

MARCH 6, 2026

YEARBOOKS FOR SALE - Yearbooks are on sale! Order forms were sent home, and they may also be ordered online. A link is on the WV website. Cost is $15, and 2 yearbooks are available, K-4 (elementary) and 5-8 (middle school). Yearbooks must be pre-ordered by March 13 and will be delivered the last week of school.
-Business ads are available for the West Valley yearbooks! A link is on the WV website. It's a great way to support our school and advertise for your business. The deadline is March 13.
-Attention 8th grade parents: Free yearbook recognition ads for your 8th grader are available! A link is on the WV website. The deadline is March 13.

INFORMATION FOR 8TH GRADE PARENTS/GUARDIANS - As we get ready to start the third trimester, here is some initial information and dates for 8th graders.

- The 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3rd, in the large gym. Immediately following the ceremony, there will be a parent-sponsored celebration.
- A parent group is already organizing this event. If you are interested in volunteering or would like to learn more about how you can help, please contact Shannon King at sking@westvalleyschool.com.
- Please note that 8th graders will not attend school on the last day of school, Thursday, June 4th.

We hope this information helps with your planning, and we will share more information as the dates approach.

March Attendance Madness is Coming to West Valley!

We are excited to kick off **March Attendance Madness**, a fun school wide challenge designed to encourage strong, consistent attendance throughout the month of March. Each class in grades K-8 will be part of a bracket-style competition, similar to the NCAA basketball tournament, where grade levels advance each week based on their attendance.

Our goal is simple: to make showing up feel exciting and positive for students. When children are at school regularly, they build stronger routines, feel more connected to their classmates, and have more opportunities to learn and succeed.

How it works:

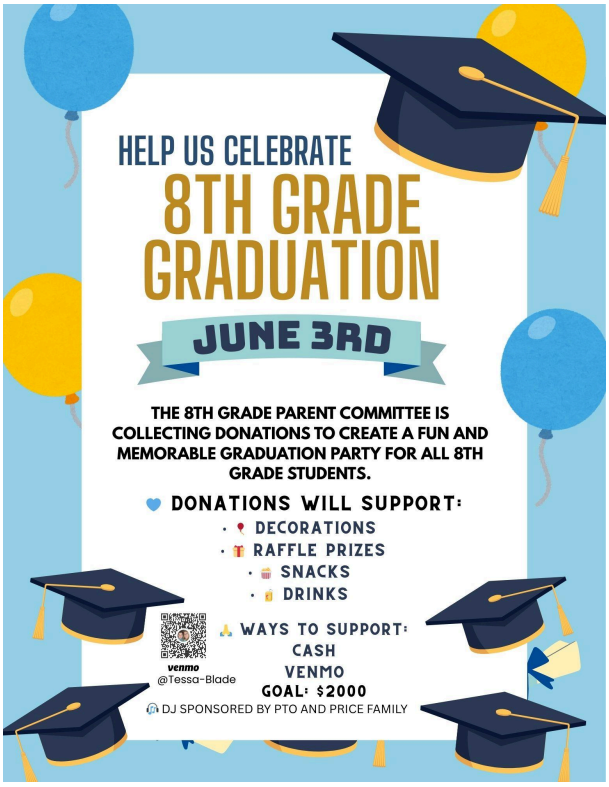
- Grades will face off in weekly "matchups."
- The grade level with the highest attendance percentage for the week will move forward in the bracket.
- We'll have special shout-outs for grades that show big improvement or demonstrate awesome teamwork and encouragement.
- The competition runs for the entire month of March, ending with one grade crowned the Attendance Champions!

Important note:

We know that illnesses, family needs, and unavoidable absences happen. With germs going around, we appreciate your help in keeping everyone healthy by having your child stay home and rest when they're not feeling well. This challenge is meant to build excitement, not stress. Every grade has a fair chance, and improvement is celebrated just as much as high numbers.

Throughout the month, we'll share updates so students can cheer on their grade. There will also be some fun surprises and small celebrations along the way.

Thank you for your partnership and for helping your child build strong school habits. We are looking forward to a month filled with teamwork, school spirit, and lots of learning!



8TH GRADE FAMILIES - The 8th Grade Graduation Committee is looking for donations to help fund our 8th Grade Graduation Dance Party. Please refer to the flier for details on how you can help make this an amazing celebration. There will be more information on specific details as the time approaches. Thank you again for your support.

JOURNALISM CLASS - Click here for their latest issue of West Valley News! https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SMIpDla_uyuSAVpyxjuTl8stYI-FVHzBZ7MIGrP7rTs/edit?usp=sharing

BOARD MEETINGS - West Valley School holds regular board meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at 4:00 pm in the library. A link to our agendas can be found here: Agenda

LOOKING AHEAD - There will be an early release at 1:00 on Friday, March 13th.

COMPUTERS AVAILABLE - West Valley has some obsolete tech available for purchase. Items include 2017 MacBooks, 2020 MacBooks, G6/G8 Chromebooks, and a 43 inch TV. Please contact Marcus Tecca at mtecca@westvalleyschool.com.

SUMOBOT! - Students grades 5-8 are invited to build a SumoBot with the TechWarriors on Wednesday's from 3:30-5:00 in Mr. Honcoop's room (B9). Competition is after school on Friday, April 10. No experience is required to join. Drop in and join a team, or start a new team with a friend, sibling, or parent! More information can be found at bit.ly/gotechwarriors or contact wvstechwarriors@gmail.com with any questions. Let's Go Sumo!!

PTO - The next PTO meeting is on Monday, March 9th at 4 pm at the school. We need parents involved to help with the Donuts for Grown Ups event and Teacher Appreciation.

BIG SKY FIT KIDS - If your K-5 child is participating in the BSFK tracking challenge, please send in their tracking sheet Monday for recording -OR- snap a picture of their tracking sheet and send in an email to jahles@westvalleyschool.com Also, the weekly challenges are now available online on the Big Sky Fit Kids website!

OFFICE PROCEDURES - If you need to take your student out of school early, please let the office know at least an hour before they need to leave. And if you need to get a message to your student about after school plans please call before 2:30. The Office number is 755-7239, email bells@westvalleyschool.com

SUBSTITUTES NEEDED - If you are interested in subbing at West Valley, please contact the Flathead Co. Supt. of Schools to make an appointment to get fingerprinted, 758-5720. Once we receive your results (this usually takes 2 weeks), then we will get you all set up to Sub! No prior experience is required and subs earn $100 per day. And for every 5 days you sub per pay period (monthly), you receive a $100 bonus.

WEST VALLEY GEAR - You can purchase West Valley clothing using the following link! 10% of sales come right back to West Valley.
https://shop.game-one.com/montana/kalispell/west-valley-school
You can also purchase West Valley Warrior Athletics clothing, water bottles, backpacks, stadium seats, and other gear at the following link. 10% of these sales support the West Valley Athletics Department. https://teamlocker.squadlocker.com/#/lockers/warrior-wear

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: The McKinney-Vento Act: IS YOUR FAMILY TEMPORARILY STAYING IN:

● someone else's house or apartment due to loss of housing,
economic hardship, or a similar reason?a hotel or motel? a shelter?
● a car, park, campground, abandoned building, or other inadequate space?

Your local school district's homeless liaison may be able to help!
Please reach out to the homeless liaison to see if your child may be eligible.
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