

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Valley Academy

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Valley is excited to welcome our students and their families to the 2014-2015 school year. Every year Valley has made improvements within the school and the upcoming year is proving to be no different.

We have three buses that will be busing children to and from school free of charge! This is something that most charter schools do not accomplish. Please notify the school if your child will be riding the bus and what bus stop they will be utilizing.

Valley will also be serving breakfast! Breakfast is also offered for free and reduced prices. Be sure to fill out your application for free and reduced meals at the office. You must fill one out at the beginning of each new school year.

ACADEMICS

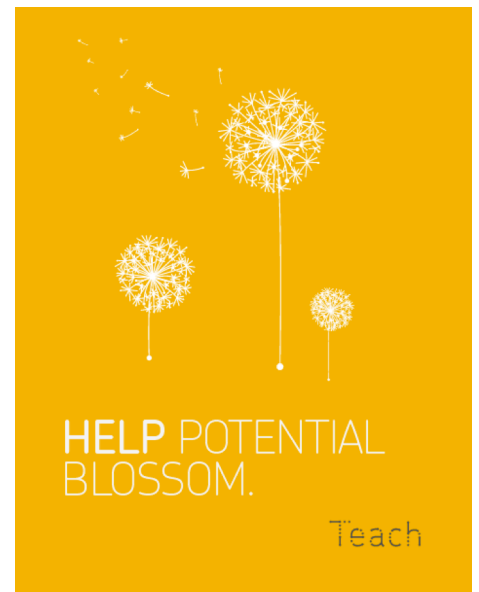
Valley has some new teachers! We would like to welcome Emily Johnson to the kindergarten team, Jennifer Davis to the 3rd grade team, and Kandis White to the 7th/8th grade team. Mrs. Young has moved to first grade, Ben Klepper is back from China and will be teaching Spanish, John Williams is our after school drama instructor, Peggy Childs is our Special Education Director, and Tonya Crunk will also be teaching special education. We are excited to have such amazing teachers instructing your children.

"A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops."

~Henry Adams

TECHNOLOGY

We have 200 new chrome books and are excited to have your children put them to good use. Technology seems to be the heartbeat of the world, and we want the future of America to have access to exemplary technology that will help them research, explore, discover, and learn.



AUGUST EVENTS

8 – MEET YOUR TEACHER

8 – Uniform Recycle Sale

11 – FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

14 – Back to School Night (parents)

18 – KINDERGARTEN FIRST DAY

21 – Board Meeting

30 – PEACH DAYS PARADE

COMMUNITY

The swimming pool will be open on Saturdays through September 1. We know you do not want summer to end just yet, so take a break from schoolwork and the heat and go swimming! Labor Day is their last official swimming day of the season. Hours are from 12:00-7:00 p.m.

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

August 15th Marvin and Jessie will visit the students at Valley Academy and teach them about responsibility. Parents please model this skill for your children and compliment them when you notice them being responsible. Leading by example is key, because children do as we do.

Social Emotional Learning is a vital part of a child's education. Everyone has emotions and is guided by those emotions. When we learn to identify our emotions and use them to guide us with knowledge, we can make informed decisions about our lives. SEI is one of Valley Academy's pillars, and we appreciate your support as we help your children come to know themselves, choose themselves, and give of themselves.

What if every child was fluent in the language of emotions, able to make careful choices, and committed to making the world a better place?

PERFORMING ARTS

Miss Stacy has moved to the portables and is excited to have a nice large room in which to teach music.

Ms. Wade is excited to welcome students to her dance studio at the school. The first half of the year will be used to teach basic dance fundamentals and lots of ballet. (Don't panic hip/hop and jazz kids, she will keep things mixed up for you.) The winter dance recital will be a fun rendition of *The Nutcracker!*

Mr. Williams is excited to begin after school drama for the 4th through 8th grades.

"The object of art is to give life shape." ~ William Shakespeare

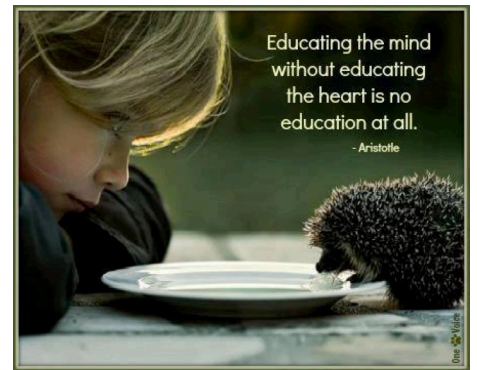
MORE IMPORTANT NEWS

HEALTH & FITNESS

Valley is excited to offer a P.E. program for the upper grades this year. Our new 7th/8th grade teacher, Ms. White, will be teaching P.E. The younger grades will continue to have P.E. once a week as well.

PTO CORNER

The PTO has some really fun things planned for this year. Not only fun activities for students and their families, but also some wonderful fundraising activities to help earn money for our school. Please join them the first Thursday of every month and share your ideas. You can also email them. pto@valleyacademycharter.com



OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

UNIFORM RECYCLE SALE

Has your child outgrown their uniforms? Do you want to save money? Come to Valley Academy Friday, August 8 at 10:00 a.m. and buy your child gently used uniforms.

PEACH DAYS PARADE

Valley will be participating in the Peach Days Parade on August 30. Look for more information later in the month as to what your child should wear for the parade, what time to arrive, and where to line up.