



Valley Voice

First Day of School

School starts for CVA-Valley on Aug. 31, for Valley School (grades 1-8) and Paideia High School on Sept. 2 and for Valley Early Learning Center and Kindergarten on Sept. 8. Pic from first day of school last year.

Building on Strengths



Kevin Foster
Superintendent

The English word *educate* is interesting. Its Latin root, *educare*, means to *lead out or to bring out*. From that perspective, we can say that what we are really trying to do when we educate, whether it be in school, home, or in the community, is to bring out the best talents in each child and form those talents into strengths. Strong students develop into strong adults who contribute positively to their families and communities.

As we move into the 2015-16 school year, we will continue to focus on developing the strengths of our students and staff. One of the most important foundations for developing the strengths of a group of people is to agree on the values that matter most. Last year, our entire school district staff contributed to identifying a set of ethical and operating principles that we commit to as we work together.

Ethical Principles

- **Respect:** acting in a way that shows others you care about their feelings and well-being.
- **Integrity:** demonstrating sound moral and ethical judgement and action.
- **Positivity:** encouraging and anticipating a successful outcome even in the face of adversity.
- **Trust:** relying on each other's character, abilities, strengths and honesty.
- **Student Centered:** focusing on the unique needs, interests and aspirations of each student.
- **Family Oriented:** respecting families as students' first and most important teachers and partnering with families to improve student success.

Operating Principles

- **Communication:** openly sharing important information in a way that builds mutual trust and respect.
- **Accountability:** accounting for one's actions and accepting responsibility for the results.
- **Teamwork:** contributing individual strengths to achieve the goals of the team.
- **Continuous Improvement:** ongoing efforts to improve district processes and results.

We believe that by living these principles and developing them in our students, our schools will be strong and contribute to improving the lives of the students and families in our community.

This year, I will be emphasizing two of our ethical principles: Student Centered and Family Oriented. One of the strengths of our excellent staff is a focus on the individual needs of each student. Our small size makes it possible to provide highly personalized learning. We will continue to develop this strength by helping all our students set goals for their futures and explore their interests and aspirations. Students are more successful learners when they can connect the effort they are putting into school with their hopes and dreams for the future. Valley School District's value for being Family Oriented is truly our most remarkable and exciting strength. It is very well documented that when families are highly involved in their students' education, the students are much more successful, both academically and socially. We will continue to develop our family involvement by creating and supporting more opportunities for parents to take an active role in student learning, both in school and at home.

The learning programs of our district – Valley School, Paideia High School, Valley Early Learning Center, and Columbia Virtual Academy – each provide great choices for excellent, personalized learning. We are committed to continuing to improve the quality of our programs to meet the changing needs of our families and community. We are looking forward to a great year of learning and growth.



Super Kids for Education



Thank you to all of the families that participated in our “Super Hero” entry for the Springdale Showcase in the Park parade. This was a collaborative entry with our local non-profit early learning programs, including Springdale, EWU, Valley, ECEAP and Head Start. The children enjoyed wearing their capes and throwing candy to the parade crowd and won a Third Place ribbon. Who can resist those cute faces?

Registration Still Open for Fall Drama

NIGHT AT THE WAX MUSEUM THE MUSICAL

Rehearsals get underway the first week of September for the Valley School Drama Club’s fall production of “Night at the Wax Museum,” where hysterical meets the historical in this comic romp through the wackiest wax museum in history! Students in grades 3–8 can still register up until the first day of school, Wednesday, Sept. 2. Try-outs will be that same afternoon from 3:30–5:15 p.m. Production days are Nov. 4–6 with an all-day rehearsal on Friday, October 30. Call 937-2413 for more information. Registration form can also be downloaded from valleysd.org/drama.

New Faces & Places

Students and staff returning to school this year will meet a few new staff members that have been hired over the summer, along with some familiar faces in new places. Valley School Principal Todd Smith has handed the Athletic Director responsibilities over to middle school teacher Josh Clemmer. Third grade teacher Bjorn Ostby has taken a teaching job at Riverside to be closer to his home and family and Kallie Tilla will be stepping in as the new third grade teacher. LaLee Link left her half-time Kindergarten position to take a full-time teaching position at Selkirk and CVA teacher Becky Gregerson will split her time between Kindergarten and a reduced CVA student load. New to the staff is Kathy Leaver, hired to serve as the Valley School’s Math Specialist.

