


**FEBRUARY 27, 2026**

**CLASSROOM PICTURES** - will be Monday, March 2nd. Pictures will be taken in each elementary classroom and by grade level in the middle school.

**YEARBOOKS FOR SALE -** Yearbooks are on sale! Order forms are coming home, and they may also be ordered online. A link is on the WV website. Cost is $15, and 2 yearbooks will be 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! Details should have come home, and a link is on the WV website. The deadline is March 13.

**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.

**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.

# 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:**

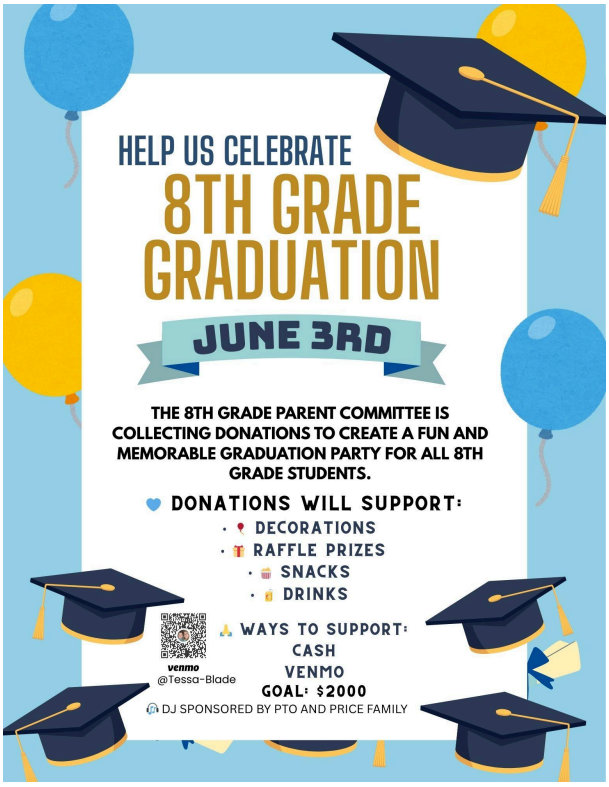
- Grades will face off in weekly "matchups."
- The grade level with the highest attendance percentage for the week will move forward in the bracket.
- We'll have special shout-outs for grades that show big improvement or demonstrate awesome teamwork and encouragement.
- The competition runs for the entire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

**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.

**GRADE PARENTS/GUARDIANS**: March 3rd & 4th, Bri Camillucci (staff member working at the Abbie Shelter), will be presenting to 8th grade students during their PE/Health class. The Abbie Shelter has a long standing relationship with West Valley as they have been presenting to our 8th graders going back at least 17 years. In 7th grade, our students participated in a four part curriculum taught by Ms. Thurman (WV middle school counselor) titled Power Up Speak Out which focused on teaching healthy relationships and boundaries within friendships. Now at the 8th grade level, the focus is on healthy relationships v. unhealthy or abusive relationships at the dating level. The presentation reviews personal boundaries as well as having a conversation about consent. This is an important lesson for our students to participate in as they prepare for high school. If you have any questions, please contact Crystal Thurman 406-755-7239 or cthurman@westvalleyschool.com.

**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.
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:

