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Valley View Viking News

Mission Statement

Valley View Middle School places the success of its students at the very center of every decision and action.



"In the entire circle of the year there are no days so delightful as those of a fine October, when the trees are bare to the mild heavens, and the red leaves bestrew the road, and you can feel the breath of winter, morning and evening -- no days so calm, so tenderly solemn, and with such a reverent meekness in the air."

-Alexander Smith

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Dear Valley View Middle School Families:

Valley View Middle School is a place where we work together to create safe, inclusive communities for all. Our school and district are committed to creating and sustaining a community of mutual respect and value of each other. This requires intentional learning in the areas of empathy, compassion, relationships and situations. We want you to know we are planning to work with students regarding inclusivity, kindness and how to support each other.

At Valley View, we continually work to build a strong, positive learning environment for all students. Middle school is a unique experience for students who may be learning how to interact with different personalities and cultures. It will take a strong partnership between the staff, students and parents to help our students build healthy relationships. To be successful, we need to communicate with each other, and collectively look for ways to ensure student success.

One way that you can help, is to have a conversation with your student. Talk to him/her about choice words. Talk about how comments may be harmful. Often children at this age only think about things from their perspective.

As always, we encourage all students to come forward if they are personally or indirectly impacted by any form of harassment, intimidation or bullying. Teachers, counselors, principals and staff are available to support our students in both developing positive relationships and reporting situations that compromise their sense of safety. Information is also available on our school and district websites at www.sno.wednet.edu/positiveschoolclimate

I appreciate your understanding and feedback. As always, please feel free to reach out to [me](#), Assistant Principal [Brian Burdon](#) and Assistant Principal [Brenda Weyhrauch](#) with your questions or concerns. We also welcome your suggestions on ways we can continue to work together to build strong, positive and inclusive learning environments for all.





[Monica Bauer](#)

Principal, Valley View Middle School

**Ever Wonder What Our Parking Lot Procedures Are?
Check out the video in the link below.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v5rTjpqAKk>

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 	25 	26 	27
28	29	30	31 			

Important Dates

October 18-Final Picture Retakes

October 22-Parent Club Meeting at 7:00 pm

October 24 and 25-Conferences

October 25 and 26– Non Student Days-No School

Nov. 13-Choir- Soup and Song 6pm

November 15-Fall Band Concert at VV 7:00 pm

FALL CONFERENCES

Fall parent-teacher conferences will be held Wednesday, October 24 and Thursday, October 25 in the Valley View Commons.

Our conference hours on

October 24 are: 4:00-7:00 p.m. and on October 25 are: 7:15-11:30 a.m. and 2:00-5:30 p.m.

Students will not attend school on Thursday, October 25 and Friday, October 26.

There is no sign-up for conferences, you simply show up at your convenience during the above mentioned conference times. You will be able to meet with each of your child's teachers for about five minutes, or ten minutes with block teachers.

Most teachers will be passing out progress reports at conferences. Please call Brian Johnson at 563-4242 if we need to have a duplicate set of progress reports available for each parent.

There are a few teachers here at Valley View that are splitting their schedules between schools, or may not be available for all shifts. *Parents have the right to request information on the professional qualifications of their student's classroom teachers.*



Progress Reports and Calendar

Mid Term
October 5, 2018
End of 1st Qtr – November 9, 2018

Mid Term
December 12, 2018
End of 2nd Qtr – January 25, 2019

Mid Term
March 1, 2019
End of 3rd Qtr – April 12, 2019

Mid Term
May 17, 2019
End of 4th Qtr – June 18, 2019

Athletic Fee

For those students participating in a sport, a \$50.00 fee per sport (with a maximum of \$100.00 per school year/2 seasons) will need to be paid prior to their first meet/game.

Payment will be made to Mrs. Dalrymple in the Main Office during the second half of their lunch or directly after school. Checks should be made payable to Valley View Middle School. Coaches will be sending home a collection envelope home with athletes early in their sport season.

If your child has been approved for free and reduced lunch a copy of that acceptance letter must be given to Mrs. Dalrymple.

VALLEY VIEW PARENT CLUB DIRECT GIVE FUNDRAISER

The Valley View Parent Club direct give fundraiser is underway! Our initial campaign runs through October 22nd. You can contribute via PayPal online to info@VVMSPC.org or students can bring cash or checks made out to VVMSPC to their Connections teacher during the campaign. **We are asking that each family donate \$25 but if that is too much \$20 or \$10 is great too! we would like to meet our goal to provide student scholarships, health and classroom supplies, teacher grants, field trips, athletic uniforms and more.** Every dollar counts!