Over at Paideia High School, David Bergman worked last year as a para-educator in place of Amy Gilbert, who was filling the PHS secretary position in place of Willow Johnson. Both David and Amy were officially confirmed in those positions for this year. PHS also welcomes Taylor Hamby to the teaching staff. Taylor will be providing instruction in math, science and language arts, and is taking the place of Ashley Watson, who has retired but will remain available as a sub.

At CVA-Valley, Patti Clark and Vanesa Fry have moved up the hill from the Instruction Resources Center (IRC) to join the CVA Enrollment Team in place of Robin Minaker, who has returned to the IRC, and Melissa Bishop, who has left the district to be a full time mom. Also at CVA-Valley, Hilary Noe has moved from the Special Education Department to work as a CVA teacher.

Positions still open as of press time include: a nurse, two bus drivers, a mechanic, and a girls’ volleyball coach.

Welcome, to our new staff and to staff in new positions, and congratulations!

VELC Summer Update

Submitted by Candace Harris, VELC Program Director

We had a great summer full of fun at the Valley Early Learning Center! We enjoyed multiple visits from the Steven County Libraries for story time, and children were able to earn their super hero patches and yard signs for all the reading and being read to that happened over the summer. We had fun at the Springdale Showcase in the Park, and the Valley Fair. It was a “super” summer. Thank you to all of the families that were here!

This year, children will have the opportunity to learn and grow through daily activities and extended study units. Parents will have the opportunity to participate in parent education events, such as *Love and Logic* and each month there will be an opportunity for families to share in the adventures of the classroom. We have also made our fee schedule easier to calculate in your family budget by presenting it as a monthly tuition rather than on a weekly basis. Rates have not increased and we have included holidays and pro-rated vacation days. Feel free to call 509-937-2652 if you have questions and/or to enroll your child (we have just a few slots left).

We are looking forward to another great year with your family!

Free Resource for Parents

The Valley School is proud to provide free access to The Parent Institute’s daily tips and information on parenting, school and childhood development. Check it out at valleysd.org/parent-institute and on the school’s Facebook and Twitter feeds.

VSD Board Meeting Notice

Upcoming VSD Board meetings are
August 19th & Sept. 16th at 6:30 p.m.

School Board

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Superintendent

Kevin Foster

Non-Discrimination Statement

Valley School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained guide dog or service animal by a person with a disability in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees of the Valley School District at 3030 Huffman Rd., Valley, WA 99181 are designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Danielle Tupek, Title IX Liaison; Janet Williams, Section 504/ADA Coordinator; Kevin Foster, Compliance Coordinator for State Law (RCW 28A.640/28A.642). A complaint regarding alleged discrimination may be made by e-mail to: compliance@valleysd.org, or by calling the district office at 509-937-2791.

Valley School Open House

The Valley School Open House is set for Wednesday, Sept. 9 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. and all families are invited! There will be a welcome from principal Todd Smith and from superintendent Kevin Foster, teacher presentations throughout the school, and free food! Parents can collect their library cards, *What your nth Grader Needs to Know* books, and Skyward Family Access Username, along with information about Renaissance Home Connect and WIN Time. If you have a student at Valley School, this is an event not to miss! For more information, call 937-2413.

Medical Reminder

Parents and guardians: Before the first day of school, please be sure to have your child's immunization or exemption form and, if applicable, doctor's orders form and necessary medications that will be brought to school.

Kindergarten Registration

Valley School is still accepting Kindergarten registrations for students turning five years old before Sept. 1. For more information, call 937-2413.

Daily Summer Activities Reward

Students participating in the Daily Summer Activities program can bring their booklets and/or work pages to the Valley School Open House on Sept. 9 at 5:30 p.m. to collect their final reward coupon and be entered into the drawing for prizes. Final reward party will be Sept. 18. Call 937-2413 for more information.

Child Find

Valley School District offers many academic programs and services for all children residing within district boundaries, including developmental screenings and comprehensive assessments for those suspected of having a disability which could adversely affect their success in school. Early identification and intervention helps children become more independent and achieve at higher levels. Schools provide educational support programs such as Title I, Learning Assistance Program (LAP), special education and speech, physical and occupational therapy. Families experiencing homelessness or with low-income, foster children, and/or children with developmental delay or disability, including speech difficulties, may qualify for preschool services (ages 3-5) at no cost. If you have concerns about your child's development, contact the school to arrange a free screening for speech, hearing, language, motor, social and learning skills. Individuals from birth to twenty-one (21) years of age may be screened and eligible for district services. For more information or to arrange

an appointment, please contact the Special Services Director at (509) 937-2859, or the district administrative office at (509) 937-2791.

