

Valley Newsletter **May 2021**

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Superintendent Notes –Mr. Anderson

Valley's Opening Plan for the 2020-21 School Year – At the start of the school year we opened our schools with a plan to mitigate the Covid-19 virus. Our plan, approved by the Board, offered a wide array of strategies that were recommended by the CDC and local public health. The guidelines we adopted focused on these strategies:

- Increase our daily cleaning procedures. Classrooms and high traffic areas were disinfected and wiped down consistently and often.
- Physical distancing, where appropriate, was established. We made every effort to space tables and desks effectively, we established new foot traffic patterns, and changed how our cafeteria would serve breakfast and lunch.
- We made every effort to increase the ventilation in the schools.
- We mandated the wearing of face coverings or masks after entering the building.
- We limited the number of guests entering the building at one time, with limited number of people attending indoor activities.
- We put forth a monitoring plan to check for symptoms with our students and staff, and established a quarantine protocol.

Our goals were simple. We wanted to keep our doors open for face-to-face learning, and we wanted to keep our staff and students safe. The leadership team feels we have nearly completed this task. We only have a few weeks left of school and we will continue to be diligent. We realize the mask mandate has now become optional but we will continue to abide by the other protocols that are in place. Again, our goal is to finish the year strong by keeping our doors open for face-to-face learning, and to keep staff and students safe. We appreciate the community's support and help. It has not been an easy year but we hope our students have had some sense of normalcy, and certainly hope things return to normal for the 2021-2022 school year.

Al comienzo del año escolar, abrimos nuestras escuelas con un plan para mitigar el virus Covid-19. Nuestro plan, aprobado por la Junta, ofreció una amplia gama de estrategias recomendadas por los CDC y la salud pública local. Las pautas que adoptamos se centraron en estas estrategias:

- Incrementar nuestros procedimientos de limpieza diarios. Los salones de clases y las áreas de alto tráfico se desinfectaron y limpiaron de manera constante y frecuente.
- Se estableció el distanciamiento físico, en su caso. Hicimos todo lo posible para espaciar las mesas y los escritorios de manera efectiva, establecimos nuevos patrones de tráfico peatonal y cambiamos la forma en que nuestra cafetería serviría el desayuno y el almuerzo.
- Hicimos todo lo posible para aumentar la ventilación en las escuelas.
- Exigimos el uso de cubiertas faciales o máscaras después de ingresar al edificio.
- Limitamos el número de invitados que ingresan al edificio a la vez, con un número limitado de personas que asisten a las actividades en el interior.
- Presentamos un plan de monitoreo para verificar los síntomas con nuestros estudiantes y personal, y establecimos un protocolo de cuarentena.

Nuestras metas eran simples. Queríamos mantener nuestras puertas abiertas para el aprendizaje cara a cara, y queríamos mantener seguros a nuestro personal y estudiantes. El equipo de liderazgo siente que casi hemos completado esta tarea. Solo nos quedan unas pocas semanas de clases y seguiremos siendo diligentes. Nos damos cuenta de que el mandato de la máscara se ha convertido en opcional, pero seguiremos cumpliendo con los demás protocolos vigentes. Nuevamente, nuestra meta es terminar el año con fuerza manteniendo nuestras puertas abiertas para el aprendizaje cara a cara y para mantener seguros al personal y los estudiantes. Agradecemos el apoyo y la ayuda de la comunidad. No ha sido un año fácil, pero esperamos que nuestros estudiantes hayan tenido un cierto sentido de normalidad y ciertamente esperamos que las cosas vuelvan a la normalidad para el año escolar 2021-22.

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Alternative High School - Ms. Moffitt

The Valley School District will introduce a new high school for the upcoming year. The school board approved the creation of an Alternative High School. This school will include course offerings, teacher/student ratios and teaching strategies that are designed to serve at-risk students. Students who are not on track to graduate may be eligible. Look for more information available soon!

COVID Vaccine Clinic – Mrs. Richardson

South Central Public Health District will be holding a community Covid vaccine clinic at Valley School on Wednesday, May 5th from 2:00-3:30 in the cafeteria. This is a walk-in clinic, and Pfizer vaccine will be given. The clinic is open to everyone ages 16 and up. For 16 and 17-year-olds, a parent must be present OR a COVID-19 Immunization Screening Form must be signed by the parent prior to the clinic. Forms will be available in the elementary office for any students who need them. The 2nd dose will also be given at the school on May 26th from 2:00-3:30. The school will be open May 26th, even though school will no longer be in session. For questions or additional information, please call the school nurse, Mrs. Richardson, at 208-829-5961.