We are running two contests:

1st-The grade with the most dollars raised will have a “free Cookie Day”.

2nd-The Connections class with the most participation at the end of the fundraiser will get a “donut party” with a \$50 total per class minimum to count as participation.

Alone we can do a little, together we can do a lot! Thank you for your generous donations to Valley View Parent Club.

PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES:

At Valley View Middle School, we value Digital Citizenship: appropriate, responsible behavior with regard to technology use. Personal electronic devices (including but not limited to: laptops, tablets, mobile phones, wearables) are the students' responsibility. Valley View is not responsible for the safety of student personal electronic devices.

Students may use their personal electronic devices in the building before and after school, during passing time and their lunch time (lunch time is in the Commons and outside area only). In order to promote a culture of school safety, welcoming social interactions, and responsible digital citizenship, headphones and earbuds of any kind are not allowed before school, during passing time, during lunch, and on the way to bus or personal transportation. In addition, recording audio, video, or images of other people without their permission is not permitted. Use of personal electronic devices in bathrooms and locker rooms is not permitted.

Use of personal electronic devices and headphones is prohibited during class time unless a staff person has specifically permitted use of the device as a learning tool. If an electronic device is used without staff permission, the student and the device will be sent to the office and the device can be confiscated. **1st offense is a verbal warning and reminder to put the device away. 2nd offense-the device is confiscated and returned to the student at the end of the school day. Further offenses require a parent pick-up of the device at Valley View.**



IS YOUR CHILD TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?

As a parent, you can help prevent the spread of illness by not sending a sick child to school or child care. In determining whether to keep your child home, we encourage you to consider: 1) is your child rested and alert enough to learn, pay attention in class, and able to participate in all school activities 2) is your child's illness contagious to others? Please use the following guidelines.

APPEARANCE, BEHAVIOR – A child that is difficult to wake, unusually tired, pale, irritable and/or lacking in normal appetite should remain at home. These symptoms could indicate the onset of illness.

FEVER – A temperature of 100.4 F (38C) or higher suggests infectious illness. Your child should be fever free for 24 hours (without medicine) before returning to school.

COLD SYMPTOMS- A child with a "mild" cold but otherwise feeling well may go to school. A child with a "heavy" cold or deep hacking cough belongs at home in bed. Greenish nasal discharge and/or a chronic cough should be medically evaluated with provider clearance for school return. A mild sore throat is usually not a problem but a severe sore throat could be strep throat even if there is no fever. Other symptoms of strep throat in children are headache and stomach upset. Keep your child home from school and have your child medically evaluated. If strep has been diagnosed, (s)he may return to school as early as 24 hours after antibiotic treatment begins.

EYES – White or yellow drainage from the eye, altered vision, and/or redness of the eyelid or skin surrounding the eye requires medical evaluation and provider clearance for school return. Pink eye is highly contagious.

DIARRHEA AND/OR VOMITING – 3 or more watery stools in a 24 hour period and 2 or more episodes of vomiting in the past 24 hours is reason to keep your child at home. Please keep your child home for 24 hours after the last episode (without medicine). A single episode of diarrhea or even vomiting, unaccompanied by any other symptoms, *may* not be reason enough for the child to miss school – it is best to look at your child's overall condition in determining if (s)he is well enough to attend school. If you do decide to send your child, please be sure that you are available to pick your child up if his or her condition worsens.

RASH WITH FEVER OR BEHAVIOR CHANGE – This may indicate an infectious illness. Please have your child medically evaluated and keep your student at home until (s)he has received provider clearance for school return.

EAR INFECTIONS WITHOUT FEVER –Please have your child medically evaluated as repeated ear infections can cause permanent hearing loss. School exclusion is not necessary unless your child is uncomfortable.

CHICKEN POX – Your child may return to school when all blisters have formed scabs and there is no evidence of new blister formation. This may take 5 to 7 days from onset of blisters.

Vision Screening changes

I have completed our annual vision screening for children in the 7th grade and I have contacted parent if any concerns were detected. Students were screened using the SPOT photo vision screener, which detects potential indicators for a variety of visual issues including myopia (nearsightedness) and hyperopia (farsightedness). This screening is **not** intended to replace a regular vision exam from a licensed optometrist, however.

