



December 2017

Valley Newsletter

Attendance—Ms. Moffitt

This is just a reminder to parents and students of the importance of school attendance. In the high school we are seeing way too many absences and tardies, many of which are going to affect students receiving credit for classes. 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 (home sick, doctor visits, etc.) a student misses class, unless they are participating in a school activity, it counts as an absence. ANYTIME a student is more than 15 minutes late to class it counts as an absence. Also, 3 tardies in a class equals 1 absence. Parents we need your help to ensure your student's attendance in school and therefore ensure your student's success.

WHAT IS STEM?—Mr. Anderson

STEM is a curriculum based on the idea of educating students in different content areas - science, technology, engineering, mathematics - in an interdisciplinary and applied approach. Rather than teach the four disciplines as separate and discrete subjects, STEM integrates them into a blended learning environment based on real-world applications. Computational thinking, problem-solving, innovation, and collaboration are the areas of focus in a STEM centered classroom.

At Valley Middle School, Mrs. Van Sickle was the recipient of a \$2,500 through the Idaho STEM Action Center. Through a hands-on approach her students will be using the STEM concepts to build an interactive project. The idea is to Make learning fun by sharing ideas and working together through the disciplines of math, science, technology and English. Congrats Mrs. Van Sickle on your Idaho STEM award!

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Important Dates—Mrs. Kohtz

Important dates for December: The canned food drive to collect non-perishable items for the community Christmas baskets will be December 5th-15th. Students in grades 2nd-5th will attend the Nutcracker play in Burley on December 8th. All students in grades K-5 will attend a field trip to the movie theater in Burley on December 15th to see Ferdinand. Our elementary holiday concert will be held on December 20th at 10:00 AM.

Book Fair—Mrs. Hunter

Thanks to everyone who came and supported the Book Fair. As always, proceeds raised through this event are used in the library for books and materials. It was successful and your help is appreciated.



Walking Challenge—Mrs. Kohtz

October was WALK-tober at Valley Elementary! Students in kindergarten through fifth grade participated in a walking challenge to encourage kids to make healthy choices. The challenge began October 3rd and ended October 31st. Valley Elementary Students logged a total of 4339.75 miles. Our elementary school won a cash prize of \$500 this year to use toward playground equipment.

Book Mobile—Linda Mecham, Jerome Public Library Director

Jerome Public Library would like to know if there is interest in the community for a book mobile service. This service will come to the school for children to have access to check out reading books during the summertime; like a mini library on wheels. If it is something that interests you and your family please respond at lmecham@ci.jerome.id.us

The Giving Tree is READY!! - Mrs. Elorrieta

When doing your Christmas shopping, don't forget a gift for the Giving Tree! For those of you unfamiliar with this program, there will be gift tags for children on a tree in my room at the school - Room #126 beginning November 21st. Take a tag and **purchase a new toy for a child**, then return the unwrapped gift (tag included) to Mrs. Elorrieta's room by Tuesday, December 12. If you forget a tag but find a great buy, you can bring toy donations to my room and I will match these with children on the Giving Tree list. These gifts will be given to children from our community through the Valley Community Helpers Christmas Basket initiative. Last year there were 105 children from the Eden-Hazelton community that received gifts. If you take a tag(s), please list your name on the clipboard by the tree with the details from the tag. If you can think of a family in need, please talk to Mrs. Lee or me and one of us will check to see if an application has been submitted by the family. The elementary will also be collecting **canned goods**. This is part of the same project. There are many ways to give, including your time on Friday, December 15th or Saturday, December 16th. Please ask for details if you are interested.

Below is a picture of a previous year's donation effort before the families arrived. Boxes of food and presents for the kids are ready for pickup. It is a very rewarding service project! Thank you for your generous support of the Christmas Baskets.



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Basketball—Valley Recreation District

The Valley Recreation District will be offering (in person) basketball registration for kid's grades 3rd-6th on Friday December 1st from 6-7 pm and Saturday December 2nd from 9-10 am in the commons area of the school. All detailed information will be posted on our website. The cost is \$30 with a shirt and \$20 without. The shirt is the reversible jersey used for both soccer and basketball. The registration deadline for this program will be December 18th. We are also currently offering online registration on our website (valleyrecreationdistrict.com). This process is simple and only requires creating an account. Your account is secure and only accessible to you and hopefully will make things more convenient. Just click on the "create account button" located in the upper left corner of our home page and fill out the questionnaire. This is a onetime process and will remain there throughout the duration of your involvement with the programs offered by the Valley Recreation District. You can access your account and make changes anytime you want. Once this is completed go back to our home page and click on the basketball registration window and complete the registration process. The online fees will have an additional 3% + \$2 processing fee. The online registration will open on November 27th and close December 18th. You can also click on Parent Resources for more information. We cannot offer signups during school hours. If you have any questions please contact Rob Grant at 208-731-5022.

State Cross Country—Coach Hunter

Kelsey Henry placed 7th. Garrett Christensen finished 9th and Ben Christensen capped off a productive and rewarding Cross Country running career at Valley with a State Championship! The boys team brought home the 3rd place team trophy.

