

Valley Voice



A rousing game of tug-of-war engaged a crowd of parents, students and staff during Field Day at the close of the 2018-19 school year.

HIGHLIGHTED: District-wide Welcome Back to School Night, August 26th; see pg. 8 for details



A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Ben Ferney

Preparing for Success

There are many life lessons to be learned when our kids are participating in activities that we parents (or adults) are unfamiliar with. One such lesson came three years ago with my daughter Sami. Neither my wife, Stacy, nor I were gymnasts during our school years, yet we are raising two daughters who are passionate about the sport. Their enthusiasm has infected us. In fact, we have learned enough about gymnastics to be dangerous.

To both Isabel and Sami's dismay, we've made up names for the tricks (actually called 'skills'), tried to show them how to perform spins on the kitchen floor, and taken turns performing on the balance beam, which is often found in the middle of the living room. That was all fun, but the time came when our "expert" demonstrations needed to turn into real support.

Sami was going to try-out for the Bronze Xcel Gymnastics Team and she had to learn a skill called a back walk-over. Essentially, it involves standing straight up, bending backwards until your hands

hit the ground, and then kicking the feet over into a standing position again. For some athletes this is an easy skill to master, but for Sami, who inherited my inflexibility (which equates to having a 2x4 for a spine), the back walk-over was a major hurdle.

Sami needed more repetitions than she was getting in practice, so she decided to get five good attempts at home every day. Sami figured she would be getting 25-30 good repetitions per week beyond what she was getting in practice, and she had just over two months before the big try-out. Stacy and I were impressed with her commitment to learn this skill as a 3rd grader, and after dinner we would go outside and spot her doing back walk-overs. We filmed her practices, she studied the film, and asked her coaches for feedback. Soon the back walk-overs got better!

Sami's commitment to prepare for success parallels what we are doing right now in Valley School District. Our District Leadership Team is working through a "Langford Quality Learning" Plan-Do-Study-Act process, looking at ways to remove barriers to student learning. This intentional process centers on identifying a problem (in this case, removing identified barriers to learning) and then strategically planning and carrying out a solution, studying the results and then making appropriate changes.

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Throughout our district, school staff are preparing for next year by reflecting on areas of growth and challenges. They are setting various improvement goals, and planning and implementing ways to achieve them.

Our involvement in legislative work and advocacy efforts for rural schools earlier in the winter and spring have resulted in resources coming to our school district for the next school year. For months the District Office staff has been forecasting and preparing the 2019-20 budget to minimize the impact of legislatively-enacted funding changes and maximize resources.

As part of the budget development process, enrollment projections and trends are studied to determine district-wide staffing needs, and new employees have been hired for the upcoming school year.

We are preparing the campus with facility upgrades. Two major projects underway are framing in the future concession stand and locker room building next to the football field, and enclosing Paideia High School’s outdoor court to better utilize these facilities year-round. Like Sami, the district is working hard to finish strong.

The Bronze Team try-outs took place later that spring and Sami completed the required back walk-over. By preparing for success, Sami made the team. Stacy and I both realized that even though making the team was important, the true life lesson occurred with Sami’s commitment and follow-through made in the process of achieving her goal.

Each year Valley School District makes that same kind of commitment to preparing for and achieving success, because “Improving the Lives of Children and Families” requires it.

From all of us at Valley School District, thank you for a wonderful 2018-19 school year. We look forward to seeing you in late August and achieving great things together.

Facility Improvements Underway to Enhance Learning Activities and Services



The covered pavilion next to the football field is now enclosed and sporting a freshly painted exterior, transforming neatly into its new purpose as Locker Room and Concession Stand to better support student activities. Below, one of two interior team spaces is taking shape.

To prepare for paving of the student parking and walking path, two culverts along the east side of Huffman Road needed to be lowered. (continued on page 3)



VSD Board Meeting Notice

Upcoming VSD Board meetings are September 18th, October 16th and November 20th at 6:30 p.m.

