Welcome to Valley View Middle School

7th Grade Orientation Night
Thursday, March 23, 2017
7:00-7:30  Power Point Presentation in Gymnasium
7:40-8:30  Optional Self Guided Tour
Valley View Middle School Administration and Staff

- Principal: Nancy Rhoades
- Assistant Principal: Scott Summers
- Assistant Principal: Brian Burdon
- Counselor (A-K): Julie Ray (in office)
- Counselor (L-Z): Brian Johnson (in office)
- valleyview.sno.wednet.edu
For the 2017-2018 school year the Valley View Parent Club is accepting nominees for the following Valley View Parent Club Board Positions.

- President
- Vice President of Fundraising
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Volunteer Coordinator

All board positions are open to anyone. The standing rules state that you must attend 2 Valley View Parent Club Meetings in order to be nominated for a position.

The next two meetings will be held on Thursday, April 13th and Thursday, May 11th. Election of officers will be held May 11th. If you are interested in a board position or would like more details, please email kevin.kvarda@gmail.com
Fundraising

- 2017-2018 “Direct Giving Campaign”
- Parent Club Meeting April 13th at 6:00 pm in the Extended Learning Area of the second floor
- Volunteer forms and other information located in gym foyer on table
- Volunteer forms will be collected tonight
August Viking Days for 7th graders

- Tuesday, August 22 from 10:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. or from 4:00-7:00 p.m. in the commons
- Purchase an agenda (required) or optional PE clothing/Viking Gear
- Receive Family Access information and obtain login and passwords if needed
- Update family and emergency information
- Sign-up for Season One sports, turn in physicals, athletic packets online at http://www.rankonesport.com
- Deposit money into a lunch account (optional)
- Have photos taken for your ASB card, Yearbook, and self-purchased picture packets
- Optional purchases:
  - ASB card $15.00-required to play a sport
  - Yearbook $25.00
  - Picture Packets (price to be determined by photographer)
VALLEY VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL
Classroom Map
Optional Visitation
7:40-8:30 p.m.

L.A./Social Studies, Mrs. Sahlberg-B104 and Mrs. Harms-A303
History, Mrs. Reese-A104
Math, Mrs. Whittington-A204, Mr. Wagar-A205
Science, Mrs. Pande-A202
Electives, Mrs. Minish-D209
Choir, Mrs. Josal-E104
Life Fitness, Mrs. Neff-F203
Counselors, Ms. Ray and Mr. Johnson- main office
Main Office, Mrs. Galusha (2nd floor)
Your year at Valley View Middle School

• Historically the Wednesday after Labor Day Weekend is the 1st day of school
• Class schedule pick up on August 31, 2017; 1-4 p.m.
• Divided into four quarters and two semesters
• Some “required” classes
• Some “exploratory” classes
• Breath mints only, no gum
• Lunches
• Locks provided by students
7th grade schedules

- Periods 1-7, including “Connections”
- Starting time is: 7:30 a.m.
- Ending time is: 2:10 p.m. (12:10 on Fridays)
7th grade Required Courses

- Language Arts, Washington State Studies, and Life Science (all year)
- Mathematics (all year)
- Reading (one semester)
- Fitness/Health (one semester)
- Elective Classes (one period, one quarter all year) or Music (all year)
- Connections Time (all year)
Support Services

• Valley View values the learning of all students
• We hold transition meetings in the Spring to discuss academic needs for students that qualify for ELL, 504, and IEP services
• Students are then appropriately placed into classes
Reading Literacy (one semester)

- Focus on The Reading Process: (before/during/after reading) for literary and informational text.
- Understanding the purpose for reading, annotating the text, and demonstrating comprehension.
- Skills and strategies taught within a variety of text including: reading for meaning, and providing text evidence.
- Synthesize information from two different types of text (Paired Reading)
- English/Language /Common Core Standards
Language Arts emphasizes (all year)

• The Art of Reading and Written Language
  - Critical Thinking Skills and Strategies through Fiction and Non-Fiction Text
  - Literary and Story Elements
  - A Writing Process
  - Book Club Meetings based on Outside Reading
  - Novel Study

• English/Language Arts Common Core State Standards
Summer Reading Activity

What to do:

• Read multiple books over the summer and keep a list of the authors and titles. Choose your favorite book and bring it, along with your list, the first week of school.

• You are not required to complete any work related to these texts over the summer. Enjoy your reading experiences and be prepared to think deeply and write about them at the beginning of your 7th grade year!

The more that you read,
The more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
The more places you’ll go.
—Dr. Seuss
7th Grade Washington State Studies (all year)

- Examine Native American history, follow exploration, and statehood formation.
- Focuses on the development of the State and the interactions of its peoples.
- Includes political, social, economic, cultural, and geographical conditions of Washington State and the surrounding regions.
- Students will become familiar with different concepts, ideas, groups and institutions that have had an impact on both the history and contemporary situation of Washington State.
- This course fulfills a non-credit graduation requirement.

*For those students who qualify, Honors Washington State Studies classes are available.
Life Science (all year)

- Is an introduction to Biology
- Combines oral and written communication skills
- Develops critical thinking and problem solving skills
- Emphasizes hands on activities and investigations
- Next Generation Science Standards
- For those who qualify, Honors Life Science classes are available.
7th grade Math (all year)

• Most students should be placed into 7th grade math
• Math placement is determined by:
  - SSD MS Placement Test
  - other math assessments
  - 6th grade teacher recommendation

This course will cover the core content as outlined by the Washington State Learning Standards for the 7th grade: ratios and proportional relationships, rational numbers operations, algebraic expressions and equations, angle measure/surface area/volume, statistics and probability. This course has vital concepts that serve as a foundational basis for all future math courses.
7th grade Accelerated Math (all year)

- Math placement is determined by:
  - SSD MS Placement Test
  - other math assessments
  - 6th grade teacher recommendation

- This course is an acceleration course that will prepare the student for MS Algebra the following year. It is based upon vital 7th and half of the 8th grade Washington State Learning Standards for Math: in addition to the 7th gr concepts (above)…
  - Linear equations, systems of equations and functions; properties and relationships in geometric figures; patterns of association in bivariate data. 
  - Course pace is particularly rigorous to accommodate all necessary concepts and students are expected to be self-motivated.
Algebra 1 (all year)

- Based upon recommendation by The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and the Washington State Learning Standards, students should NOT skip any math level.
- Placement in Algebra is determined by:
  1. SSD MS Placement Test
  2. other math assessments
  3. 6th grade teacher recommendation
- This course will cover the core content as outlined by the Washington State Learning Standards for Math for the 2nd half of 8th grade and HS Algebra: Exponents, rational and irrational numbers; linear, exponential and quadratic functions; polynomial operations; solving systems of equations/inequalities; interpret categorical and quantitative data. Course pace is rigorous, contains advanced rigorous academic content and can qualify for a high school math credit.
Honors Language Arts

- Focuses on development of advanced academic and literacy skills
- Designed to prepare for Honors English and AP coursework in High School and beyond
- Must be motivated to engage in challenging curriculum and requires time outside of classroom
- Expectations - greater responsibility, advanced participation and research, collaborate in groups, and complete complex projects
- Must read 8 novels outside of class from required reading list

*Available to students who qualify
Washington State Honors Studies (all year)

- Students should have the heart of a young historian and delight in learning about the past
- Eager to engage in challenging reading, writing, and speaking activities
- Should be avid reader and eloquent writer
- Emphasized skills: high level of critical thinking, independent work, citing evidence through analysis, extended writing opportunities, and extended learning opportunities outside of the classroom

*Available to students who qualify*
Honors Life Science

- Advanced course for self-motivated students working above grade level in math, reading, and writing
- Requires additional reading, writing, and research outside of the classroom
- Units of study: matter and energy, cellular organization and function, human body systems, genetics, classification and evolution, and ecology
- Expected attributes: intrinsically motivated, strong work ethic, organizational skills, critical thinker, work collaboratively, and solve problems independently

*Available to students who qualify
Fitness/Health
(one semester)

• Designed to improve overall physical ability and creating a healthy life style.
• Presents a wide range of individual and group activities to participate in.
• Designed to learn about health related concepts such as; nutrition, stress, relationships, decision making and safety.
7th grade Exploratory Classes

- **Three-Dimensional Art (one quarter)**
  - Students will use a variety of mediums such as paper, wire, duct tape, paper casting cardboard, paper mache, wax or plaster
  - Apply basic principals of design to three-dimensional pieces
  - Learn basic techniques in each medium

- **Fun With Art (one quarter)**
  - Student led projects, students will vote on which projects to complete
  - Exploration of a variety of artists and styles
  - Experiment with mediums such as wax dipping, paper making, and antiquing paper

- **Family and Consumer Science-Home Ec. (one quarter)**
7th grade Exploratory Classes (continued)

Industrial Science-Shop (one quarter)
- create several projects and examine career paths available in CTE programs
- projects may include: magnetic levitation cars, mousetrap race cars, and gravity race cars
- projects include elements of design, creation, and evaluation

Computer Applications (one quarter)
- gain confidence in use of Microsoft Office using Word, Publisher, and PowerPoint
- break bad habits such as “hunting and pecking” using programs and strategies
- learn proper touch-type techniques and develop keyboarding skills

Teen Leadership-TLC (one quarter)
- develops leadership, social and personal responsibility skills
- emphasizes public speaking and communication
- develops a vision and personal goal setting
- involvement in community service projects at Valley View and community

Some Exploratory offerings may be dependent on teacher availability or student interest.
Music Electives
Accelerated Beginning Band
(1st semester)

- Open to any student with no previous band or music experience
- Also open if you want to learn a second instrument
- Focuses on basic music reading and instrumental skills
- Is not a performing group
- Can join Cadet Band (second semester) if successful in Beginning Band

Some larger instruments are on loan from school
Cadet Band (full year)

- Students need a minimum of 1 year of band experience in elementary school
- Continue to learn and improve basic technique on your instrument
- Work on rehearsal technique and concert etiquette
- This is a performing group with some evening concerts
Orchestra

• Open to all 7th and 8th grade students
• Instruction offered on violin, viola, cello, and bass
• Develop the skill of rhythm, tone, rehearsal discipline, and performance
• Study of string literature from composers such as Bach, Beethoven, and Mozart
• Some instruments available for loan
Cadet Choir (full year)

• For students who love to sing
• No experience necessary
• Variety of musical styles
• Students will learn to match pitch, read music and sing harmony
• This is a performing group with three evening concerts
Connections

• All students and staff spend 30 minutes after lunch connecting with a book, doing homework, or getting help from a teacher.
• Has a calming effect.
• Allows students to obtain extra help and time with assignments and tests.
7th Grade Sports

Season One: (September-October)
- Girls Softball
- Cross Country
- Football

Season Two: (November-January)
- Volleyball
- Boys Basketball

Season Three: (February-March)
- Wrestling
- Girls Basketball

Season Four: (Mid April-May)
- Track
Athletic Forms/Rank One

• All Athletes must have a complete/approved packet before participating/trying out
• Forms are filled out online http://www.rankonesport.com
• Physical is good for two years, hard copy needs to be turned in to main office to finalize approval
• Once complete and approved the athletic packet is good for the school year
• Helpful instructions can be found on the Valley View Website, under the athletics tab found in “quick links”
• Questions-please contact Mrs. Walker 360-563-4225
School-wide Activities

• After school dances and activities
• Fundraising for local charities
• ASB activities
• Yearbook
• Spirit Days each month
• Activities during lunches
• Cookie sales sponsored by Parent Club
• Membership into the “Red Ticket Club”
• Assemblies
• Clubs-Robotics Club, Drama Society, Tennis Club, Golf Club, Cooking Club, Guitar Club, Glee Club, Orchestra Club, Game Club, Ping Pong Club, and others TBD by students and staff
Student & Family Skyward Access

- Each student and parent/guardian will have a unique username and password.

- **Parent/Guardian access** is slightly different than **student access**. Parents/Guardians who do not yet have logon information should contact our Registrar, Mrs. Galusha in August at Viking Days or come by the office during school hours to receive their username and password. The parent Family Access will work for all children living in your household. If you are currently using Family Access, your username and password will remain the same.

- New 7th grade students may pick up Student Skyward Access logon information in August at Viking Days.
List Serv

1. Visit the either the District or Valley View website
2. Find and select the link to Subscribe to Receive communications on the District website or the Newsletter Sign-Up link on the Valley Website
3. Click on the link to the Listserv Registration
4. Choose Subscribe or Unsubscribe option
5. Enter your Name and the e-mail address at which you would like to receive communications.
6. Select the Regular radial button
7. Select the boxes of the schools for which you wish to receive communications.
8. To receive communications from the District Office, be sure to check the District-Communications box.
9. Click on Subscribe (SSD Communications)
6. After you subscribe, you will immediately receive an e-mail from Listserv asking you to confirm your intent. This confirmation opportunity will expire in 48 hours.
7. Click on the link given in the e-mail to verify your intent to join. You will then get an e-mail stating that your subscription has been accepted. You will now receive correspondence (newsletters, general info, etc.) from the sources you have chosen.