

September 20, 2018

Dear Valley View Families,

Just a quick update. All is going well on campus! Here is some important information and dates.

Remember that **EVERY MONDAY IS AN EARLY RELEASE DAY**. All students start at the same time, but kinder releases at 1:10p and 1st-6th at 1:20p.

September is ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH. We ask that you help us to reduce the unexcused absences, tardies, or early pick-ups. Even a few minutes can have an impact on your child's education, as well as other students in the class. Please schedule appointments after school and leave for trips after the school day ends. If your student is not feeling well or has a fever, resting at home is the best place for him/her. Let's start the year off right maximizing time and educational opportunities during the school day for all of our children!

PICTURE DAY is coming next week! Wednesday, Sept 26. Make ups are not until Nov 7.

Every Monday morning is **CIRCLE UP!** What is this you ask? When the bell rings, students in grades 1-6 join together in a large circle on the blacktop to begin our week as a school family. Students run this presentation with a welcome, the flag salute, a patriotic song, weekly messages/events that pertain to students, birthdays in the month, and conclude with the Cubs' Code of Conduct, 'Be Safe, Respectful & Responsible'. I also chime in with a little character piece each week. After this, big and little buddies spend time together walking a few laps before the day starts. This typically lasts about 15 minutes and families are welcome to join us.

CUBS' CHOICE starts this week! Last year we piloted this program and it is back by popular demand! First teachers in grades 1-6 select an elective class that they would like to teach. Then students in grades 1-6 take a survey including these elective classes choosing their top 3. The goal is to foster choice and explore new enrichment opportunities during the school day. Cubs' Choice is on Friday afternoons for 6 consecutive weeks. We have one Cubs' Choice session scheduled each trimester. The first session choices for students in grades 1-3 include the following; Gardening, Lego Challenges, Directed Drawing, Cooking, Finger Knitting, and Kickball Clinic. Choices for students in grades 4-6 include the following: Spanish, Lego Challenges, Bootcamp, Beginning Weaving, Genius Hour, Chess, Yoga, Glee Club, and Origami.

Calling all 4th-6th grade **RUNNERS!** **Cross Country** will begin Oct 2. Please see attachment with sign up deadline Sept 26.

The **ANNUAL FALL CARNIVAL** is October 5th! This is a favorite event at Valley View and always great fun. There will be carnival games, inflatables, food trucks, dance performances, music, and the famous **CAKE WALK!** PTC is working hard to create this wonderful community event for all of us. New this year will be the **1st Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest!** Wristbands are only \$5. Friday, Oct 5, from 5:00-8:00p on the blacktop/field. Be sure to bring the whole family and join in the fall fun! See flyer attached and on website.

October 8 is a **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY**. We strive to be lifelong learners and appreciate this time to grow. **There is no school this day**. Enjoy the day with our children!

Snowie King will continue to sell snow cones on Wednesdays after school through October.

Did you know that RHS and WHS will be starting a new sport in next year...**LACROSSE!** Flyer for a **FREE** upcoming Lacrosse Clinic for elementary students is attached and on website.

Sincerely, Principal Shari Anderson