

# Valley Newsletter

December 2016

## 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 visit, 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.



## School Board

ZONE 1: Elizabeth Jones  
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ZONE 4: Mark Okelberry  
ZONE 5: Kattie Carlquist

## Basketball - Valley Recreation District

The Valley Recreation District will be offering basketball registration for kids grades 3rd-6th on December 2nd from 6-7 pm and December 3rd from 9-10am in the commons area of the school. All detailed information will be posted on our website. The cost is \$25 with a shirt and \$15 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 offering online registration on the website ([valleyrecreationdistrict.com](http://valleyrecreationdistrict.com)). This process is simple and only requires creating an account. Your account is secure 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 one time 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. The online fees will have an additional 3% + \$2 processing fee. The online registration will open on November 30th and close December 18th. We cannot offer signups during school hours. If you have any questions please contact Rob Grant at 208-825-5021.

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## Walking Challenge - Valley Elementary

October was WALKtober at Valley Elementary! Students in kindergarten through fifth grades participated in a walking challenge to encourage kids to make healthy choices. The challenge began Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> and ended Oct 31<sup>st</sup>. Valley Elementary students logged a total of 7,863 miles. Each individual student logged at least 10 miles and the school averaged 29.75 miles per student. Fifth-grader Tex Godfrey completed the most miles individually with a total of 160 miles logged for the month of October! Valley competed with 79 other elementary schools from all over the state of Idaho. Nine schools were awarded a \$2,000 dollar prize for having the highest average miles walked per student within their region. One school was awarded \$3,000 for being the top overall mile per student winner in the state. Valley was that winner!! Congratulations to all of our students, teachers, and student-volunteers who worked to make this happen!

## On the Web

[valleyvikings.org](http://valleyvikings.org)

## Cross Country- Mr. Hunter

Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, the boys won their 4<sup>th</sup> straight District Championship. Team scores were Valley 32 , Castleford 45, Xavier Charter 74, Oakley 78. Ben Christensen lead the Vikings with a very close 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish behind Henry Raff of the Community School. Omar Recendez (7<sup>th</sup>), Adam Elorrieta (8<sup>th</sup>), Nikoli Carlquist (13<sup>th</sup>), Lucas Tryznka (20<sup>th</sup>), Javier Urias (22<sup>nd</sup>), Jonathan Meyer (23<sup>rd</sup>) were our top seven runners. We had eight of the twelve runners set season best times. Some of the biggest time improvements came from our running rookies, Seth Pauley, Masen Moffitt, Salvador Castro and from our seniors Kade Pincock and Nate Rogers. Kade and Nate have been the foundation of our team these last four years. Their efforts to improve themselves and their teammates exemplify what Cross Country is all about.



The girls team was lead by Kelsey Henry in 5th and Hannah Buschhorn in 8th. They both qualified individually for the state meet at the Portneuf Wellness Complex in Pocatello, October 29<sup>th</sup>. We are proud of and happy for the improvements MarieSol Vivanco, Analine Gonzalez, and Mackenzie Dimond were able to make during the season. They will all be back next season.

Kelsey and Hannah ran well at the state meet. Hannah finished 29<sup>th</sup> and Kelsey finished in the medals by getting 12<sup>th</sup>. The boys team was able to put together a solid day and managed a surprise 4<sup>th</sup> place finish. Ben nearly pulled off a come from behind victory finishing one second behind the 1<sup>st</sup> place finisher. Ben's time was the 21<sup>st</sup> fastest time of the day in all classifications and the fastest of all Magic Valley runners at the State Meet.

The team sends a big thank you to our parents, booster club, Ms. Moffitt, Mr. Hardy and the school board for treating us so well. We had a fun and rewarding season.

## Book Fair- Mrs. Hunter

Thank you to everyone who supported the Valley School Library Book Fair in November. It was a success as always. Your library uses the funds generated from the fair to buy books and other supplies for your library. Thanks!