Teacher and Paraprofessional Qualifications

Any parent who has a child attending any school receiving Title I funds may request and receive, in a timely manner, information regarding the professional qualifications of the student's classroom teachers. In addition, the parents may also ask whether the child is provided services by a paraprofessional and, if so, his or her qualifications [Section 1111 (6)(A) ESEA].

Parental Involvement

The Board of Directors views the education of students as a cooperative effort among schools, families and the community. Parental involvement in learning activities contributes to student achievement. The Valley K-8 School participates in the federally-funded Title I program and state-funded Learning Assistance Program (LAP), both designed to serve the unique academic needs of students through customized instruction and support. As part of the Title I, Part A program, the district and Valley School encourage the engagement of parents or guardians in its related parental involvement activities, plan and policy development. Information about Title I/LAP support services are provided to families throughout the year and upon request to the Valley School Office, (509) 937-2413.

Citizen Complaints Concerning Federal Programs

Anyone may file a citizen complaint concerning special service programs against a school district or school service provider. A complaint is a written statement that alleges a violation of a federal rule, law or regulation or state regulation that applies to certain categorical federal programs. For more information about citizen complaint procedures, www.valleysd.org/schoolwide-intervention; call the district administrative office at (509) 937-2791 to request a copy; and/or visit the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction website at www.k12.wa.us/TitleI/CitizenComplaint.aspx or call (360) 725-6100.

Valley Community Almanac - September

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| <p>31 CVA-Valley First Day of School</p> <p>2 First Day of School (Grades 1-12)
ESL Workshop - By Appointment Only 4 – 6pm CIP @ the VL</p> <p>3 Chamber of Commerce 11am – 12pm Springdale Fire Station</p> <p>5 “Ham” radio breakfast 9 – 10 am Valley Cafe
Open Computer Lab & Coaching 10am – 12pm CIP @ the VL
Cash Mgmt. Workshop - By Appt. Only 12:30 – 2:30pm CIP @ the VL</p> <p>7 Valley Historical Society Meeting VSD Broadcast Studio 9 - 10am
Valley Community Fair Meeting Valley Grange 6:30 - 7:30pm</p> <p>8 First Day of School (Kindergarten & VELC)</p> <p>9 ESL Workshop - By Appointment Only 4 – 6pm CIP @ the VL
Valley School Open House 5:30pm Valley School</p> <p>12 Open Computer Lab & Coaching 10am – 12pm CIP @ the VL
Cash Management Workshop - By Appt. Only 12:30 – 2:30pm CIP @ the VL</p> <p>14 Valley Grange #1048 Meeting 5:30 – 6:30pm Valley Grange
Springdale Town Meeting 7 – 8pm Springdale Town Hall</p> | <p>16 ESL Workshop - By Appt. Only 4 – 6pm CIP @ the VL
CIP Meeting 5 – 6:30pm Valley School District Broadcast Studio
Valley School District Board Meeting 6:30 - 8pm VSD Broadcast Studio</p> <p>17 Boys' Football vs Kettle Falls 4 pm Valley School</p> <p>19 Girls' Volleyball Tournament 9 am Valley School
Open Computer Lab & Coaching 10am – 12pm CIP @ the VL
Cash Management Workshop - By Appt. Only 12:30 – 2:30pm CIP @ the VL</p> <p>21 Mary Walker School Board Meeting 6:30 – 8pm</p> <p>23 Girls' Volleyball vs Hunters 3:45pm Valley School
ESL Workshop - By Appointment Only 4 – 6pm CIP @ the VL</p> <p>26 Open Computer Lab & Coaching 10am – 12pm CIP @ the VL
Cash Management Workshop - By Appt. Only 12:30 – 2:30pm CIP @ the VL</p> <p>28 Springdale Town Meeting 7 – 8pm Springdale Town Hall</p> <p>30 ESL Workshop - By Appt. Only 4 – 6pm CIP @ the VL</p> |
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Valley School & Paideia High School Supply List