School Board	Doug Elledge	Nancy Cocroft
Bill Wilson	Paul Voelker	Superintendent
(President)	Crystal Hubert	Ben Ferney

Non-Discrimination Statement

Valley School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained guide dog or service animal by a person with a disability in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees of the Valley School District at 3030 Huffman Rd., Valley, WA 99181 are designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Danielle Tupek, Title IX Liaison; Janet Williams, Section 504/ADA Coordinator; Ben Ferney, Compliance Coordinator for State Law (RCW 28A.640/28A.642). A complaint regarding alleged discrimination may be made by e-mail to: compliance@valleysd.org, or by calling the district office at 509-937-2791.

Staff On the Move

Bidding Farewell to Jan Zilbert and Linda Carter

Two long-time VSD staff members announced their retirement at the end of the 2018-19 school year. Jan Zilbert has been an integral part of the Valley School staff over the last 12 years, teaching a variety of subjects and grade levels from third grade through middle school. This was Linda Carter's 30th year as a para-educator with the district. She started working here in 1989 when her children attended Valley School.



Principal Todd Smith shared that both Jan and Linda connected with students in ways that sparked learning and helped students overcome challenges.

"Linda's passion for literature helped an endless number of children improve their skills and develop an overall appreciation for reading. Knowing that these types of

joy to Linda."

Linda especially enjoyed selecting books that individual kids would engage in, inspiring her 4th grade students by reading

aloud many children's classics, and helping middle school students conquer History. She studied 6th-8th grade level history simultaneously, from ancient to modern times, for three years



skills can be used through a lifetime brings great

to better assist students, and credits Josh Clemmer as being "the best history teacher ever."

Recently Jan served as a middle school intervention teacher and ASB co-director along with Counselor Natalee Reid, putting her in

a position to work closely with students. "She has a passion for helping students reach their potential and has a special place in her heart for those students facing the greatest challenges. Jan would be their biggest advocate, always giving them the benefit of the doubt. *(continued on page 11)*



Facility Improvements

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Stevens County Public Works took on the task of recutting the ditch, installing the culverts, and finishing off the access driveways.

A snorkel boom was rented to facilitate changing the existing parking lot lights to LED lights on campus, which will provide long-term savings in energy usage and fixture maintenance costs.

Excavation for the PHS Multi-Court Building site and parking area has been completed by Sullivan Excavation. Construction of the court enclosure is underway by KW Energy, starting with the footings. The project should be completed by the end of October.

Funding from a state Breakfast Meals for Kids Grant provided a new warming oven and microwave for the Valley School kitchen, along with a new milk cooler for the Paideia High School lunchroom.



Citizen of the Year: *Candace Harris*

Since first working as a substitute in the district's fledgling childcare program back in September 2010, Valley Early Learning Director Candace Harris has proven her mettle many times over. She was hired full time to pilot a preschool program here and subsequently elevated that program into its current state as a highly rated licensed childcare center, preschool and Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program ("E-Cap") provider.

Candace's commitment to helping the youngsters and families in the Valley area and her advocacy for improvements in early childhood education regionally and at the state-level were recognized by the VSD Board of Directors in her selection as the 2019 Citizen of the Year.

Chief Financial Officer Eileen Harris nominated Candace for the award, noting "Through her seemingly tireless efforts, she has been the force behind the creation of a successful and well-regarded program. Most people probably don't realize her dedication and the very long hours she devotes to her work. I know that she does it because she possesses a heartfelt purpose: *to improve the lives of children and families.*"

Those early years developing the operational and financial aspects of the program were difficult, especially given that Candace was also earning her BA degree in Early Childhood Education while working full time and raising her two children. She shared that "learning everything about early childhood development while growing the program has been rewarding, but challenging. There are not many other centers that are similar to ours. Guidance or advice on running a year-round licensed childcare on a school campus that has an ECEAP program was hard to find."

