

# VALLEY NEWSLETTER



## October 2021

**UN BOLETÍN EN ESPAÑOL IMPRESO ESTARÁ DISPONIBLE EN LAS OFICINAS Y EN EL SITIO**

### **SUPERINTENDENT NOTES – Mr. Anderson**

Covid Updates – The current school year is up and running and Valley has experienced its share of bumps along the way. We have witnessed bus routes shut down due to lack of drivers, the elementary school shut down due to a staff/sub shortage, and attendance rates drop due to various illnesses, including Covid. Most of these situations have correlated with the Covid virus. However, we will continue to move forward. We have Covid protocols and mitigation pieces in place in an attempt to keep things open and kids safe. Obviously, there have been some struggles, and we realize it has caused some headaches for our parents who have had to pick up their child several times. We want to be cautious and keep kids in school and those lines can be blurred at times, however, we are trying to do our level best. Our goals remain to be as unrestrictive as possible but to keep everyone safe and our school open. At this point in time, it has not been an easy path but we're determined to move forward. We would also like to thank all of you for your utmost patience and understanding.

### **SCHOOL BOARD**

ZONE 1: Kortney Romer  
ZONE 2: Dusty Standlee  
ZONE 3: Jim Ritchie  
ZONE 4: Matthew Kimmel  
ZONE 5: Kevin Black

### **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](http://valleyvikings.org)

### **Parent Teacher Conferences – Mrs. Kohtz & Mr. Hardy**

Parent Teacher Conference are coming up on October 25th. Please call the elementary at 208-829-5961 to schedule your conference. Middle and High School students do not need to schedule ahead. Please just come in and meet with all of your child's teachers.

### **Monday Tutoring – Middle & High School**

We will have Monday tutoring days for grades 6-12 from 9:00am to Noon on October 4th and October 18th. Parents must provide transportation to and from the school on those Mondays.

### **Wounded Warrior – Mr. Hardy**

The athletic department will once again be joining the 4th District Coaches Association drive to help raise funds for the Wounded Warrior Project. The past 5 years we have raised money that has been pooled with other schools in the Magic Valley. Last year the coaches association donated over \$13,000 to veterans and families affected by military service. If a family would like to donate to make a \$10 donation, we will create a sign to put up on our display board at the school and during the football game on October 1st against Declo. We will also be taking donations that night to help in this worthy cause but will continue to take donations through Veterans Day. Thank you for your support.

---

## Summer Library Reading Winners! – Mrs. Cauhorn

The Jerome Library gave away 5 prizes to children who tracked their reading during the summer and entered the prize drawing. Congratulations to Andres Martinez, Derek Christensen, Alora Godfrey, Gunner Stubbs and Jaycee Stubbs. Thank you to the Viking Foundation for sponsoring our library cards again this summer. We hope to see even more families take advantage of the Library in the Park next summer. It is a great way to beat the summer slide!

---

## Homecoming Thank You – Booster Club

Thank you to the community for making our annual Booster Club Dinner a great success. We appreciate everyone who came out to support our organization, and our team! Thank you to Mr. Hardy and the middle school for setting up tables, Carrie Morgan, Katie Clark, Kathy Marshall, Jaime Grigsby, and Leo Gonzalez for help in setting up and cleaning up. Thank you to Brenda Rice for making and donating the chili and Jamie Madsen for making the yummy cookies. We could not put on this dinner without the help and support of many! Thank you for your help...Larry and Katie Jones, Derek and Joni Malone, Tina Irish, Jacob Shobe, Mike Schilz, Lindsey Christopherson, Yuri Juarez, Maria Gutierrez, Denise Kreiger, Alex Raney, Andrea Huettig, Junior and Monica Lopez, Holly Juker, Hillary Stubbs, Naomi Wethern, Kathy Marshall, Jacob and Melissa Tattersall, Nancy Staffen, Katie Clark, Carrie Morgan, Brenda Johnson, and Katie Christensen.

---

## A War is Coming! - Giving Tree

Grades K-12 will be competing in a CHANGE WAR November 2 - November 12! Please start saving your **loose change and spare dollars** to help support the Community Basket project. The grade with the highest total collected will win a **pizza party**. ALL money donated will be used to purchase Christmas presents for children in our community. If you have questions or would like to make a donation, please contact Toni Elorrieta [elorrieta@valley262.org](mailto:elorrieta@valley262.org) or send in your change with a student to be added to their class collection.