In addition, your child should receive a comprehensive optometric examination if he/she is experiencing any of the following symptoms:

- Consistently sitting too close to the TV or holding a book too close
- Losing his place while reading or using a finger to guide his eyes when reading
- Squinting or tilting the head to see better or frequent eye rubbing and sensitivity to light and/or excessive tearing
- Closing one eye to read, watch TV or see better
- Avoiding activities which require near vision, such as reading or homework, or distance vision, such as participating in sports or other recreational activities
- Complaining of headaches or tired eyes
- Avoiding using a computer because it "hurts his eyes" and receiving lower grades than usual

Valley View Middle School Bell Schedule 2018-2019

Regular Bell Schedule

Monday-Thursday

1st 7:30-8:25
2nd 8:30-9:20
3rd 9:25-10:15
4th 10:20-11:40

A lunch 10:15-10:45

B lunch 11:10-11:40

5th 11:45-12:15
6th 12:20-1:10
7th 1:15-2:10

Friday Bell Schedule

1st 7:30-8:10
2nd 8:15-8:55
3rd 9:00-9:40
6th 9:45-10:20
4th 10:25-11:30

A lunch 10:20-10:50

B lunch 11:00-11:30

7th 11:35-12:10

Box Tops For Education

Clip, clip, clip and clip some more! This year, Valley View is participating in General Mills "Box Tops for Education" program. Most of you are probably already familiar with this fundraiser that earns our school 10¢ per coupon. Simply clip the coupons from participating General Mills products and send them into the main office with your child, label baggie with your child's Connection teacher's name. Thank you for your participation.



Final Picture Re-Takes/Make-Ups are Thursday, October 18.

Picture re-take/make-up day will be Wednesday, October 18. Students who still have not had a picture taken for ASB/ID cards will have this one last opportunity to have their picture taken. Picture packets are available outside the main office, students are responsible for bringing the information home and returning it, along with their money to the photographer on picture day. Students will have their picture taken during their lunch in the Viking Hall. All Valley View students are required to have an I.D. card, an ASB card is required if playing a sport. ASB cards are \$15.00; ID cards are free.

NEWSLETTERS AND INFORMATION...

Our newsletter is published on a monthly basis and will be e-mailed out to those parents via School Messenger and to those who submitted their e-mail addresses through List Serv. It will also be available on the Valley View website. Hard copies will be available in the main office for your child to pick up and bring home as well.

School Messenger Communications

Many of you have received a call, e-mail, or both from VV regarding upcoming events, school closures, etc. via our School Messenger communication system. When you receive a call or voice mail, please take the time to listen to the message completely. We receive numerous calls after a message is sent out; parents inquiring "what was the call about", "someone called from your number", or "I just missed a call". In certain instances we may already be very busy here in the office with a urgent situation, and having to answer the phones ringing immediately after a message is sent can cause unnecessary challenges. Thank you for your cooperation and consideration in this matter.

College Bound Scholarship



The College Bound Scholarship guides low-income 7th and 8th graders on the path to a college education by offering the promise of tuition when the student reaches college age if the student keeps up his or her grades and stays crime-free. The College Success Foundation, in partnership with the state of Washington, the Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB), and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, actively works with students and families throughout the state to get them to sign up and provide college readiness support in selected school districts. You may [click here](#) for further information or you may speak with your child's counselor.

Attendance Guidelines & Bus Pass Procedures

Attendance Policy: Due to changes in Washington State law, your child needs to be excused for any absence occurred. Please call the attendance office the morning of your child's absence to excuse him/her or **use the parent access on line to excuse your student.** E-mail is another option to let us know of your students tardy/illness. If you do e-mail please be sure and send it to jenny.mcfarland@sno.wednet.edu. You may leave a message if necessary. If we do not hear from you, we will need to call you at home or work to confirm the absence, so your extra effort to reach us is greatly appreciated. Please advise your child to report to the attendance office as soon as he/she returns to school. **Our attendance number is 360-563-4227.**

Extended Absence: If you know your child will be out of school due to illness for an extended period of time (three days or more), please call the attendance office. Arrangements will be made to excuse the absence and obtain homework assignments.

Tardies: At Valley View, we encourage the students to be on time every day to every class. Though we know that periodic appointments may be necessary, we encourage these appointments to be made outside of school hours whenever possible. In the case of unexcused tardies or too many excused tardies, a program of overtime school may be implemented.

Homework Requests: **If your child is absent three days or more on the morning of the third day of absence, when you call to excuse your child, you can ask that a Homework Request to be sent to your child's teachers.** The homework can either be picked up in the main office or sent home with another student at your request. You may always contact teachers via email to request work or often times assignments are posted to Canvas Accounts.