She spent a lot of time reaching out to local and state agencies, taking the initiative to improve the services offered to Valley families at every turn. Can-

dace and her staff at VELC offer a full scope of ECEAP services, including home visits and medical/dental service referrals, family goal setting, and parenting guidance and classes. She also took on the role as District Coordinator of the Family Engagement Committee, bringing together staff and family members to discuss and pursue K-12 program improvements. The Committee was recently given a Washington School Administrators Community Leader Award.

Candace's understanding of early childhood issues has propelled her into becoming an advocate for ECEAP system improvements and licensed childcare centers on behalf of the Northeast Washington Early Childhood Program of Rural Resources and Child Care Aware,

providing opportunities to work with legislators locally and in Olympia. "The issues and needs are very different for rural early learning education compared to that of our urban counterparts. I think it is incredibly important to advocate for the unique needs of our area," commented Candace. The League of Education Voters selected Candace as an

Education Advocate of the Month in September 2017.

Candace equally credits her teachers and co-workers at VELC for the success of the program. "Earning an Early Achievers Level 4 Rating as a state licensed childcare center is difficult. I am incredibly proud of my staff's commitment to quality, which is evident in their professional development efforts and other opportunities they have pursued, such as partnering with community members to enrich our program, and allowing UW's Cultivate Learning Program to interview them and film their interactions with children to be used for professional development coursework."

The kids are at the heart of Candace's work. "Every day I have an interaction with a child that makes my day. I learn something new from them all the time!"



PAIDEIA HIGH SCHOOL

Class of 2019

Eleven Paideia High School students were presented diplomas by Board President Bill Wilson on May 30th in an intimate graduation ceremony well attended by staff, families, students and friends. Staff members



Later in the ceremony in a heartfelt send-off, PHS staff joined students in serenading the group with a crowd favorite, the classic song, "Forever Young" by Rod Stewart.

Principal Matt Cox commented that "the students

who mentored the students during the past four years were introduced and commended each graduate's accomplishments.

were magnificent, as usual" and noted the impressive level of support given by the entire district.

Congratulations, PHS Class of 2019!



Megan Manning



Rachel Dawdy



Emma Selle



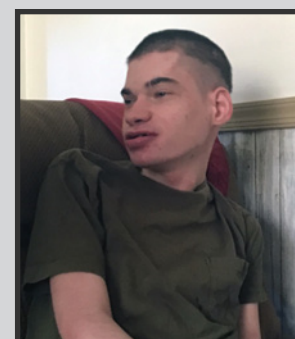
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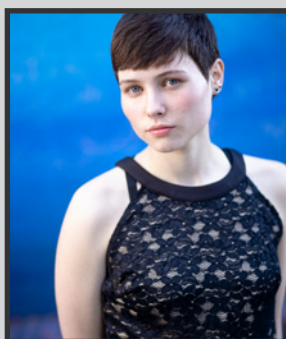
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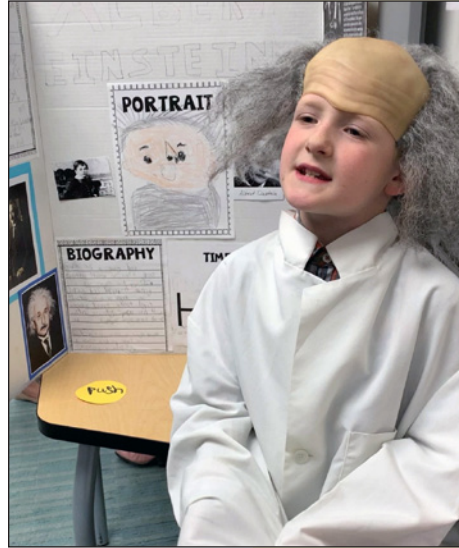
Living Wax Museum

Contributed by Misty Larson

Second grade has been hopping with interesting learning activities second semester! In April, students brought notable persons in history to life through a "Living Wax Museum."

For the project, students first researched online and in books borrowed from our library and selected a person of interest to them. Then, each one put together a tri-fold display of his/her person including a biography, hand drawn portrait, timeline and famous quotes.

On the day the museum was open, students dressed up as their historical person and we invited family and friends to class to check it out. The "wax" figures (students) stood perfectly still until someone pressed a yellow button on their desk, prompting them to come to life. When activated, a student



gave a brief speech about the person and then went back to being "wax."

The museum was a hit, and well attended by the students' families and five other classes!

Plant Power

Ms. Gregerson and Ms. Lee's Kindergarten classes were introduced to the plant world this spring in a series of activities that helped them learn about life cycles and plant parts, and how people benefit from and are similar to plants.

This unit is part of the Core Knowledge Listening and Learning curriculum, engaging the youngsters in hands-on projects, one in which they pretended to pollinate a flower like a honey-bee by eating Cheetos and then transferring the cheese dust from

fingers to objects. Fun!

The class observed how plants develop from seeds by germinating grass seeds and measuring growth, and by sprouting sunflower seeds in windowsill "sprout houses," they created.

Ms. Gregerson shared that their



most exciting activity involved working with middle school science teacher, Michelle Cregger, to dissect flowers. Mrs. Cregger guided students in using simple tools to study and identify the basic parts of a flower—stem, leaf, petals, veins, stamen and pistil—removing one piece at a time to draw and color its likeness on a flower diagram sheet.

Mrs. Cregger left behind a lily plant for the class to watch bloom, and students got to take their flowers home to continue talking about the parts of the plant they identified during the dissection. What a way to grow!

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New High School Summer Camp Earns an "A"

Paideia staff hosted eight days of experiential learning for the school's first Academic Summer Camp, June 10-20th. The camp featured a variety of physically and mentally stimulating—and fun!—activities designed with embedded learning goals to exercise math, language, mind-body, and fine arts skills.

While some of the activities were based on campus, most involved half- and full-day field trips to locations within a couple hour drive from Valley, focusing on bringing together staff and returning PHS students with 8th grade students to ease their transition into 9th grade.

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Valley School Class of 2019...Moving On Up



Twenty-five students celebrated a milestone on June 3rd during the Eighth Grade Graduation ceremony, a long-standing tradition at Valley School.

School Board Director Nancy Cocroft and Superintendent Ben Ferney joined teachers Josh Clemmer and Peggy Neal in acknowledging the class and their accomplishments by presenting certificates of completion and individual awards.

Students in turn honored their parents and family members for their support by presenting red and white roses in a touching gesture of gratitude.

Eighth grade students get to choose where they attend high school, with some continuing in Valley at Paideia High School, and others moving on to Chewelah or Springdale.

HONOR ROLL

Johnathan Merryman
 Audrey Wellhausen
 Morgan Fitzgerald
 Haidyn Parker
 Kylee Palmer
 Cody Gilroy
 Cole Allerdings
 Braden Carson
 Gary Plunkett
 Hunter Gilroy
 Adrianna Collins
 Heavenly Leovao
 Braiden Parret
 Ryan Houghton
 Jacob Bunting
 Hazel Cloud

Julian Emblar
 Logan Fort
 Jordan Howder
 Bailey Jones
 Zachariah LeDoux
 Dylan McDougall
 Austin Paladin
 Elisha Thompson
 Logan Weythman

CLASS MOTTO

*"If you don't fall,
 how are you going
 to know what
 getting up is like?"*

Superintendent's Award:

Johnathan Merryman

Principal's Award:

Adrianna Collins

Valedictorian:

Johnathan Merryman

Salutatorian:

Audrey Wellhausen

Presidential Awards:

Excellence

Johnathan Merryman,
 Audrey Wellhausen, Haidyn Parker,
 Morgan Fitzgerald

Achievement

Braden Carson, *Drama & History*
 Braiden Parret, *Effort*
 Jacob Bunting, *Improvement & Effort*
 Kylee Palmer, *Effort*
 Elisha Thompson, *Drama*



Welcome Students & Families!

VALLEY K-8 SCHOOL

Principal: Todd Smith
Phone: (509) 937-2413
Toll Free: (888) 284-5719
First day of school: Wed., Aug. 28th
First day of Kindergarten: Sept. 3rd
Breakfast: 8:10-8:35 a.m.
First bell: 8:35 a.m.; classes begin 8:40
Lunch:

K-1 11:10-11:45 | 2-3 11:20-11:55
4-5 11:30-12:05 | 6-8 11:40-12:15

Dismissal: 3:10 p.m. for all grades
MONDAY LATE START: 9:40 a.m. - all

PAIDEIA HIGH SCHOOL

Principal: Matt Cox
Phone: (509) 937-2655
First day of school: Wed., Aug. 28th
Classes begin: 8:35 a.m.
Lunch: 12:10-12:40 p.m.
Dismissal time: 3:15 p.m.

EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Director: Candace Harris
Phone: (509) 937-2638
Childcare Hours: 7:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Preschool Hours: 8:20 a.m.-3:20 p.m.
Breakfast: 8:30 a.m.
Lunch: 11:45 a.m. | Snack: 2:30 p.m.

COLUMBIA VIRTUAL ACADEMY

Executive Director: Dennis Killmer
Principal: Dave Vail
Assistant Principal: Eldon Palmer
Phone: Toll Free (855) 525-2270
Hours: 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

VL TRANSPORT CENTER

Supervisor: Steve Templeton
Phone: (509) 937-4021
Hours: 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

K-8 FALL SPORTS

Athletic Director: Josh Clemmer
FOOTBALL

Coach: Jim Paladin
First Practice: Wed., Aug. 28^h

VOLLEYBALL

Coach: Rhea Ross
First Practice: Wed., Aug. 28th

Bells Will Be Ringing!

*Students & Families, Please Join Us
for Our Welcome Back to School Night!*

District programs are joining together to host an evening back-to-school event on Monday, August 26th. Families are encouraged to **partake, tour and talk** together to get in the spirit of school daze! Each school building will be open with various activities planned. Students and families are invited to tool around campus and ease those "first day jitters" by meeting new and returning staff, checking out their 'new' classrooms, and getting a leg up on the business of starting school.

The Valley School foyer will be the central meeting spot on campus. There will be tables and areas set up with specific learning program and services information, forms and such. Staff will be available to answer questions, assign lockers, and set up Skyward Family Access accounts. The Family Engagement Committee will be presenting information on their new 'Watch D.O.G.S.' program, and Valley community groups have been invited to join in and share information as well. If you are curious about online learning, Columbia Virtual Academy will have program and enrollment information available, too.

Valley Early Learning Center and Valley School will be dishing up hamburgers and hotdogs beginning at 5:00, and Paideia High School will be having its traditional BBQ and Family Meeting a bit later at 6:30. No matter what school you attend, you are welcome to walk around, view campus facility improvements, and partake in the fun and fellowship. As the date draws near, look online on Facebook or www.valleysd.org for event details for each school.

Valley K-8 & VELC

5:00-6:00 BBQ on the Valley School outer entrance patio
5:30-7:00 Classrooms open; greet your teachers & staff; drop off school supplies

Paideia High School

6:30-7:00 BBQ outside the Paideia Center
7:00-8:00 Breakout Sessions by grade level for parents & students; scavenger hunt

Columbia Virtual Academy

5:00-7:00 Program Information @Valley School; building tours & meet staff

In compliance with Title I, Part A school requirements under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), Valley School District would like to inform parents or guardians that they may request information about the professional qualifications of a student's classroom teacher(s) or instructional paraprofessional(s). Please contact the district administrative office at (509) 937-2791.

For Your Information...

Enrollment

New student registration forms and information are available at the school office or online at www.valleysd.org. Returning families are requested to update student health and contact information as needed through the school office.

Kindergarten

Valley School is still accepting students turning five years old before September 1st. For registration information, call the school office at (509) 937-2413.

VELC Preschool

Families will be scheduled for beginning conferences September 4-5-6th and 9th in preparation for the first day of class on September 10th. Preschool is Monday-Thursday 8:20 a.m.-3:20 p.m. Parents with additional questions are encouraged to contact Director Candace Harris at (509) 937-2638.

Child Find

Valley School District offers many academic programs and services for all children residing within district boundaries, including developmental screenings and comprehensive assessments for those suspected of having a disability which could adversely affect their success in school. Early identification and

Healthcare Reminder

Parents: Before the first day of school, be sure to have your child's immunization form ready and, if applicable, prepare the physician's orders form and medication administration form plus any medications that will be brought to school.

intervention helps children become more independent and achieve at higher levels.

Schools provide educational support programs such as Title I, Learning Assistance Program (LAP), special education and speech, physical and occupational therapy. Families experiencing homelessness or with low-income, foster children, and/or children with developmental delay or disability, including speech difficulties, may qualify for preschool services (ages 3-5) at no cost. If you have concerns about your child's development, contact the school to arrange a free screening for speech, hearing, language, motor, social and learning skills. Individuals from birth to twenty-one (21) years of age may be screened and eligible for district services. For more information or to arrange an appointment, please contact the Special Services Director at (509) 937-2859, or the district administrative office at (509) 937-2791.

disclosure without consent; and to file a complaint with the U.S. Dept. of Education.

Student Directory Information is the portion of the education record that generally would not be considered private information and which may be included in district or community publications such as newsletters, theatrical playbills, yearbooks, honor roll or award lists, and sports programs.

Directory information may be released publically without parental consent, though a parent/guardian has the option of restricting the release of such information without prior consent by providing written notice to the district administrative office within ten (10) business days of enrollment or first day of school.

Additionally, secondary schools must provide military recruiters and postsecondary educational institutions, upon request, with student names, addresses and telephone numbers, unless a parent/guardian "opts out" in writing of the release of this information.

Valley School District identifies the following as directory information:

- Student name, address, phone number
- Photograph

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act

Assisting Children in Need

If your family lost permanent housing and now live in a temporary shelter, inadequate housing, and/or lack a fixed, regular nighttime residence, your children might be able to receive help through a federal law called the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act.

Under this Act, children and unaccompanied youth in homeless situations have the right to receive a free, appropriate education and immediate enrollment in the school of choice (even if they are missing a permanent address, required records or documents); to receive free meals at school and transportation assistance; to access the same academic program and school services for which he/she qualifies as available to non-homeless students.

For assistance and more information about how you and the school can work together to provide the support your child needs to be successful, contact the Valley School District homeless liaison, Natalee Reid at (509) 937-2696 or visit www.valleysd.org/forms-and-notices/.

Want School Notices?

If you would like to receive phone call notices from Valley School District about school activities, events and important emergency information, just let us know! Contact (509) 937-2413 and we will add your name to the auto-call list.

Management of Student Information

Student records contain information which is collected and maintained by the school on a routine basis for educational or operational purposes. Student records are considered confidential and, generally, personally identifiable information may not be disclosed to an individual or agency ("third party") without written parent/guardian consent, unless there exists a legitimate educational interest or other exception as allowed by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). One such exception is the transfer of student records and information to an official of another school or institution where the student has enrolled or intends to enroll.

