

Valley Voice

Field Day Play,
June 2021

Welcome Back to School! | Next Board Meeting - September 15th 6:00 p.m.



A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Ben Ferney

Focusing on the View Ahead

As a school district running during a pandemic, once again we must overcome the difficult reality of our situation and the potential health risks for our students, staff and families. Our priority is to safely operate the school district and maximize in-person instruction, because we know in our hearts these personal connections help our kids flourish. Students, staff and the community should be proud of our collective, driving efforts and accomplishments this past year.

I believe this pandemic has brought us much closer together as a school community than it has divided us. I see evidence of positive actions for the good of others all around us.

Some people think the mask mandate is too much and others are concerned and want masking and more mitigation factors. The district functions under the ever-fluctuating regulations enacted by the Department of Health (DOH), Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), Department of

Labor and Industries (L & I), the Governor's Office, and Clear Risk Solutions (insurance company). It's impossible that any one response or "solution" will fit every person and situation. We must all do our small part to *stay well*.

Knowing what is expected of all of us, let's focus on the view out our windshield and the shared route of educating our children. Instead of concentrating on what is 'happening to us', there is an opportunity to 'lean into' what *we can do*. We can be relentlessly positive, create great rapport with each other, be tolerant with others, be inclusive, work hard, listen harder, be slow to judge, be a great teammate, and be flexible.

Join me in focusing on our district vision, "Where every student becomes a lifelong learner," supported with **optimism** and **hope** for good experiences sure to come on the road ahead.

We are excited that students can be back on campus for full-time instruction, that athletics and activities are running, and band and choir will be filling our schools with joyful sounds.

Perspective is important. We are more closely aligned than some might think because we share a common goal. Moving forward together, let us look out a large windshield in a rig fueled with optimism and hope and leave the small sights in the rear-view mirror behind.



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Paideia High School Bears Ready to Roar

Contributed by Principal Kellie Martinez

WELCOME, new and returning students and families! The opening of the 2021-2022 school year brings the return of many customary programs, such as archery, piano lessons for freshmen, choir, and weekly seminars. We are excited to support students on campus and get back to our regular schedule. It's going to be an amazing year!

Please help me welcome three new staff members to our teaching team:

Pam Floener is our new history teacher, with endorsements in science and English. She previously worked at Colville High School and Connections Academy.

Jay Myers is adding his expertise to the math department. Jay previously taught math at Forest Bird Charter School in Sandpoint, Idaho.

The science department gains **Morgan Thompson**,

who completed her master's in teaching from Whitworth University this past June.

• PHS Vitals •

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• PHS Bell Schedule •

1st Period: 8:30-9:35

2nd Period: 9:30-10:20

3rd Period: 10:25-11:15

4th Period: 11:20-12:10

Lunch: 12:10-12:40

5th Period: 2:45-1:35

6th Period: 1:40-2:30

7th Period: 2:35-3:15

"Late Start" Mondays begin
September 13th with classes
starting at 9:30 a.m.

GO BEARS!!

Transportation

VL Transport Center is committed to providing families with timely and efficient service in well-maintained buses, manned by skilled drivers and equipped with monitoring systems to support safe and reliable passage. Parents can track buses on routes and arrival times in 'real time' using the free Viasy Parent App. Contact VLTC Secretary Annette at (509) 937-2803 or Annette.Wisener@vltc.org for login information.

VSD Board Meeting Notice

Upcoming VSD Board meetings are
September 15th, October 20th and November 17th
at 6:00 p.m.

School Board
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(President)

Doug Elledge
Paul Voelker
Crystal Hubert

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Superintendent
Ben Ferney

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Valley School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender 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; Ken Davis, Section 504/ADA Coordinator; Ben Ferney, Compliance Coordinator for State Law (RCW 28A.640/28A.642). A complaint regarding alleged discrimination may be made by email to: compliance@valleysd.org, or by calling the district office at 509-937-2791.

For Your Information...

Enrollment

New student registration packets and information are available at the school office or online at www.valleysd.org under "For Parents." Returning families are requested to update personal contact and student health information as soon as possible, if needed. Please contact the school secretary with your new information and completed health forms.

Want School Notices?

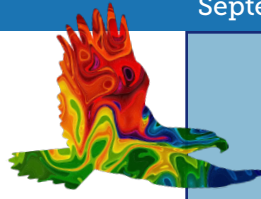
If you would like to receive notices and announcements from the district/schools about activities, events or important alerts by phone, just let us know! You may also opt-out; please contact the school office for assistance.

School Meals

VSD's meal service program is resuming normal operations for breakfast and lunch. Due to the public health emergency, VSD is utilizing a U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) option to offer meals to students each school day at no charge during 2021-22. Adults may purchase meals at the regular price of \$2.55 for breakfast, and \$4.00 for lunch.

Reasonable modifications may be made to school meals for students with unusual nutritional needs due to food allergies or serious health conditions. To request this service, ask the school office for a 'Diet Prescription for Meals at School' form.

K-8 Eagles Take Flight



• VALLEY Vitals •

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Phone: (509) 937-2413

Fax: (509) 937-2204

Breakfast: 8:10-8:35am

First bell: 8:35am; classes begin 8:40

Lunch: **K-1:** 11:25-11:55 | **2-3:** 11:40-12:05
4-5: 11:50-12:15 | **6-8:** 12:15-12:35

Dismissal: 3:10 p.m. for all grades

Monday LATE START: 9:30 am

• SPORTS •

Athletic Director: Donny Miller
Donny.Miller@cva.org | (509) 900-6001

Valley School is teaming up with Mary Walker School District this year to provide additional athletic opportunities for Middle School students, with the potential to add cross country, wrestling, and track in addition to volleyball, football, basketball and baseball. More details to come!

vision for students. We are set and ready to help our student Eagles SOAR this year! *Contributed by Principal Becky Parrill*

WELCOME

students and families! Staff are excited to resume our full-time school schedule and see you all on campus again! These last few weeks teachers have been busy getting classrooms set up and program logistics worked out. We are proud of our school teams' continuing hard work, positivity and collaborative spirit.

The 2021-22 school year brings many new faces to our halls, including several new teachers. **Nicky Rigsby** is teaching third grade, **Kit Orgill** leads fourth grade, and **Erica Schwab** is heading a second Kindergarten class.

We've conducted specialized trainings in Conscious Discipline and Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support, and revamped our S.O.A.R. (Safety, Ownership, Achievement, Responsibility)

Valley Early Learning Center Serving Greater Valley Area

*Contributed by
Director Candace Harris*

Valley Early Learning Center is pleased to add Transitional Kindergarten to its early learning options this year! Teacher Gisella Hazen is leading a group of 14 kiddos on a skill building journey in preparation for their next step



into the "big school." VELC is proud to offer low- to no-cost high quality early learning to Valley and surrounding communities in addition to our year-round childcare services for youngsters age 30 months to oldsters up to age 12 in the before/after-school program. And

Notable Events

September

- 2** First Day of Kindergarten
(TK and K) Valley School
- 6** Holiday – NO SCHOOL
Labor Day | VSD Offices Closed
- 7** First Day of School
VELC Preschool
- 9** First Day of School
Columbia Virtual Academy
- 15** School Board Meeting
6:00pm | VSD Broadcast Studio
- 24** Student/Staff Pictures
All District

October

- 20** School Board Meeting
6:00pm | VSD Broadcast Studio

November

- 11** Holiday – NO SCHOOL
Veterans Day
- 17** School Board Meeting
6:00pm | VSD Broadcast Studio
- 17 18 19** Valley K-8 Drama Production
"Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer"
6:30pm | Valley School MPR
- 22 23** Student-Parent Conferences
PHS, VS, VELC
- 24 25 26** Holiday Break – NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving

this year, VELC students are sure to be excited to try out our newly installed playground and paved bike/game course!

• VELC Vitals •

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Asst. Director: Christie Carter
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Address: 3030 Huffman Road
Valley, WA 99181

Phone: (509) 937-2630

Childcare Hours: 7am-5:30pm

Class Schedule: 8:20am-3:20pm

Welcome, local students & families!

Valley School District's successful alternative learning experience (ALE) program, Columbia Virtual Academy, provides a high quality, certified teacher supported option for families desiring flexibility outside of the traditional brick and mortar classroom.

We entered CVA's 16th year in operation at full capacity, serving over just over 1,100 students from around Washington State in grades K-8. New and returning CVA staff are excited to partner with parents as we transition to a Competency Based Educational learning system, building inclusion, engagement and personal connections with students.

More information can be found at www.cva.org.

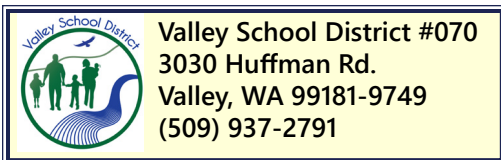
At right, Principal Dave Vail cuddles with the newest member of his family, Murphy Marshall Vail, a Bernese Mountain Dog.



PUBLIC NOTICE

In compliance with Title I, Part A school requirements under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Valley School District would like to inform parents or guardians that they may request information about the professional qualifications of a student's classroom teacher(s) or instructional paraprofessional(s). Please contact the district administrative office at (509) 937-2791.

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