Bus Passes: In order for your child to ride a different bus (other than their assigned bus) or get off at a different stop on their own bus, we must have a written note from a parent or guardian stating the date, bus route number of the bus they will be riding, with whom your child will be riding and their stop address, also contact information for a parent. **Please note that due to over crowded busses the transportation department will not allow bus passes on Friday unless the bus is that students' normal route.**

Prearranged Absence: If your student is going to miss school due to vacation, etc. please send a note with the student to the office and we will have them take a pre-arranged absence sheet to the teacher's. Therefore, the teachers will be able to give homework and be aware of the circumstances behind the absences, and parents are then assured that their children have been given their homework for that time period.

Safety Corner

Here in Snohomish, the safety of our students and staff is our highest priority. Every month throughout the school year we will share information with you through a brief Safety Corner article about ways we are working to improve safety in our schools and buildings. To learn more about the school district's safety initiatives and programs, visit www.sno.wednet.edu/safety.

Meet the School Resource Officers (SROs)

Our district has close working relationships with local law enforcement. We provide all police and fire departments with details about our schools and buildings that would be useful should they need to respond to an emergency. We also have commitments with the Snohomish County Sheriff's Department and Snohomish City Police Department who provide School Resource Officers (SRO) to our district. These SROs are based at Snohomish High School and Glacier Peak High School, but work closely with the feeder schools serving each.

Glacier Peak High School SRO - Officer Jay Schwartzmiller

- Has worked nearly 18 years in law enforcement
- Prior to working as Glacier Peak High School's SRO, Officer Schwartzmiller worked patrol with the Snohomish County Sheriff's Department
- Why do you like being an SRO in Snohomish? "Being an SRO in a Snohomish school allows me the opportunity to give back to the community I grew up in and learned so much from. This role allows me to work with all staff and students at GP, which I have found to be rewarding. I also believe it strengthens the relationship between law enforcement, the school district, the staff, the students, their families and the community. It's been a great experience so far and I'm thankful for the opportunity to be here." - Officer Schwartzmiller

Fun fact: Officer Schwartzmiller's favorite food is pizza (not doughnuts).

Snohomish High School SRO – Officer Andre Loranc

- Has worked more than six years in law enforcement (Okanogan County and Snohomish County)
- Prior working as Snohomish High School's SRO, Officer Loranc worked patrol for two years with the Snohomish County Sheriff's Department. He is also a member of Region 1 SWAT.
- Why do you like being an SRO in Snohomish? "I am passionate about the safety of our children as well as providing them the opportunity to grow and make the best decisions they can." - Officer Loranc

Fun fact: Officer Loranc is a U.S. Navy veteran and currently still serves in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

Volunteer information- Snohomish TOPSoccer Fall 2018

Top Soccer is a locally-based soccer program for youth from age 4 through young adult who have a disability of any type which makes playing on a recreational soccer team difficult. We are based in Snohomish but have players who come from many of our local communities. We THRIVE because of volunteers who assist our players 1:1, help coaches or assist with coaches- and we all have a great time!

Our Fall season began on September 16th and will run through the 28th of October. We will be practicing at the Snohomish Indoor Dome/Arena on Sundays. The first session starts at 1:00 with our youngest players and continues until 4:30 with 5 sessions/practices back to back. We have 60+ players during our seasons; we divide into teams based roughly on age and ability. We turn away no players – and have players with widely varying disabilities and abilities. Some of our teams have many players who need a 1:1 mentor/assistant to be able to participate; some of our teams need direction and instruction but are really playing the game! We have in-house scrimmages, inviting local youth teams to come and play against our players, and we also have some games against other TOPSoccer programs in the area. Our emphasis is on learning new skills (soccer and motor skills) and on learning to play with other children, building social and “team” concept skills. We have LOTS of fun!

There will be a notebook at the fields for volunteers to sign in each time they come. This way we can keep track of your hours for any community service requirements etc. Hopefully this gives you a general feeling for our program; you are welcome to come and visit and see if this is something you are interested in doing. Our volunteers are WONDERFUL and we feel that they program not only is great for our players but also for our volunteers. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thanks! Linda Kautz for Snohomish TOPSoccer ljkotr@aol.com or call 425-330-3853
(Please leave a message if you don't get a direct answer)

Season Two Tryouts-Boys' Basketball and Girls' Volleyball

Sign-ups for both girls volleyball and boys basketball will be located outside of the main office on the athletics table beginning Wednesday, October 10th. Before a student may try out for a sport they must have a current physical on file and paperwork must be completed online through Rank One Sports. Rank One information and the physical can be found on the Valley View website.

