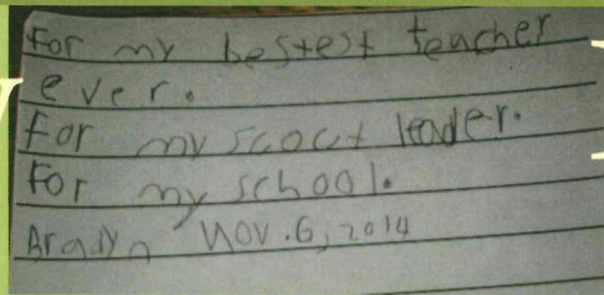


# Friday Facts



As you can see many people are thankful for Valley Academy and the teachers that diligently strive to make your children's education successful. Bradyn, a first grade student, wrote about it in his daily gratitude journal, a parent wrote a top 10 list, and another student impersonated his teacher for Halloween. Valley would like to thank all the stakeholders for helping make Valley an enjoyable center of learning.

November 7, 2014

## Upcoming

- Nov. 11 Veterans Day
- Nov. 13 Accountability Meeting
- Nov. 14 School Dance Grades 6-8
- Nov. 20 Board Meeting
- Nov. 26-28 Thanksgiving Break

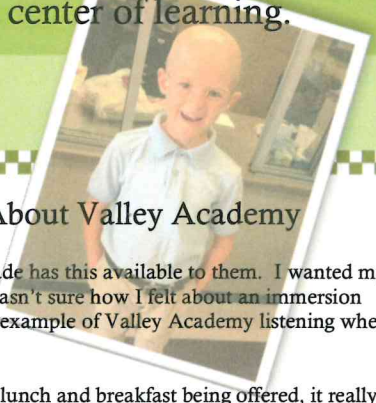


### Student Initiative!

Abigaëlle suggested we offer water as an alternative to milk at lunch for students who are lactose intolerant. She is collaborating with others to make this happen.

Timothy has been instrumental in caring for Lester & Blaine and in designing the new rabbit hutch.

## Top 10 Things I Love About Valley Academy



10. I love the Spanish Program and that every grade has this available to them. I wanted my daughter to be exposed to another language but wasn't sure how I felt about an immersion program. This is a great solution and just another example of Valley Academy listening when parents asked for something different.
9. The school lunch program is great! With both lunch and breakfast being offered, it really helps out busy parents. I know the option of free and reduced-prices really makes a difference for many families as well. Their creative ability to make do in the short-term before being able to have a full kitchen is amazing!
8. I love the school board and schools willingness to listen to parents and make adjustments as needed has been great. I don't think I'd see the same type of dialogue and responsiveness at other school boards that I've seen when I attend school board meetings for Valley Academy.
7. I appreciate the plans the school has for expanding, their willingness to share that information with us and letting us parents be a part of it.
6. I love the Accountability meetings for parents to become more involved if they would like to. The school board saw a need to have another avenue for parents to be involved and have a voice and so they created these monthly meetings for just that.
5. I appreciate Friday Fun Facts and the VAC Monthly Newsletter that keeps all of us in the loop of past and upcoming events. Communication is key in a Charter School and I love that they've recognized its importance.
4. I love the response the PTO received from parents on the PTO's 2 Hour Power Pledge this year. We had 88 parents turn in pledges and for a school with multiple children coming from each family I think this bodes well for the activities planned for this year.
3. I love that anyone can attend Valley Academy and have a say in the great educational opportunity without having to pay private tuition rates. Their ability to budget and operate on the funds they currently have is amazing.
2. I love the school's administration and their willingness to assess things almost weekly and make changes where needed. Whether it's Dibbles testing or changes to the bus routes, their ability to track what needs to be changed and then implement is remarkable to me.
1. And finally, I love the teachers at Valley Academy! The dedication and knowledge of the teachers here continue to astound me. I had the opportunity to volunteer last fall for a few weeks in my daughter's kindergarten class and was so impressed with what I saw. My daughter was ready for full-day kindergarten and to see what it takes to accomplish that successfully made me really appreciate their level of dedication. I am equally impressed with my daughter's 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher this year.