

NO SCHOOL TOMORROW - Friday, April 30th.

LAST TEACHER PREP DAY - No school Wednesday, May 12th, for the last teacher prep day of the school year.

PLANS FOR WEST VALLEY - Please click on the link below to listen to last night's Steering Committee meeting to look at future facilities at WV School. Also, Please take the survey that is on our website, "WVS Planning Survey" tab. We would like the survey taken by May 5th, Thank you to those who have already taken the survey. https://cushingterrell.zoom.us/rec/share/wZmY5gakUX5fhJIHI3jJFwVwDaKwXEfP3EL8 N9nHe6FEQ2AM2PhvJwbapm6sYnQr.GclvuoVuWhRaGG-5 Passcode: 0d\$JMiM^

SAY THANK YOU - Next week is teacher and paraprofessional appreciation week. We are hoping to show our thanks by doing a few small things throughout the week. **Monday** - Administration says Thank you

Tuesday - Snacks will be provided by the wonderful West Valley PTO

Wednesday - Give a written "Thank you" by students making a card, writing a note or even just a kind word on a post-it passed on to their teacher/s

Thursday - "Gear Up" to say thanks by students/staff wearing West Valley clothing or colors.

Friday - PTO will supply the morning caffeine for the final "Thank You".

TESTING CONTINUES - This spring students are scheduled to take the required state summative tests in Math and English Language Arts. The results are used as a tool to better understand student achievement and progress.

6th - 8th grade students, **who are attending on campus**, will take the test May 3rd through 7th for an hour each day. Remote students will be contacted by their coordinating teacher for information about their testing. If you have questions about the time of your child's test, please contact their homeroom teacher.

For more info visit: https://sampleitems.smarterbalanced.org/

NOW OPEN - Kindergarten registration is now open for the 2021/22 school year. If you have a child that will be eligible (MUST be 5 on or before September 10th) to start kindergarten in August 2021, you may register them NOW! Please try to get your registration in by **MAY 15th.** We try to get a good idea of how big classes will be so we can start organizing the school year. You can pick up a registration packet outside the front doors of the school. There is a clear bin marked, "KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION". Once completed, you can return the packet by mail or drop it off at the school. If you are dropping off during business hours, 8:00am-3:30pm, please call ahead so we can meet you outside. There is also a secure mail drop box to the right of the front doors where you can leave the packet. Registration packets WILL NOT be accepted if they are INCOMPLETE so make sure you have all the required documents to submit.

If you are out of district, you may still fill out paperwork but understand that decisions on acceptance will not be made until August, usually a week or so before school starts. Out of district tuition amount will be determined by the school board. Tuition is due on the first day of school.

TOUGH TALK - Join the Nate Chute Foundation for a free virtual 60 minute presentation on how to talk about mental health and suicide with yur children. Zoom in to the following link on Monday, May 10, 2021 from 5:30-6:30. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89184887668

LET'S JAM - Celebrating their 35th year of live music at the lake! They're back, the 2021 Flathead Lake Music Camps. High School Band and Choir camp will be July 11th-17th and Middle School Band and Choir camp will be July 18th-24th. For more information go to www.flatheadlakemusiccamp.org

TACKLE TIME - Registration is now open for the 2021 Flathead Valley Little Guy Tackle Football season. Kiddos must be in the 4th, 5th or 6th grade NEXT school year. Registration ends May 16th, Sign-ups are online only and no late registrations will be accepted. The season runs from mid August to mid October. Registration fee is \$100. Everyone plays! If you have any questions, please call 8812-2111 or visit www.flatheadvalleyfootball.com

SHARING CAN BE BAD - There have been several cases of head lice throughout the school in the past few weeks. Please discourage students from sharing hats, brushes/combs, ponytail bands or playing with/styling each other's hair. Lice is very easily spread but very hard to control if not found and treated immediately.

ATTENTION 8th GRADE PARENTS - There WILL BE an 8th grade promotion ceremony on Tuesday, 6/8, at 6pm in the big gym (limited to 2 guests per student, MASKS REQUIRED). There WILL NOT be a reception afterwards. Graduates can celebrate on Wednesday, 6/9, with a day at Lawrence Park from 10:30-2:30pm

(students come to school as normal). There will be NO SCHOOL for the 8th grade class on Thursday, 6/10. Please note that all above listed events taking place are based on the CURRENT covid situation (cross your fingers). If there are any changes, you will be notified immediately.

CHECK OUT THE CAMPS - West Valley will be offering FREE basketball, volleyball, and football camps in May and June for current 6th and 7th graders. A registration sheet will be available on Monday and needs to be turned in the Friday before the camp, no late entries. Please visit the West Valley website (under athletics) for more details. **WE NEED JUDGES** - If you live in the West Valley School District and are a registered voter you can become an election judge. Please contact Serina Nelson at <u>snelson@westvalleyschool.com</u> or call 755-7239 for more information.

CONCUSSION TESTING - If you have student athletes entering the 9th or 11th grade for the 2021-2022 school year and they will be interested in participating in the following: all contact sports, football, volleyball, soccer, cheerleading, basketball, wrestling, track and field (pole vault, javelin, high jump), softball or for league sports such as baseball, lacrosse, hockey, skiing; Save The Brain and Youth Development will be hosting required baseline concussion testing on the following dates.

May 5th 1:00-4:00 @ Kalispell Middle School

May 10th 3:00-6:00 @ Stillwater Christian School

May 11th 1:00-3:00 @ Bigfork High School

May 17th 3:00-7:00 @ Flathead High School

May 24th 3:00-7:00 @ Glacier High School

May 25th 2:00-6:00 @ Whitefish High School (2-3pm reserved for incoming Freshman) Your student may test at any of the above sites if they cannot make it to their specific high school's testing date. Home school athletes may also come to any testing date. Testing is \$5 per athlete, pay in cash only at time of testing.

There will be a sign up genius for each location. We are in the process of getting volunteers for the dates and when we know how many volunteers we have, we can set up how many kids can arrive at one time and will make the sign up events. Links are below:

May 5th Kalispell Middle School (current 8thgrade students only) https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054CABA82EA5F49-baseline

May 10th Stillwater Christian School (SCS students only) https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054CABA82EA5F49-baseline1

May 11th Bigfork High School https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054CABA82EA5F49-baseline2

May 17th Flathead High School

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054CABA82EA5F49-baseline3

May 24th Glacier High School

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054CABA82EA5F49-baseline4

May 25th Whitefish High School https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054CABA82EA5F49-baseline5

WARRIOR WEAR - Get ready to gear up, West Valley style! Go to <u>https://westvalley2020.itemorder.com</u> This store will be open all year on the West Valley app. Items are ready to pick up at Universal Athletics within 5-7 working days (usually).



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