



NOVEMBER 7, 2025

PICTURE RETAKES - are scheduled for Monday, November 24. Any students who were absent on picture day can also get pictures taken.

BEST WEEK EVER! - THE BOOK FAIR IS DAYS AWAY, on Monday, November 11 - Friday, November 14. Go to the Book Fair website for ALL of the info you need, including when you and your child may shop, online shopping, and setting up an eWallet here: bit.ly/wvsbookfair2025 . All forms of payment are accepted, but eWallets are safe, easy, and convenient--plus, you can share it with others who may like to donate to your child's eWallet. If you would like to volunteer, here's where to go for more info and to sign up: bit.ly/wvsbookfair2025volunteer Contact Nikki Williams at nwilliams@westvalleyschool.com if you have any questions.

5th-8th GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL - Registration is OPEN NOW until November 15th. The girls are bringing a paper home to explain the season, fees, and registration requirements. You can also go to the [WVS Athletics Website](#) under the Registration Tab to see this information. Please contact Teri Dierenfield, tdierenfield@westvalleyschool.com if you have any further questions.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFERENCE INFORMATION -

We are looking forward to visiting with families for conferences on November 13th and 14th. Here is some helpful information about conference structures:

- **Student-led conferences** are an open structure where students and families can visit anytime in a scheduled block. Students will lead these conferences, and teachers will be available for questions.
- **Drop-In Conferences** allow families to visit teachers without a scheduled time.
- **Scheduled Individual Conferences** follow a set schedule, with families assigned to specific time slots. Teachers will contact families to schedule these conferences.

Below are the grade-level conference schedules. Individual grade-level teachers will also reach out to families. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

5th and 6th grade:

Thursday, 1:30 pm-6:00 pm: Student-Led Conferences

Friday: Scheduled Individual Conferences

7th grade:

Thursday, 1:30 pm-6:00 pm: Scheduled Individual Conferences

Friday, 8:30 am-10:30 am: Scheduled Individual Conferences

Friday, 11:00 am-3:00 pm: Student-Led Conferences

8th grade:

Thursday, 1:30 pm-6:00 pm: Drop-In Conferences

Friday: Scheduled Individual Conferences

Specialists (5-8)

Specialists will be available in their areas during conference times.

LOST AND FOUND - Please stop in to look through lost and found during conferences on the 13th and 14th of November. Items will be donated during Thanksgiving break.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES - will be held on November 13th and 14th.

Thursday, November 13: Students will have an early release at 1:00 PM, with conferences taking place in the afternoon.

Friday, November 14: There will be no school for students, as teachers will be holding conferences throughout the day.

Teachers will be sending out sign ups for conferences soon. We look forward to connecting with families!

Basketball Game Student Attendance Reminder - We love seeing our students show their school spirit and cheer on their classmates during basketball season! However, students who are not playing in the games may only stay after school to watch if they are with a parent or designated adult. Students are not allowed to remain on campus unsupervised after school hours. Thanks for helping us keep everyone safe while supporting our teams!

8th GRADE CRAFT AND BAKE SALE - Some of our 8th grade students are hosting a **Craft and Bake Sale** to raise funds for their **Spring 2026 History Trip to Washington, D.C.** Stop by to enjoy a variety of homemade baked goods and handcrafted items—perfect for gifts or treats for yourself! Your support will help our students experience history firsthand as they explore our nation's capital.

Date: Thursday, 11/13

Location: West Valley School Lobby

Time: 1:30 - 6:00pm (During Conferences)

Thank you for helping our students make this exciting educational trip possible!

VISITORS - Visitors need to sign in at the front desk before entering school and we ask that parents drop off students at the front of the school instead of walking them into classes or to the playground.

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

PTO MEETING - The next PTO meeting will be Monday, November 17th 4-5 pm.

FREE GUN LOCKS - are available to families thanks to the Nate Chute Foundation. Please contact our West Valley middle school counselor, Crystal Thurman, for one or more of these locks: cthurman@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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