

Valley Newsletter

October 2016

Elementary News—Mrs. Kohtz

I would like to thank all of the parent volunteers and Katie Christensen with Valley SOS for organizing another successful Jog-A-Thon. I would also like to thank all members of the community who gave pledges to the elementary students. We are looking forward to purchasing playground equipment for our elementary children. Thank you! Also, Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up on Oct. 24. Please call the elementary school at 829-5961 to schedule your conference. We look forward to seeing you!

Flu Shots- Mrs. Richardson

On the afternoon of Wednesday, October 12th, starting at 2:30, South Central Public Health District, (SCPHD), will be coming to Valley School to administer vaccines. Information and immunization signature cards will be sent home with students next week. Because studies of last year's nasal spray vaccine showed that the injected vaccine was more effective, nasal spray vaccines are not available this year. Parents must be present for their child to have the injected shot. After your child and any other family members receive the vaccine, you will be able to take your child home. SCPHD will be offering shots to our students, parents, siblings and community members. Immunization signature cards and a copy of your insurance card are due in the office by October 5th. The vaccines will be administered to eligible students starting with the lower grades and continuing up through the high school. SCPHD will bill private insurance and Medicaid. **If your insurance requires prior authorization, please obtain this before the date of the clinic.** If your child does not have insurance, you will be billed for the services. **No payment will be taken at school.** SCPHD hopes that offering the flu vaccine at school will make it easier for you to get your child vaccinated. Flu is still the 6th leading killer in Idaho and accounts for 4.5 days of absence from school. Protect your children with a flu vaccine along with plenty of fruits and vegetables, regular exercise, adequate sleep, and frequent hand-washing.

Cross Country— Mr. Hunter

We hosted the first XC meet of the year which had over 350 runners on Sept 1st. Thanks to all those who helped in some way: Mr. & Mrs. Elorrieta, Mrs. Meek, Ms. Moffitt, Linda Johnson, Chris Meyer, Dina Grant, Mr. & Mrs. Hardy, Sean Christensen, Christi Kincaid, Kassie Whitaker, Mr. & Mrs. Henry, Mr. & Mrs. Dimond, Mr. & Mrs. Pauley. We have 29 runners competing this season. Middle School runners are Garrett & Kyle Christensen, Alejandro Recendez, Isaac & Luke Giles, Evan Allen, Logan Dimond, Kelbi Lewis, Caitlyn Whitaker, Vicky Chaires, Kimberly Hinojosa and Mary Meyer. The high school team is composed of MarieSol Vivanco, Kelsey Henry, Hannah Buschhorn, Mackenzie Dimond, Analine Gonzalez, Kade Pincock, Nate Rogers, Omar Recendez, Ben Christensen, Javier Urias, Lucas Tryznka, Jonathan Meyer, Adam Elorrieta, Nikoli Carlquist, Masen Moffitt, Salvador Castro and Seth Pauley. The last middle school meet is in Gooding, October 11th. Gooding hosts a recreational kids race at 4:00pm. Any runners up to 5th grade can participate. Go to the Gooding Golf Course if you are interested.

SCHOOL BOARD

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ZONE 5: Kattie Carlquist

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ON THE WEB

valleyvikings.org

Idaho Child Find– Mrs. Hardy

Child Find is a service of the Idaho State Department of Education and your local school district. The purpose of Child Find is to identify children who may have individual needs that result from disabilities or developmental delays. Child Find helps determine if a child has a disability and what kind of educational services would best meet his or her needs. If you think a child between 3 and 21 years of age may require special education or other related services, please contact Jennifer Hardy (Special Education Director, Valley School District) at 829-5961 or 829-5353. If you think a child from birth to age 3 may require early intervention services, call the Idaho Careline at 1-800-926-2588.

Preschool Screening

Valley School District is looking for children ages 3-5 that may be delayed in the following areas:

- *Cognitive (thinking and reasoning)
- *Motor (physical movement such as running, jumping, balancing, coloring or manipulating objects)
- *Social/Emotional
- *Behavior
- *Communication (speech and/or language)
- *Self-Help (toileting, eating, or dressing)

If you have a child or know a child experiencing problems in any of these areas, please contact Jennifer Hardy or Becki Fenton at 829-5961 for a FREE screening. A checklist of developmentally appropriate skills can also be obtained free of charge by calling the above number.

