



Valley Newsletter

March 2020

Valley School District Supplemental Levy—Mr. Anderson

On Tuesday, March 10, 2020, Valley School District will seek a renewal of our supplemental levy totaling \$600,000 for the next two years (\$300,000 a year). This is an ongoing supplemental levy that will not change your tax rate. Our supplemental levy is used to help pay for a certified teacher, five paraprofessionals, extra-curricular busing, and full day kindergarten. Our district feels it's important to have adequate staff and programs to give our students an appropriate and quality education. **Polling stations will be held at the Valley School District's Old Gym on Tuesday, March 10th from 8:00am to 8:00pm.** We would like to thank our patrons for their continued support of our schools!

School Attendance—Mr. Anderson

According to the National Center for Educational Statistics there is an obvious correlation between classroom grades and student attendance. Students who attend school on a regular basis (90% or higher) show greater achievement than those students who do not. However, just as important, when a student does not show up for school it reduces the teacher's ability to provide learning opportunities. Our teachers, staff, and administration emphasize the importance of attending school on a regular basis starting in kindergarten. Success in school starts with showing up!

Homework Club—Mr. Anderson

Valley Middle School and High School will be running an afterschool Homework Club starting Tuesday, March 10th. The program will be open 3 days a week, Tuesday through Thursday, and run until May 7th. The Homework Club will be available to any secondary student (6th through 12th) who may need a quiet place to study or finish assignments in an after school setting. Students would need to report to the library at 3:50pm and could stay, if needed, until 5:15pm. The program will be supervised by one teacher and one parapro. Students will need to make sure they have secured their own transportation. Students, if you need a quiet place to finish your work and/or need some guidance with an assignment please show up.

Parent Survey—Mr. Anderson

Parents are encouraged to take our school survey by typing in the link below or by following the link on our district website, www.valleyvikings.org. The surveys will be open from **February 18th through March 31st, 2020.** We appreciate your responses.

Parent survey link: <https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/127100/p31698>

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High School Attendance—Ms. Moffitt

This is just a reminder to parents and students of the importance of school attendance. We are not even to the end of the 3rd quarter and already in the high school we are seeing way too many absences, many of which are going to affect students receiving credit for classes and possibly graduation. 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 a student misses class, unless they are participating in a school activity, it counts as an absence. Parents we need your help to ensure your student's success.

Cold and Flu Season—Mrs. Richardson

Cold and flu season is upon us at Valley School. We are concerned about the health of all of our students. Because illnesses spread quickly when students are in the school setting, it is important that they are kept home from school when they are contagious to others, or when they are too sick to function in the classroom setting.

If your child has any of the following symptoms, please **do not send** them to school. If your child becomes sick at school, or if he/she has any of the following symptoms, you may be contacted to take him/her home.

Your child should stay home if he/she has any of these symptoms:

Fever (100 degrees or higher orally)- students should be fever-free, *without medication*, for 24 hours before returning to school.

Severe Cold- especially if it keeps the child awake at night.

Strep Throat- must have been taking antibiotics *at least* 24 hours before returning to school.

Vomiting within last 24 hours-should be able to keep solid foods down.

Diarrhea within last 24 hours- should have a solid bowel movement before returning to school.

Rash/Skin Infections-especially with fever or itching.

Eye Infections- teary, redness, swelling, yellow drainage.

Head Lice- until child is lice and nit free.

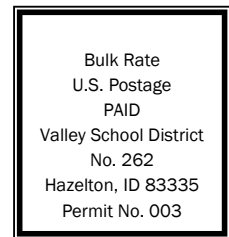
We are starting to see cases of the flu. The Flu Shot is helpful, but some strains of the flu are not susceptible to the shot. It is sometimes difficult to distinguish the flu from other causes of respiratory illness. Some of the signs and symptoms of the flu caused by the influenza virus are: **Fever /Chills, Cough, Headaches, Body Aches, Fatigue, Sore Throat, Runny or Stuffy Nose.**

If you suspect your child may have the flu, even if they received the Flu Shot, please contact a healthcare provider.

The best way to prevent the spread of illnesses is to wash hands frequently and thoroughly. Make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. If you are unsure, or have question about whether your child is well enough to come to school, please feel free to contact me or a health care provider.

Thanks for your help in making our school a safe and healthy place for our students to learn!

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Valley Greenhouse—Mrs. Meyer

Attention Flower Lovers! This year, in addition to old favorites, we are selling some new colors and varieties of flowers. Our class picked some favorites. Here is a list of flowers we will have available this spring: Celosia Ice Cream Mix (look them up, they are pretty), Geranium: Pinto Coral; Pinto Deep Red, Petunia: Easy Wave Lavender Sky Blue; Headliner Night Sky; Headliner Pink Sky, 1Portulaca Stop Watch Mix (Moss rose), Snapdragon Rocket. The class is attempting to start other varieties from seed. We hope to provide you with many choices. We will keep you updated in the April newsletter.

BPA State Leadership Conference—Mrs. Gordon

State Leadership Conference will be March 12th - 14th in Boise, Idaho. 22 Valley BPA members are traveling to compete in open events as well as attend valuable workshops. This year the students will have an opportunity to learn from a nationally known blogger, speaker, author, and expert leadership trainer, Odell Bizzell. We also have planned a tour of the Idaho Capital, a business and industry tour, and a business etiquette dinner lesson. Students will gain valuable knowledge and contacts that will help them in school and with future success. Valley BPA appreciates all the support from school administrators, parents, and the community to get us this far every year.

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 the Valley Cheerleading program. The cost will be \$20 and will include a shirt. Camp will be held April 7th-9th after school from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Participants will learn cheers, dance, stunts, jumps, and kicks. A presentation for family and friends will be held on April 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the old gym. Signup forms will be sent home from your child's classroom. In prior years this has been very successful and a lot of fun for all involved. Picture opportunities will be available. We thank you for all the ongoing support.

Viking Foundation—Mrs. Hardy

The Viking Foundation would like to thank the community for all their support for the Annual Dinner and Auction that was held on Friday, February 7th. This year we did a spaghetti dinner and silent auction the same night as a boys' basketball game and we had an amazing turnout. We greatly appreciate all those that supported this event either by providing donations, purchasing auction items or attending the spaghetti dinner.

We would also like to thank the Snug Bar and Grill for catering the dinner, Brent Hardy for the decorations, the Valley Lunch Ladies for the cinnamon rolls, the Valley custodians and students for setup and cleanup and Valley School District for their continued use of the facilities.

The Viking Foundation provides scholarships to graduating seniors, as well as help fund community projects. Your support of the Viking Foundation is greatly appreciated.