---

## College & Career Readiness – Mrs. Elorrieta

FAFSA, Merit Aid, Pell Grant, Scholarships, Subsidized Loans, Work Study! Navigating the Financial Aid vocabulary can be overwhelming and confusing. It's that time of year to start thinking about Financial Aid and to consider ways to budget for college or technical school. Students in grades 8-12 and their parents are invited to attend a College and Career Readiness meeting on Monday, October 18 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in Mrs. Elorrieta's room #126 at Valley High School (Please enter the building by the greenhouse. Parents of seniors and students already in college: the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) opens October 1, 2021. Many colleges will make priority financial aid decisions by December 1st; you should plan to have the FAFSA completed within the next two months. More information can be found on the FAFSA website <https://fafsa.ed.gov/> or visit Mrs. Elorrieta's website at [www.vhsfcs.org](http://www.vhsfcs.org). The student and at least one parent or legal guardian will need an FSA ID <https://fsaid.ed.gov/> before applying for FAFSA. **Do NOT delay the FAFSA process**. If you have any questions, please contact Toni Elorrieta at the school (208) 829-5353 or [email elorrieta@valley262.org](mailto:elorrieta@valley262.org).

---

## Fall Pops Concert – Mr. Eiler

The Pops Concert is quickly approaching! The band wants to invite you to enjoy our first live concert in over a year. Featuring music from Pirates of the Caribbean, Henry Mancini, The Incredibles and Journey. We will be in the Old Gym on October 27 at 7:00pm. Come enjoy some live music from some of the best students that Valley Schools has to offer. No charge for admission. See you there.



Valley School District No. 262  
882 Valley Road S.  
Hazelton, Idaho 83335

Bulk Rate  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Valley School District  
No. 262  
Hazelton, ID 83335  
Permit No. 003

Postal Patron Local

ECRWSS

## High School Cross Country – Mr. Hunter

Both boys and girls teams placed 2nd at the Magic Mountain meet. Both teams are working hard and having a good time in the process. Kyle Christensen won the Community School/Wood River meet. The Bob Firman meet was canceled but we will compete in the Dani Bates meet down at Canyon Springs Golf Course on Friday, October 1st. Districts will be held at the Gooding Golf Course on Wednesday, October 20th.

## Suicide Awareness and Prevention – FCCLA—Mrs. Elorrieta

Suicide is considered the “Silent Epidemic” because it’s a topic that is not frequently discussed. Unfortunately, suicide is the second leading cause of death in our nation for ages 10 - 24, behind death due to unintentional injuries. Suicide is 100% Preventable and 1 loss to suicide is 1 too many. September was Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month. During the week of September 21-24, Valley High School students were challenged to learn the warning signs and to take the pledge to not stay silent if a friend or family member is at risk. With your help, we can save more lives. We challenge everyone to raise the national conversation about the “Silent Epidemic” of youth suicide. Download the app “A Friend Asks” to learn more and take the B1 pledge to “Be Aware, Be Able to Identify, and Be Prepared to Act”. For more information visit <http://b1.jasonfoundation.com/> #iwontstaysilent

## Yvette’s Beauty Drive – Yvette Juarez

For my senior project I am collecting beauty products to donate to the Valley House in Twin Falls. Items needed are toiletries and hygiene products that come in sets like shampoo & conditioner, body wash & lotion, toothbrush & toothpaste, hand soap & sanitizer. The Valley House is a shelter for the homeless and a place for people to reach out and get the necessities they need. They are a community funded non-profit 501-C3 homeless shelter for single women, men, and families. With your help and donations, we can make a change in someone's confidence so they can take the next step to landing back on their feet and help them feel beautiful inside and out. I will have boxes set up around Eden and Hazelton October 11th - October 22nd. Thank you for your support.

## Flu Vaccines Coming Soon – Mrs. Richardson

On Friday, October 29th, starting at 7:45 a.m., South Central Public Health District, (SCPHD), will be at Valley School to administer flu vaccines for students, family members, teachers and community members. If students need school vaccines, HPV boosters, or college immunizations, please contact the school nurse, and those vaccines will be made available as well. Information and immunization signature cards will be sent home with students prior to the date of the clinic. Parents must be present for their child to have vaccines. 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. This year it is especially important to get vaccinated for the flu. Symptoms of the flu mimic COVID-19 and may result in additional absences from school. For questions, or to request additional vaccines, please contact Gail Richardson, School Nurse (208)-829-5961. Thank-you for helping to keep our school and community healthy!

Valley Newsletter