Accessibility to student records is guided by Valley School District policy in accordance with state and federal laws. Parents, guardians and adult students have the right to: inspect and review their child's record, and seek to amend information if they believe the record is inaccurate or misleading; consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes

- Date and place of birth
- Dates of attendance
- Grade level
- Major field of study
- Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- Weight and height of members of athletic teams
- Degrees, honors, and awards received
- Most recent previous school attended

For a copy of policy and procedure 3231-Student Records and a full understanding of the types, accessibility guidelines, maintenance and disposition of student records, please contact the district administrative office at (509) 937-2791 or visit www.valleysd.org.

For more information about student privacy from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, visit <https://www.k12.wa.us/data-reporting/data-sharing-osp>.

To register a complaint with the U.S. Dept. of Education concerning alleged failures of compliance with the requirements of FERPA, you may write to:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202

Guest Speaker Shares Intriguing Wartime Story

In mid-May, students from Paideia High School and Valley middle school experienced a once-in-a-lifetime school assembly. Guest speaker Carla Peperzak, a Holocaust survivor from Amsterdam during WWII, shared her extraordinary story of wartime resourcefulness, resistance and aid to fellow Jews under siege in Holland.

Students were captivated for the entire two-hour presentation, during which Carla told about posing as a German nurse in order to bring food, stolen ration cards and medical supplies to those in hiding. Following her talk many students asked Carla specific and intriguing questions to which she provided detailed answers.

Since she first broke her self-imposed silence about her experiences in 1992, Carla has given presentations all over the world. Now, as a 90+ year old great-grandmother, she speaks to students that reside close to her home in Spokane. In a 2015 article in the Spokesman-Review, her daughter expressed,

“It’s become my mother’s mission to share her story because there are so few left. The children of today will be the last generation to meet somebody who is a Holocaust survivor.”

Prior to her presentation Paideia staff had the honor to eat lunch and converse with her. To conclude the presentation, students presented Carla with a flower basket grown at the PHS greenhouse, and she in turn left an autographed copy of her book, *Keys of My Life*. If you are interested in this memoir it will be housed in the Paideia library. To learn about Carla’s biography, visit <https://holocaustcenterseattle.org/carla-peperzak>.

The Holocaust Center for Humanity in Seattle offers teacher fellowships and an annual student writing, art and film contest; classroom sets, lessons and activities; classes, workshops; and hosts field trips for student and adult groups by reservation. Visit www.holocaustcenterseattle.org for more information.

2019-20 Meal Prices

Breakfast and lunch are served daily and available to all students. Application forms for free or reduced price meals are available in the school office or online at www.valleysd.org under Nutrition or in the Student Registration packets.

BREAKFAST:

Students Grades K-5 = \$1.45
 Students Grades 6-8 = \$1.80
 Students Grades 9-12 = \$1.90
 Adults = \$2.55
 Extra Milk: \$.25
 Juice: \$.30

LUNCH:

Students Grades K-5 = \$2.45
 Students Grades 6-8 = \$2.70
 Students Grades 9-12 = \$2.85
 Adults = \$4.00

Reduced rate = No charge for K-12 breakfast or K-3 lunch

Reduced rate lunch for Grades 4-12 = \$.40

Summer Camp

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Each four-day week had a jam-packed itinerary. For cultural immersion and exposure to world languages, the group visited De Leon’s Hispanic Food Market and the Asian Food Market in Spokane to select ingredients for authentic dishes prepared by students the next day. A tour of Boundary Dam and Gardner Caves near Metaline Falls, Silverwood theme park, and the Coeur d’Alene Zip Line mixed in STEM learning. Horseback riding at Legacy Farm & Stable, volunteering at Second Harvest food distribution center, and the Chewelah Peak Learning Center Ropes Course worked mind/body/team connections.

Academic Summer Camp was supported through state Learning



Assistance Program (LAP) grant funds to give students an opportunity to strengthen and enhance math and English abilities in preparation for upcoming school year coursework.

Staff On the Move

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She helped students learn positive lessons from experiences that weren't always so positive," stated Principal Smith.

