WEST VALLEY WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 6, 2026

MUNCH AND MINGLE

Parent / Student Lunch

In the West Valley Elementary School Cafeteria



- Meet and mingle with students and other parents.
- Enjoy a delicious lunch together. Feel free to bring lunch for you and your child or preorder hot lunch at the school ($4.55/adult).
- Strengthen the school-parent-community bond.

Kindergarten: Monday, February 23 @11:05-11:25
First Grade: Tuesday, February 24 @11:30-11:50
Second Grade: Wednesday, February 25 @12:10-12:30
Third Grade: Thursday, February 26 @11:50-12:10
Fourth Grade: Friday, February 27 @12:30-12:50

**** Please RSVP to your child's classroom teacher by February 18th if attending (and if ordering lunch). We look forward to sharing a meal and great conversations with you!**

LOOKING AHEAD - There is an early release at 1:00 on Friday, February 13th and no school on Monday, February 16th.

CROSS COUNTRY REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW! - Kindergarten through 8th grade students are invited to join the West Valley Warriors Cross Country team. Runners must have a physical dated May 1, 2025 or later and turned in on Dragonfly by the first day of practice, March 17, 2026. There will be a mandatory parent meeting on Monday, March 16, from 3:30-4:00 to get schedules, meet coaches, and ask questions.
Go to the Athletics Website for FULL schedule and more information.
#1. Register on Dragonfly as Cross Country K-3 or 4-8
#2. Pay Registration Fees ($25/athlete) on RevTrak(online)
or cash/check to main office
#3. Order a T-Shirt (if needed = $15) on RevTrak
For questions please contact tdierenfield@westvalleyschool.com
Registration Closes February 20th, 2026!

SAVE THE DATE - Current 7th Graders: 8th Grade DC Trip Informational Meeting is coming up soon. We will meet to discuss the trip plans, which include going to NEW YORK as well. This is such a great opportunity for the kids to see where history happened. Plan to attend this meeting to get your questions answered.
THURSDAY, Feb. 12 - 6:30pm
Some things we will cover are: fundraising, itinerary, adult travelers, and more. If you have any questions please reach out to Teri Dierenfield:
tdierenfield@westvalleyschool.com

JANUARY NEWSLETTER - Click on the following link to read the West Valley Journalism Class' January Newsletter January West Valley News

BIG SKY FIT KIDS - In February and March, grades K-5 will be learning about making healthy choices regarding diet and exercise. Students will have the option to participate in the "Big Sky Fit Kids" program, which encourages eating 5 fruits and vegetables and striving for 1 hour of exercise daily. At the end of each month, participating students can turn in their tracking sheets to win prizes for themselves and the school! Any questions, please reach out to Mr. Ahles at jahles@westvalleyschool.com

FLATHEAD VALLEY SNACK PROGRAM - West Valley is grateful to partner with the Flathead Valley Snack Program, a local nonprofit that provides healthy snacks each month to students across schools in our county based on need. The program is operated independently from the Flathead Food Bank and is run entirely by volunteer board members who are dedicated to supporting children in our community.

Thanks to this program, students at West Valley have access to snacks that help them stay focused, energized, and ready to learn. With rising costs and growing needs, the Flathead Valley Snack Program welcomes donations of any kind. If you are able to give, monetary donations can be made as a one-time or recurring gift by clicking the link or scanning the QR code included in this newsletter. Your support makes a meaningful difference for local students. https://givebutter.com/z0JUC8



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

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.
Anna Porter, K-4 Counselor, 406.755.7239 aporter@westvalleyschool.com

RISE AND SHINE

Together We Shine Brighter!

As the school year continues we will keep shining brighter together! We will continue to focus on different big ideas as the year moves forward to help us enhance our school wide theme. Feel free to engage in conversations with your student(s) at home on each topic!

February and March Focus:

For the next few months we will be looking at our next Warrior Way trait - perseverance! During these months we will looking at the importance of perseverance, perseverance at home and school, and perseverance with goal setting!

Photos from Respect Months of December and January:

