Valley Newsletter



February 2019

School Safety-Mr. Anderson

The State of Idaho, Division of Building Safety, recently held a meeting for school district leaders on school safety. The DBS is recommending changes to how schools respond to lockdowns, and in particular, threatening situations on school campuses. As we have witnessed over the last 10 years or so, life threatening incidents in public and private venues from theaters and malls to offices and schools have resulted in a wide variety of response protocols. The lessons learned from these varied settings has helped guide the development of response protocols to appropriate measures that schools are now adopting today. Valley is no exception. Based on the recommendations from the Division of Building Safety, our district will be making changes to our response to critical safety situations, lockdown procedures, and evacuation planning. With the help of our county law enforcement personnel we will start practicing these new procedures in March with our faculty, and then simulation drills with our students in April. If you have questions about our safety protocol measures please don't hesitate to call the district office.

Prior safety measures adopted during the 2017-2018 school year:

- One door entry to the building.
- Camera installation at every entry point.
- Full time Student Resource Officer.

Parent Teacher Conferences- Mrs. Kohtz

Valley Elementary: Conferences will be held February 11th from 10:00AM to 7:00PM. 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 9.00AM that morning. Thanks!

Boys & Girls State—Ms. Moffitt

Boys State and Girls State, sponsored by the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary, is a week-long program in June for juniors in high school where teens make the law! Students gain hands-on experience in state, country, and city government by running for office, establishing "laws," and touring the state capital. Attendees will have scholarships and college credit opportunities, as well as the chance to attend Boys Nation or Girls Nation in Washington D.C. For more information, leave a message at 208-731-6197.

SCHOOL BOARD

ZONE 1: Elizabeth Jones

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ZONE 4: Mark Okelberry

ZONE 5: Kattie Carlquist

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Band-Mr. Eiler

Greeting from the Music Department! With Spring Semester here the band is preparing for Solo and Ensemble in March and festival in April. But before that comes the Junior High Honor Band will perform on February 6th at the King Fine Arts Center at Burley High School. The band is also gearing up for District and State games for our wonderful Girl's and Boy's Basketball teams. We wish our players and coaches the best! Go Vikings!!

Residential Status Update-Mrs. Gallentine

Parents and Community Members,

At this time, the school district is asking for assistance to renew student/family residential information. If your residential status has changed, please contact the office or Mrs. Gallentine at 208-829-5353.

The residential statuses include:

- In a shelter, motel, car or campsite (en un refugio, motel, el coche o el camping).
- With more than one family in the house or apartment due to loss of housing or economic hardship (Con mas de una familia en una casa o el apartmento debido a la vivenda or dificultades economicas).
- With friends or family members (other than parent/guardian) (Con amigos o miembros de la familia, de otra manera que padre/guardian).
- In a house or apartment (en una casa o el apartmento).

If there are any questions regarding residency, please contact Mrs. Gallentine at 208-829-5353.

Mr. VHS 2019—Mrs. Gordon

Spirit week will be February 5th – 8th celebrating our winter sports. A variety of activities will take place throughout the week and end with Mr. VHS on Friday, February 8th at 6:00 pm! Mr. VHS is a senior boy pageant where they will display their formal wear, talents, sportswear, and answer an impromptu question. A panel of judges will judge each event and one boy will be awarded the next 2019 Mr. VHS! Each boy will be auctioned off after the event in exchange for three hours of work. This event is a fundraiser to help the Valley Business Professionals of America students attend State at Boise, Idaho in March. Previous years fundraising has allowed students to attend with little to no cost to them personally. Many students were given the opportunity that might not have been financially possible without our amazing community's support. Tickets will be sold during lunch hours the week of the event. Tickets are \$2 in advance / \$4 at the door and kids under 10 are free. BPA is very thankful for the past support from the community and looks forward to an enjoyable evening in 2019!

The following boys have been nominated for the 2019 Mr. VHS: Braydon Bronson, Nikoli Carlquist, Salvador Castro, Adam Elorrieta, Zack Gomez, Masen Moffitt, Zane Mussmann, Jadyn Peltier, Jacob Schilz, and Jeremiah Schilz.

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Free Cavity Prevention Clinic—Mrs. Richardson

Delta Dental of Idaho will be conducting a free dental sealant and fluoride varnish clinic for students in 1st, 2nd, 7th, and 8th grades. This service is being offered at the school for free. There is no cost associated with this service, and at no point will Medicaid or private insurance be billed. The service is being offered at the school on February 27th, 28th and possibly March 1st.

Sealant and fluoride help prevent many cavities. If your child already has sealants, sign them up to make sure their sealants are in good shape and to make any repairs. Children with braces can still receive sealants and fluoride varnish. Children coming will receive a free toothbrush and timer. They will also bring home a paper letting you know what services were provided.

Your child will be bringing home a permission slip and information sheet. Please sign and return it to their classroom teacher in order for them to receive this service.

FCCLA Random Acts of Kindness Month-Mrs. Elorrieta

"RAKtivist" is short for "Random Acts of Kindness activist". Think of RAKtivists like kindness ambassadors. RAKtivists are everywhere. The student who stops to hold the door open for a teacher with her hands full? The commuter who offers their bus seat to an elderly passenger? The person who leaves a kind note for someone who is blue? They're all RAKtivists. Anyone who believes kindness can change the world and who inspires hope and generosity with their actions as much as their words... they're a RAKtivist. You have the power to Pay It Forward through Random Acts of Kindness. Join our chapter during February by becoming a RAKtivist. Remember: You can do a lot, or you can do a little, but whatever you do, DO SOMETHING! To learn more, visit www.randomactsofkindness.org

Spirit Week—Student Council

The High School is holding its Spirit Week starting on February 4th. We are kicking the week off with a girls' basketball varsity tournament on February 4th at CSI. Then on Tuesday we are dressing up as Scrabble letters. Next on Wednesday, we are dressing up with Blue, White, and Black colors to show our Viking Pride. After school on the 6th, the basketball boys' team has a senior night game vs. Oakley. Battle of the Fans will be held that night to show our pride for our teams. For Thursday, we are dressing up as teachers and staff of the Valley School District. To end the week, we are dressing in Tacky Thrift Store outfits. The outfits don't specifically have to be from the thrift store, just something that looks tacky. The support of the community and students at the games would be great. Thank you.