## Music Notes- Mr. Hanchey

Happy Holidays from the Music Department!!! It's the most wonderful time of the year again... Holiday Concerts. I hope your holiday season is off to a good start. In the music department, we are hard at work getting prepared for our Christmas Concerts this year. Get into the Christmas Spirit by coming to the first of our Christmas concerts this season, "Sleigh Rides and Christmas Trees," by the Jr. High and High Schools Bands on Friday, December 16th at 7:00pm. Our concert will feature exciting music including Leroy Anderson's Holiday Classic "Sleigh Ride", A Fantasy on "O Tannebaum" and many more surprises. At the end of the concert we will be having our second annual Valley Community Christmas Carol sing-along. Come out for an evening of fun music making. We hope to see you there!

The Elementary Christmas program this year will be a unique concert entitled a "Soldiers Christmas" to pay a special tribute to our veterans past and present and especially for those who have ever had to be away for the holidays. Come join for this musical tribute that combines exciting patriotic tunes, heart felt tributes and Christmas Carols to honor our Veterans and share the joys of the season. Our program is on Wednesday the 21st at 10:00am in the Old Gym. This program is sure to pull at your heart strings and warm you up with hope and cheer. Mark your calendars, invite any and all veterans you know, take the day off, or call in sick. The students and I really hope to see you there!!! Also, we would like to remind you of concert etiquette. Just like when you go to the movies please don't talk, try to stay seated at all times and please keep little ones as still and quiet as possible, that way everyone can hear the wonderful music our students are making. Thank you for leading by example.

As part of our special tribute this year we would like to invite all Elementary students to bring a copy of a picture or a copy of a collage of pictures of Veterans that have played an important role in their families life (family members, friends, neighbors, etc.). We will be using the copies during one of our special tributes to honor our veterans. Please make sure to work with students on their singing parts and also please make sure your 5th graders are practicing their Christmas recorder songs.

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## Drivers Education - Mrs. Lamun

Our next Dr. Ed. class will begin in February! This gives you plenty of time to get your class fees and permit. Students who are 14½ and want to be in the spring class must sign up in the high school office and pay at least 50% of the class fee (\$100) as well as go to a DMV and purchase a permit. Students must bring their receipt from the DMV to the office so we can make a copy to keep on file. Both of these things need to happen *before* the first day of class. We need a minimum of 12 students to hold a class and by doing this we will know in advance if we need to cancel the class. If the class is cancelled the class fees that were paid will be returned. Your permit is good until you are 18 so you can use it for the next class. When at the DMV students need to get a copy of the Driver's Manual. I do not provide them. They are free and will be required for the class.

## Giving Tree- Mrs. Elorrieta

FCCLA is helping the Valley Community Helpers collect new, unwrapped gifts for children. Money from Trick or Treat for Community Baskets will be used to purchase many of the gifts, but we will need additional donations to meet the need this year. The Giving Tree will be set up in Mrs. Elorrieta's room at the school. Take a tag from the tree and buy a gift for the child listed (ages 0-18). The Giving Tree will have tags from November 29 - December 9, and all gifts need to be donated by Tuesday, December 13. You can bring your gift to the high school, US Bank in Hazelton, or to one of the local churches. If you want to donate, but can't get to the school for a tag just call for the information or bring in your gift and we will match it to a tag. This is a great way to teach your own children the "Gift of Giving." Please contact Toni Elorrieta at the school if you have questions (school 829-5353 or cell 731-6570). Thank you for your support.

## Elementary- Mrs. Kohtz

### Elementary-Important Dates

December 6th-16th - Canned food drive

December 9th - Holiday movie

December 21st - Holiday Concert at 10:00am

## Canned Food Drive

Students K-8 are competing to see which class can bring in the most non-perishable food items (canned goods, cereal, boxed foods). Please check the dates to make sure the food has not expired. Please bring food to your classroom teacher Tuesday, December 6th through Friday, December 16th.