Senior Sports Pictures—Mr. Hardy

Students that will be seniors in the 2021-2022 school year that have participated in athletics will have the chance to be a part of the athletic photo banner for next school year. Pictures will be on Monday, May 24th at 10:00am in the new gym. Please talk to Mr. Hardy before school gets out and tell him which team uniform you want to wear. This is your chance to be on the sports banner for all of next school year. Please show up and be a part of the team.

Athletic Awards Night—Mr. Hardy

We have some changes in the Monte Andrus Athletic Awards evening this year. First, I had to change the date from what I had originally told Mrs. Lukes and the Valley Booster Club. We will pass out awards on Thursday, May 6th starting at 7:00pm. The second change is that we are not going to have a dinner this year. We invite parents and other family members to attend and celebrate the teams and their awards on this night. We encourage our student-athletes to dress up and make this a special night. Thank you for your support and if you have any questions please contact me.

Valley Greenhouse – Mrs. Meyer

We have plenty of petunias, moss roses and tomatoes of many types. You can find an order form at www.valleyvikings.org, at the school offices, email greenhousefx@valley262.org, or call the school at 208-829-5353. You can pick up your plants during school days until 4:00 pm. Please have all orders picked up no later than May 17th by 4:00 pm. Here are other times available:

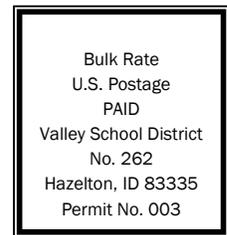
- May 3rd 9:00 am-2:30 pm
 - May 5th 6:45 pm - 8:00 pm
 - May 8th 9:00 am - noon
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Spring Break 2022 Trip – Mrs. Lukes

Mrs. Lukes is advising a World Strides trip to Washington DC/NYC during spring break of 2022. This is a terrific opportunity for the students (parents may sign up too) to spend 6 days and 5 nights seeing sights such as the Ford Theatre, 911 Memorial, Changing of the Guards at Arlington, a Broadway Show, and much more! There is financial assistance and fundraising opportunities to help pay for the trip, as well as the opportunity to make monthly payments. A packet was sent home with the students. If you need more information or have questions, please email me at lukes@valley262.org.



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Walk to the Park – Mrs. Lukes

The students have been logging hundreds of miles this spring for our walking challenge. We are planning to walk to the Hazelton City Park on Wednesday, May 19th to celebrate a successful 2020-2021 school year. At the park, we will participate in some fun, physical activities, eat lunch, and head back to school to catch the buses. Parents are needed to direct activities, be looking for a note being sent home in the next coming weeks.

Basketball Camp—Mr. Hardy & Mrs. Hall

We are excited to bring in a quality basketball camp for boys & girls that will be in grades 7th-12th next school year. It will be held at our school on June 16th-18th. The schedule will go from 9:00am to noon, have a 45-minute lunch break, then continue from 12:45pm to 3:45pm each day. The camp will be run by staff members from Court Sessions in cooperation with Valley High School & Valley Middle School coaches. Cost will be \$200. This will be an intense camp and a wonderful opportunity to improve while also staying close to home. Please contact Mr. Hardy for a registration form or if you have any questions.

Hello Music Parents! – Mr. Eiler

In the next few weeks, I will be sending out the final recordings from your wonderful students. What started out as an experiment has turned into a wonderful experience for your children. I am so excited for you to hear the wonderful progress that they have made over the year.

I will be coming around to the 5th grade classes and talking about band for next year. I would like as many students as possible to enjoy band. Yes, you can play in the band and be in sports as well. If your child is interested, I will send a note home for your information. The only thing you have to do this Spring is sign up for band in 6th grade. I will give you more information next fall when we get back.

Your students have been amazing this year! They have helped me immensely with their wonderful attitude and willingness to make the music class work. Whatever next year brings us, your students have shown me that they can face the challenge.

Summer Library in the Park Continues! - Mrs. Cauhorn

We are so happy that the Jerome Library and the Viking Foundation will be bringing books to the Hazelton Park again this year! Beginning Tuesday, May 27th at 10:00 in the morning there will be books available to check out for all ages with a free library card sponsored by the Viking Foundation. If you have not participated in the past, the library will create a new card for you on that day or anytime during the summer. This program is available to everyone in the valley community. Thank you Viking Foundation for your continued support!

YOU DID IT!
Congratulations



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