Kindergarten

- A backpack (labeled with child's name)
- 1 school box to hold supplies in desk
- 2 sets of markers
- 2 sets of watercolor paints
- 2 or 3 spiral notebooks (wide ruled preferred)
- 1-2 Pee Chee-type folders for papers
- 1 complete change of clothing (socks, underwear, pants, shirt) labeled in a plastic bag

First Grade

Supplies needed at school:

- 1 school box that "clicks" closed
- 1 set of 8 markers
- 2 boxes 24-ct crayons
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 pair of school scissors (optional)
- 1 personal set of colored pencils (optional)
- 1 pencil sharpener (needed only for colored pencils)
- 1 backpack labeled with child's full name
- 1 pair of gym shoes and socks (kept at school for PE)

Supplies needed AT HOME to complete homework:

- Supply of #2 pencils
- Crayons
- Scissors

Second Grade

- 3 boxes of No. 2 pencils (Ticonderoga sharpen the best)
- 12 pencil top erasers
- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 1 box of markers

- 2 glue sticks with your child's name on them
 - 1 pair of scissors with your child's name on them
 - 1 wide-ruled spiral notebook (single subject)
 - 2 folders (with 2 pockets)
 - 2 regular size boxes of Kleenex
 - 1 small pencil box
 - Tennis shoes for PE (non-marking soles)
- Optional:
- 1 box of colored pencils
 - 1 pencil sharpener for colored pencils

Third Grade

- 2 boxes of #2 pencils (preferably Ticonderoga brand)
- 2 boxes of Kleenex
- 2 packs 3x5 lined index cards
- 4 sturdy pocketed folders (Pee Chee type)
- 2 large erasers
- Package of fine tip markers
- 4 red correcting pens
- Colored pencils
- Box of crayons
- 3 glue sticks
- Hand pencil sharpener
- Pencil pouch
- Spill-proof water bottle
- Non-marking sole gym shoes for PE
- 6 quart-size freezer bags to store flash-cards

Fourth Grade

- 2 or more boxes of good quality wooden pencils

- 1 glue stick
- Fine tip markers
- 1 regular size boxes of Kleenex
- Colored pencils
- Crayons
- Scissors
- 1 spiral notebook
- 5 good quality Pee Chee-type folders
- Pencil erasers
- Zip pouch for pencils, erasers etc.
- Tennis shoes for PE (non-marking soles)
- Water bottle

Fifth Grade

- #2 pencils for all year
- Eraser or pencil top erasers
- 4 red pens
- 1 Backpack or book bag
- 2 spiral/wire notebooks (single subject/70 pages)
- 1 packs of notebook paper (college ruled preferred)
- 1 Box or pouch for pencils and supplies
- 4 oz. bottle of glue or glue stick
- 1 box of Kleenex
- Colored pencils
- 1 pair gym shoes (non-marking soles) for PE

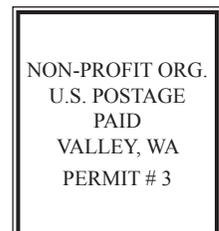
Middle School

- 1 folder for each class/subject (6 total) OR 1" binders to use for 2 classes/subjects (3 total). Please no zippered binders
- Dividers (6 total) if using binder system
- College-ruled notebook paper (either loose leaf OR spiral notebooks)

- #2 pencils/mechanical pencils (with plenty of extra lead)
- Blue/black ink pens
- Pencil pouch
- Highlights (at least 3 different colors)
- Locker lock (either combination or key type)
- 1 box of Kleenex for your 1st period teacher
- Brown paper bags to cover math/science books
- Other useful items/tools
- Scientific calculator
- Colored pens/markers
- Large erasers
- Ruler
- Hand sharpener

Paideia High School Supply List

- 2 notebooks
- 3-ring binder with two inch metal rings
- Dividers (6 subjects)
- Plenty of ruled notebook paper (loose)
- #2 pencils for ALL year
- Mechanical pencils (0.7 mm lead)
- Erasers (two good ones)
- Pens (black or blue ink: no colored gels for school work please)
- 12-inch (30 cm) ruler
- Glue stick
- Highlighters (assorted)
- Protractor
- Drawing compass
- Box of Kleenex
- Reusable water bottle/cup/mug



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Want School Notices?

If you would like to receive phone call notices from the Valley School District about school activities, events and in case of emergency, just let us know! Contact 937-2413 and we'll add you to the auto-call list.