Mr. Smith also noted that "Jan is the type of person that is always willing to help things run smoothly. She would recognize when a staff member needed extra support or coverage with a class, then step in and volunteer even if it made it more difficult for her. She also set up many of the school-wide intervention programs like *Fast ForWord* and *Dreambox*, and would take the lead in setting up class schedules and making adjustments when needed for assemblies and activities. Jan's leadership and selflessness are going to be greatly missed."

Both ladies cherish the bonds made with current and past students and staff, and will greatly miss the VSD school family. Each is looking forward to relaxation, pursuing hobbies and spending time with their families – but plan to visit Valley as often as they can.

New VSD Staff

Valley K-8

Kadie Link is joining the Valley School staff as a 1st grade teacher. Principal Smith commented that Kadie's past experience and strengths in data analysis, leadership abilities and positive demeanor contributed to her selection by the hiring committee.

Librarian/Testing Specialist Alice Ely is semi-retiring and stepping out of the library position, but will continue

serving as the Assessment Specialist, coordinating K-8 state assessments and Measures of Academic Progress (MAP). Tricia Patterson, who has experience as a classroom teacher, has been hired to fill the position of Library Specialist/Para-Educator.

Columbia Virtual Academy

Darrell Wayenberg will be teaching middle school math. Mr. Wayenberg brings 28 years of experience, most recently in Deer Park, Spokane and California where he has been highly recognized by his administrators and colleagues as a distinguished teacher and leader in secondary math and science. Mr. Wayenberg holds a B.A. in science and a Master's degree in Information Science and Technology. His wife Sandy currently teaches at the Valley School.

District

Bryan Lentz started working in June as the new IT Systems Technician. Bryan lends much-needed assistance to the IT Department, working alongside IT Systems Administrator Forrest Miller.

Leah Harp, who has been working as a kitchen aide at Valley School, has been selected as the Food & Nutrition Director/Head Cook.

Early Learning Center

Ashleigh Brugger has been hired in the position of Assistant Preschool Teacher/Lead Summer Program Teacher. Allison Cobb also joins the VELC staff as a Special Services Aide/Lead Summer Program Teacher.

Find lots of school and district news, information, schedules, photos and more on the Valley School District website @www.valleysd.org

Notable Events

August

- 21** School Board Meeting
6:30-8pm | VSD Broadcast Studio
- 26** District-wide Welcome Back Event
BBQ & Open House – All Schools
5-7:00pm | K-8 & VELC in Valley School Foyer | 6:30-8pm Paideia HS

District All Staff Meeting
1-3:00pm | Multi-Purpose Rm
- 28** FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
Valley K-8, Paideia HS

September

- 2** NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
- 3** FIRST DAY OF KINDERGARTEN
- 4 5** VELC Family Conferences
- 6 9**
- 9** FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
Columbia Virtual Academy
- 10** FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
VELC/ECEAP
- 18** School Board Meeting
6:30-8pm | VSD Broadcast Studio
- 25** School Pictures
Staff & Students – All Schools

Citizen Complaints Concerning Federal Programs

Anyone may file a citizen complaint concerning special service programs against a school district or school service provider. A complaint is a written statement that alleges a violation of a federal rule, law or regulation or state regulation that applies to certain categorical federal programs. For more information about the citizen complaint process, call the district administrative office at (509) 937-2791 to request guidance; and/or visit the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction website at www.k12.wa.us/TitleI/CitizenComplaint.aspx; or call (360) 725-6100.



Ms. Stroyan's third grade class learned about the importance of fire safety and prevention during summer-time outdoor activities.
THANK YOU, SMOKEY BEAR!

Please join us on November 14th & 15th for another fantastic show performed by the Valley School Drama Club!



THANK YOU, CHEWELAH ARTS GUILD for providing another great art experience for students: "Mosaics" with Gina Greenwood!

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