

# Valley Newsletter

## March 2019

### Superintendent's Notes—Mr. Anderson

State Code on school attendance: Idaho Code 33-202 states that parents or guardians are required to have children ages 7 through 16 enrolled in and attending public, private, or parochial school.

Valley School District's policy on school attendance: The intent of Valley School District is to have students attend school on a regular basis. Regular and consistent attendance results in increased learning. All students registered at Valley Schools must be in attendance in each classroom 90% of the time when that class is in session. No credit will be granted to students missing more than 9 days per semester.

Information from the National Center for Educational Statistics:

- \* Chronic student absence reduces even the best teacher's ability to provide learning opportunities.
- \* Students who attend school regularly have been shown to achieve at higher levels than students who do not have regular attendance.
- \* The relationship between attendance and achievement may appear early in a child's school career.
- \* Absenteeism in kindergarten was associated with negative first grade outcomes such as greater absenteeism in subsequent years and lower achievement in reading, math, and general knowledge.
- \* High school dropouts have been found to exhibit a history of negative behaviors, including high levels of absenteeism throughout their childhood, at higher rates than high school graduates.
- \* Students who eventually dropped out of high school missed significantly more days of school in first grade than their peers who graduated from high school. In eighth grade, this pattern was even more apparent and, by ninth grade, attendance was shown to be a key indicator significantly correlated with high school graduation. Success in school starts with showing up!

### SCHOOL BOARD

ZONE 1: Elizabeth Jones  
ZONE 2: Dusty Standlee  
ZONE 3: Jim Ritchie Jr.  
ZONE 4: Mark Okelberry  
ZONE 5: Kattie Carlquist

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### ON THE WEB

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

### State Wrestling— Mr. Anderson

I'd like to recognize our high school wrestlers who qualified for State competition:

1. Adan Coria
2. Evan Allen
3. Tito Garcia
4. Zach Ross
5. Luis Cervantes

Congratulations and Good Luck!



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## **High School Attendance– Ms. Moffitt**

This is just a reminder to parents and students of the importance of school attendance. We are not even to the end of the 3rd quarter and already in the high school we are seeing way too many absences, many of which are going to affect students receiving credit for classes and possibly graduation. 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 a student misses class, unless they are participating in a school activity, it counts as an absence. Parents we need your help to ensure your student’s success.

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## **Viking Foundation Dinner—Mrs. Hardy**

Saturday, March 16th at 6:00 P.M. is the annual Viking Foundation Dinner & Auction. Grilled Tri-tip & Fried Chicken catered by The Snug Bar and Grill will be served. Cost per person is \$25.00. You can buy your tickets at the school office, at the door or from a Viking Foundation Member: Lana Black, Brent Hardy, Jennifer Hardy, Dusty Standlee, Davee Mussman, John Reed, Shannon Hodges, Matt Kimmel and Brittany Wise. Proceeds from the dinner and auction fund scholarships and community projects. The Foundation will be honoring Brian Hardy... Thank you Pat for your service, we appreciate the work you do!!

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## **Sleep in Heavenly Peace—Mrs. Elorrieta**

“No kid sleeps on the floor in our town” is the mantra for an organization called Sleep in Heavenly Peace, <https://www.shpbeds.org>. Founded in Kimberly, ID, this non-profit was created to build beds for children and has exploded into more than 120 chapters nationwide. In May, the Senior class will host a build in the upper parking lot near the field house. They will need to raise \$3,000 in the next three months to fund the build. The beds built by the senior class will stay in our own community. To make a donation, please make your check payable to Valley High School with “Sleep in Heavenly Peace” in the memo. For more information, please contact a VHS Senior or Toni Elorrieta at (208) 829-5353 / [elorrieta@valley262.org](mailto:elorrieta@valley262.org). If you know of a child in need of a bed, fill out an application at <https://www.shpbeds.org/request-bed>.

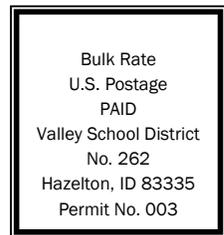
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## **Mr. VHS Winner—Mrs. Gordon**

Congratulations to Masen Moffitt, Valley High School’s Mr. VHS 2019!! He not only won the honor of being Mr. VHS 2019 but also received a free prom tuxedo from Cameo Special Events in Burley, a personalized Mr. VHS t-shirt, and Mr. VHS 2019 plaque. Competition was tough with paintball competition, Christmas dance routine, a “spicy” cooking show, high jumping, and baseball coaching. I would like to personally thank each contestant for their hard work and participation in Mr. VHS. This was one of my easiest years as an advisor putting on the show because of the young mens’ work ethic and excitement. I also want to thank the BPA members for their hard work and dedication to make sure the night was successful. I especially want to thank BPA President, Gavin Hyde, and BPA Vice-President, Henry Talbot, for all the extra hours they put in to help plan this event. Valley’s Business Professionals of America Club would like to send out a huge thank you to the community for supporting the event. Mr. VHS was a huge success and will allow 17 BPA members to travel to Boise to compete at State Leadership Conference to improve their academic, leadership, and community skills. They have an opportunity to gain valuable knowledge and contacts that will help them in school and with future success.



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## Family Wellness Night—Mrs. Lukes and Mrs. Clark

**Happy  
St. Patrick's  
Day!**

Please put April 4th on your calendar as a night not to miss! Join your child (K-8) for a Family Wellness Night on April 4th from 6:30 P.M.– 8:00 P.M.

## Spring Drivers Education—Mrs. Lamun

We are still in need of a few kids for spring Drivers Education. We are postponing starting until March 6. If you will be 14 ½ by then, and are interested, sign up in the high school office, pay at least half of the \$200 fee, and go to the DMV to get your permit. Don't forget to get a Driver's Manual. Class will be from 6:30-7:30am Tuesday - Friday and Monday from 8-11am. Hope to see you then!

## School Wellness Policy—Mrs. Kelso

There will be a meeting for anybody who would like to be on a School Wellness Policy Committee. This policy will cover all aspects of wellness, fitness, and nutrition, as well as other school based wellness activities. We need parents, students, and community members who would like to help form and monitor this policy. There will be a meeting on Thursday March 21st at 7:15 A.M. in the commons.

## Taste It Don't Waste It—Mrs. Kelso

Congratulations to Evony Valencia! Evony won a poster coloring contest sponsored by the kitchen staff and Mrs. Lukes. The poster theme was "TASTE IT DON'T WASTE IT!" For winning the contest she was able to pick her favorite menu to be served. She selected Baked Cheese Sandwiches and Tomato Soup, celery sticks with peanut butter, peaches, and milk. It was a cold day and was a perfect lunch to keep the students warmed up. Great job Evony!