Homecoming Dinner—Booster Club

There will be a Homecoming Dinner on OCTOBER 14th from 5:30-8:00 at the concession area by the football field. In the case of an earlier JV game, dinner will be served earlier. The Booster Club will be serving cheeseburger, hamburger, and hot dog meals. Please join us for dinner and cheer on the Valley Vikings!!!

Show Me the Money—Mrs. Elorrieta

FAFSA, Merit Aid, Pell Grant, Scholarships, Subsidized Loans, Work Study! Navigating the Financial Aid vocabulary can be overwhelming and confusing. This month the “Show Me the Money” series will focus on the topic of Financial Aid 101 and the basic concepts parents and students need to understand when budgeting for college. All high school students grades 9-12 and their parents are invited to attend this meeting on Monday, October 10 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in Mrs. Elorrieta’s room #126 at Valley High School. Parents of seniors: you and your student should apply soon for an FSA ID and begin the FAFSA process (FAFSA opens October 1, 2016). More information can be found on the FAFSA website fafsa.ed.gov or visit Mrs. Elorrieta’s website at vhsfacs.org (password: vikings).

Spring Break Trip Europe 2017—Mr. Ayers

Hi everyone! The count down is on for our next European trip! I will be hosting a meeting on Monday, October 3rd at 6:00 to discuss the upcoming trip and to answer any question our travelers might have. If anyone new is interested in traveling please attend the meeting, we would love to have you join us. The meeting will be held in Room 107 (Mr. Ayers’ room) in the middle school hall. Please use the north doors to enter. If you are unable to attend please contact me to ensure you have all necessary information.

Reduced Lunch Forms– Lunch News

Parents, please remember to fill out a new free & reduced lunch form before October 4th. If your students are free or reduced from last year eligibility runs out on October 4th. If a new form is not returned and approved, students will be on paid status and you are responsible for these fees.



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Music Notes—Mr. Hanchey

Happy Fall everyone!!! What a wonderful time of the year filled with the harvest, cooler weather and exciting holidays just around the corner. I am excited to announce that we are at record numbers in our band program with almost 90 students 6-12th grade. This year I am thrilled to invite you out to our **Halloween Concert; Zombies, Movies and More on *Wednesday, October 26th at 7:00pm***. This concert will feature our 6th grade band and 7-12th grade band. Come out and show your support for music in our schools and listen to our wonderful band students!!!! We will also be hosting our annual **Halloween Costume Contest** for Elementary Aged students at the concert. Please arrive early to register for the competition. There will be lots of fun prizes for the top three costumes and of course door prizes for all costumes.

Don't forget elementary Christmas program rehearsals will start soon and Mr. Hanchey will be looking for boys and girls who are doing great in class to get special parts. If you are interested in helping decorate/paint props for this year's Christmas program, please drop me an email. Also, if you or anyone else has a good working band instrument you would like to donate to the school, please contact the front office and they will get you in touch with me or you can email me at hancheyr@valley262.org. If you don't have an instrument but would like to find out how you can help please call or email, there are always things that we are looking for.

Lastly to stay more updated with assignments, tests and news for the band classes please sign up on remind.com.

New Staff—Mrs. Black

I was born in Salmon, Idaho and moved to Jerome when I was in middle school. I am the oldest in my family. I graduated from Jerome High School and so did my 9 siblings. I was raised on a dairy farm south of Jerome and have lived there for 48 years. I went to college at Ricks (BYU-Idaho now) and CSI. I married my best friend Kent from Utah. We have raised 5 kids who have given me 6 beautiful grandchildren. Once my youngest went to school I decided to go back and get my degree in teaching. I thought, "Why sub when I could finish and get a job." It was a goal I always had to be a teacher. I started in Jan 2001 and went straight through the summers and graduated from Idaho State University in May of 2004. My husband and kids were so awesome to help me meet this goal. I also put 3 of my kids through high school during that time. I was hired by the Jerome School District where I taught 1st and 3rd grade at Jefferson Elementary for the last 12 years. I am excited to be teaching 5th grade with its challenges. I enjoy working with the students and desire to help them love learning. I believe it is never too late to learn something new.

Trick or Treat for Community Baskets—BPA/FCCLA

"Save your change!" BPA and FCCLA high school students will be Trick or Treating for Community Baskets on Monday, October 24 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Members will go door-to-door with Christmas stockings to Trick-or-Treat for change. ALL money donated will be used to purchase Christmas gifts for children in the community in coordination with the Valley Community Helpers Christmas Basket initiative. Last year, your donations helped provide gifts for 115 children in our community. Thank you for your support.

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