

# Valley Newsletter

## January 2019



### From the Superintendent—Mr. Anderson

#### Stakeholder Input

Our district receives federal funds (Title I), to help implement programs and activities. The district has also written a school wide improvement plan, a three-year plan for increasing student achievement, and a district facilities plan. Each year we seek input from the public and parents in developing and revising these plans. Communication and engagement are important goals for the district. The district will provide an opportunity for involvement to discuss and share information on these topics:

- Student achievement
- The school-wide improvement plan
- Title I programming
- Review the Parent Involvement Plan
- Family Literacy Night

Please join us in the school library on **January 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am, or on January 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm**. We appreciate your attendance.

#### Highly Qualified Staff

School districts who receive federal funds are required to report on teacher qualifications. As a parent you may request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher. Regarding the 2018-2019 school year, our district can report that all classroom and content-area teachers are highly qualified and meet the professional standards as required by the state of Idaho.

### New Semester — Valley Leadership

The end of the semester was Friday, December 21st. Parents, please look for report cards being sent home with students mid January.

Parent – Teacher Conferences will be at midterms of the 3rd quarter, Monday, February 11th.

Monday tutoring will be the following days: January 28th, February 6th, and February 25th from 9:00 - 12:00. Elementary students can attend by invitation only so that staff working with elementary students can talk with teachers to ensure they know what assignments must be completed. All Middle School and High School students can attend if they come prepared to work on assignments. Students are not required to be there the entire time but students must be picked up no later than noon.

Thanks!

### SCHOOL BOARD

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

### CONTACT NUMBERS

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### ON THE WEB

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



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## Spring Driver Ed—Mrs. Lamun

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The Spring Drivers Ed class will begin at 6:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 13th. Class will be held from 6:30-7:30 a.m. each Tuesday-Friday. Monday classes will be held from 8-11 a.m. A parent must attend the first 20 minutes of class on the first day. Class will run approximately through March. Drives will be scheduled in addition to the class hours. The cost is \$200. You may pay in full or on a payment plan in the high school office. You must pay \$100 to reserve your space in the class and must be paid in full by the end of class. First signed and paid will have the first priority. If we do not get at least 12 we will cancel the class. Your money will be refunded if the class is canceled.

You must be 14 ½ before Tuesday, February 12th to be eligible to take the spring class and to purchase a permit. Students MUST have purchased their permit BEFORE class on the 13th. You must purchase the permit at the Sheriff Office. The cost is \$21.50. I will need to make a copy of the receipt on the first day of class. **Please get a copy of the Idaho Driver's Manual when you get your permit.** This is needed for class and I don't provide them. If you do not have your permit by the first day of class you may not be in the class. No Exceptions! Sign up in the high school office and get the necessary info and paperwork before going to get your permit. Information is also located on the district website.

If you have any questions please see or call Mrs. Lamun (208) 431-7973.

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## Boys State & Girls State—Ms. Moffitt

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Boys State and Girls State, sponsored by the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary, is a week-long program in June for juniors in high school where teens make the law! Students gain hands-on experience in state, county, and city government by running for office, establishing "laws," and touring the state capital. Attendees will have scholarships and college credit opportunities, as well as the chance to attend Boys Nation or Girls Nation in Washington DC. For more information, leave a message at 208-829-4080.

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## Business Professionals of America – Mrs. Gordon

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We started our journey in September towards the goal of attending three competitive conferences for the 2018-2019 school year. After months of preparation & studying, BPA Members competed at the first of those three competitions: Regional Leadership Conference in Wood River on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to Angelica Beltran, Madyn Black, Kadyn Buhler, Hannah Buschhorn, Jacky Calderon, Vicky Chaires, Crystal Climer, Gavin Hyde, Adam Lukes, Jocelyn Ramirez, Henry Talbot, James Taylor, and Collin Tvrdy on an outstanding representation of Valley. The competitive events chosen included Human Resource Management, Business Law & Ethics, Medical Office Procedures, Fundamental Word Processing, Video Production Team, Website Design Team, Basic Office Systems and Procedures. Angelica Beltran, Madyn Black, Vicky Chaires, and Adam Lukes will advance to State for earning first place in Video Production Team! The other members will advance through Torch Awards, Open Events, and Leadership. The members of Valley BPA will be attending State Leadership Conference in Boise, Idaho on March 7-9. Valley BPA will be hosting Mr. VHS as a fundraiser to send these students to compete at state on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the parents for supporting the students' extra-curricular involvement in BPA as well as to the Valley administration for their excitement and support of the student's achievements.

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### Cold and Flu Notice —Mrs. Richardson

Cold and flu season is upon us at Valley School. We are concerned about the health of all of our students. Because illnesses spread quickly when students are in the school setting, it is important that they are kept home from school when they are contagious to others, or when they are too sick to function in the classroom setting.

If your child has any of the following symptoms, please **do not send** them to school. If your child becomes sick at school, or if he/she has any of the following symptoms, you may be contacted to take him/her home.

**Your child should stay home if he/she has any of these symptoms:**

- **Fever (100 degrees or higher orally)** - students should be fever-free, *without medication*, for 24 hours before returning to school
- **Severe Cold**- especially if it keeps the child awake at night
- **Strep Throat**- must have been taking antibiotics *at least* 24 hours before returning to school
- **Vomiting** within last 24 hours-should be able to keep solid foods down
- **Diarrhea** within last 24 hours- should have a solid bowel movement before returning to school
- **Rash/Skin Infections**-especially with fever or itching
- **Eye Infections**- teary, redness, swelling, yellow drainage
- **Head Lice**- until child is lice and nit free

We are starting to see cases of the flu. The Flu Shot is helpful, but some strains of the flu are not susceptible to the shot. It is sometimes difficult to distinguish the flu from other causes of respiratory illness. Some of the signs and symptoms of the flu caused by the influenza virus are:

**Fever /Chills, Cough, Headaches, Body Aches, Fatigue, Sore Throat, Runny or Stuffy Nose.** If you suspect your child may have the flu, even if they received the Flu Shot, please contact a healthcare provider.

The best way to prevent the spread of illnesses is to wash hands frequently and thoroughly. Make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. If you are unsure, or have question about whether your child is well enough to come to school, please feel free to contact me or a health care provider. Thanks for your help in making our school a safe and healthy place for our students to learn!

### Community Baskets—Mrs. Elorrieta

This was the best year yet! Thank you to everyone who helped with the Christmas basket initiative with cash, food, and toy donations. We could not have accomplished this enormous feat without the help of so many volunteers from our community who gave of their time to make this project happen. The generosity from our community exemplifies the spirit of Christmas and warms my heart every season. A special thank you to the Valley students who participated in Trick or Treat to raise money and the crew that helped me shop for toys. Thank you to my classes for wrapping what seemed like an endless amount of presents. The 81 children who received gifts had a wonderful Christmas this year because of this amazing community. Thank you so much for your generous support!