



Valley Newsletter

December

Superintendent Notes— Mr. Anderson

Bus Safety

MidCo Bus Co. and Valley School District would like to remind parents of elementary age children (K-5), there are several protocols in place when riding a different bus, other than their normal route home, or if your child is an unregistered rider on the bus. Due to safety and liability reasons we ask that parents send a note to the school with the following information:

1. Your students' first and last name.
2. Parent or guardians' first and last name.
3. Contact phone number of the parent.
4. The intended destination address.
5. The bus number that the student will need to ride.

Please note, the bus company will not let children board the bus without the above mentioned information. Also, if the the drop off location is NOT on MidCo's route sheet they will not be able to drop off your child at that location. Again, our goal is to make sure children reach their intended destination safely. We ask for your help in this matter, and if you have questions please call the following numbers.

MidCo Contact #: 208-733-8003, Valley School Contact #: 208-829-5961

Valley Volleyball

A big shout out to our volleyball team, coaches, and their fans. The volleyball team not only won the district title and a trip to the state playoffs, but were recognized as IHSA 2019 Academic Champions in volleyball, for all D1 schools. We appreciate your hard work in the gym and in school. During the state tournament Valley High School was also recognized for winning the 2019 State 1A D1 Volleyball Sportsmanship Award. Nice job, and thank you for all the support.

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. 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 you student's success.

Spring Drivers Ed — Mrs. Lamun

Be thinking about Spring Drivers Ed! Our next class will begin in February. If you will be 14 ½ by then, and are interested, sign up in the high school office. Class will be from 6:30 to 7:30 am. and 8-11 on Mondays. The cost is \$200. You must pay at least half when you sign up for the class. You must also go purchase a permit at the DMV and get a Driver's Manual. These are needed for class and I don't provide them. Get the list of things you need to take with you before you go. They are available in the high school office or on our website. One thing you will need is your birth certificate. If you don't have yours get it now to be ready for the spring class. Any questions, ask Mrs. Lamun or call 829-5961 and leave a message.

SCHOOL BOARD

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

CONTACT NUMBERS

Superintendent: 829-5333
High School: 829-5353
Middle School: 829-5961
Elementary: 829-5961
Food Service: 829-4107
Special Service: 829-5961
Technology Services: 829-4165
District Fax: 829-5548

ON THE WEB

valleyvikings.org

The Giving Tree — Mrs. Elorrieta

The Giving Tree is READY!!! FCCLA is helping the Valley Community Helpers collect **new, unwrapped toys**. 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. Gift tags for children are on a tree in Room #126 at the school. Take a tag and **purchase a new toy for a child**, then return the unwrapped gift (tag included) to Mrs. Elorrieta's room by Friday, December 6th. You don't need a tag to make a toy donation, just deliver it to the high school or US Bank in Hazelton and it will be matched with a child 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 80 children from the Eden-Hazelton community that received gifts. There is also a **canned food drive** being held in the elementary. This is part of the same project. There are many ways to give, including your time on the evening of Friday, December 13th or Saturday morning, December 14th. Please ask for details (Diane Hohnhorst, Carolyn Lee, or Toni Elorrieta) if you are interested in assisting with assembling the baskets. If you have questions, please email Toni at elorrieta@valley262.org. Finally, a special shout out to those that donated money through the Trick or Treat initiative. We had some BIG DONORS and we appreciate the generosity of our community members. THANK YOU for participating in the "Gift of Giving".

College and Career Prep — Mrs. Elorrieta

Reminder: Individuals attending college next year should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Priority deadlines are quickly approaching. Remind students to get a jump start on scholarships! Did you know that there are many scholarships available for students in lower grades in addition to those for graduating seniors? Please join me for a question and answer session about FAFSA, financial aid, and scholarships on Monday, December 16 at 6:00 pm in Room #126. All parents in the Valley School District are invited to attend but the information will be most pertinent for parents of students in grades 8 - 12. If you can't make it to the meeting but have questions, please email me at elorrieta@valley262.org. I am available to meet with students and families individually in the evening or during the weekend. Opportunity for adult learners: The state of Idaho offers postsecondary scholarship valued at up to \$3,500 per year and is renewable for four years. Last year, 100% of the qualified applicants received the scholarship because of a lack of applicants. For details, please contact Toni Elorrieta or visit <https://boardofed.idaho.gov/scholarships/idaho-opportunity-scholarship-for-adult-learners/>

Music Notes — Mr. Eiler

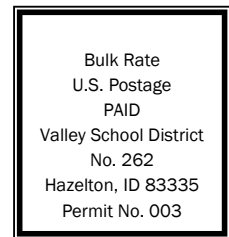
Greetings from the Music Department! Please mark your calendars for our holiday concerts. On December 19th, the bands will present their annual Holiday Celebration at 7:00pm. The elementary will present their holiday concert on December 20th at 10:00am. As always parents may take their children home after the elementary concert. Thank you so much for supporting the Valley Music Department!

Book Fair — Mrs. Hunter

I would like to thank everyone for their patronage at the Valley School Book Fair in November. As always, proceeds from the book fair go towards materials in your library. Thank you!



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Cross Country —Mr. Hunter

Both girls and boys teams adopted a mindset to ‘run happy’ and ‘run for each other’ at the state meet. They did that and more. Utilizing mental and physical toughness, just plain GRIT, led to twelve personal bests and season bests. Both teams earned fourth place trophies. Our Valley runners ran their best when higher ranked competitors had let downs. We reveled in being the underdogs. The team enjoyed the support of parents, grandparents, Valley staff and students. Celebrating together made the day even more enjoyable. As coaches, we extend our thanks to parents for allowing us to spend so much time with these athletes. Coaching them is very rewarding. Thanks to Mrs. Lukes and Booster Club for food on our longer road trips and also the entire Valley School District leadership for continued support.

Youth Art Month — Mrs. Lock

The time has come for Valley to again represent itself in the nationally recognized Youth Art Month flag design competition. Students in grades K-12 from Idaho are welcome to design a flag that responds to the prompt “Take a Journey Through Art.” Winners at the state level will be awarded in the Elementary, Middle, and High School categories with art supplies for both the student and the art classroom. The overall winner will receive five hundred dollars worth of art supplies, and their design will be featured at the 2020 National Art Education Association Conference in Minneapolis, MN. All submissions and paperwork are due to Ms. Lock by Tuesday, January 7th. For more information, please contact Ms. Lock at lock@valley262.org, or go to <https://sites.google.com/view/idahoarted/home>.

Holiday Gift Wrapping Fundraiser — Coach Codi

The Valley Cheerleaders will be wrapping presents in the commons at the school for the holidays. The fundraiser will be on Saturday, December 14th & 21st from 7:00am—11:00am. The presents can be any shape and size and there is no limit on how many they will wrap for you. No gift boxes will be available. Please come and support the cheerleaders while you have a cup of hot chocolate and a candy cane. All donations will go toward cheer uniforms. Merry Christmas!

