September 15th to be eligible to take the fall class and to purchase a permit. Students MUST have purchased their permit BEFORE class on the 16th. You must purchase the permit at the Sheriff Office. The cost is \$21.50. I will need to make a copy of the receipt on the first day of class. Please get a copy of the Idaho Driver's Manual when you get your permit. This is needed for class and I don't provide them. If you do not have your permit by the first day of class you may not be in the class. No Exceptions! Sign up in the high school office and get the necessary info. and paperwork before going to get your permit. Information is also located on the district website. If you have any questions, please see or call Mrs. Lamun (208) 431-7973.

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Lunch News—Mrs. Kelso

It is that time of the year again to get your free and reduced applications in. We must have a new application each year. Be sure to fill them in completely or they will be denied. The dead line to have them returned is September 30th. If you pay for your student's lunch remember to send money. Kindergarten parents: If you have not done anything yet and your student is eating school lunch you will need to pay for their meals or fill out a free and reduced application to see if you qualify.

Es esa época del año para recibir sus aplicaciones gratuitas y reducidas. Debemos tener una nueva aplicación cada año. Asegúrese de completarlos por completo o se los denegarán. La fecha límite para devolverlos es el 30 de septiembre. Si paga el almuerzo de su estudiante, recuerde enviar dinero. Padres de jardín de infantes: si no ha hecho nada todavía y su hijo está comiendo el almuerzo escolar, deberá pagar sus comidas o completar una solicitud gratuita y reducida para ver si califica.

Welcome Back!—Mr. Eiler

I am so excited to see everyone back at school this year. There are going to be many changes as we work to educate your students during this time. One of the changes that I am making is more on-line assignments. Your student has been assigned an e-mail address through the school that I will be making use of at least once a week. If you would like to read those e-mails, I would be happy to put you on the e-mail list. Send your request to eiler@valley262.org. I look forward to seeing you this year.

Cross Country—Coach Hunter

Cross Country coaches across the state met periodically over the summer to determine a set of best practices for executing meets this season. Part of their recommendations were to either continue with large meets without spectators or have less teams competing so spectators could attend. Valley has chosen to do both. We will host two meets this year. Our first meet of the season, The Valley Invitational, traditionally includes all 1A, 2A and 3A schools from the Magic Valley. Since our first priority is to the kids, we decided to include all schools that wanted to participate and restrict spectators. Our second meet will be on Thursday, September 24th at the Kasota Water Park. There will only be four teams in attendance and spectators are encouraged to attend and support the runners.

Valley Invite

The high school race will be held Wednesday, September 2nd. There will be four races: 4:00 JV Girls, 4:45 JV Boys, 5:30 Varsity Girls (7 max), 6:15 Varsity Boys (7 max)

Middle School race - Thursday September 3rd. 4:00 MS Girls – Staged starts at 4:00, 4:05, 4:10, 4:30 MS Boys – Staged starts at 4:30, 4:35, 4:40. Both races will be spectator free races. Only participants, coaches and Valley race helpers will be allowed on the course.

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Valley Kasota Quad

High School only race beginning at 4pm. Teams to be announced. Please watch the Valley Activities Facebook page for schedule updates.