

# The Hawk's View

Monthly Newsletter for Valley View Elementary

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## OCTOBER CALENDAR

Oct. 7-8: Parent Teacher Conferences

Oct. 12: PTA Board Meeting at noon

Oct. 13: School Pictures

Oct. 15-16: Fall Break-NO SCHOOL

Oct. 21: School Carnival hosted by the PTA

Oct. 31: HALLOWEEN

Nov. 13: End of 1st Trimester

focus of our Monday collaboration time is identifying exactly what math concepts and skills we expect students to learn, assessing students to see when they have mastered them, and then identifying the students who have still not mastered what is intended. By focusing our efforts on these three questions, teachers should develop and modify their instruction accordingly. Finally, in the area of science based upon UPASS results, 81% of Valley View students passed their science CRT compared to 76% of students in Alpine SD and 69% of students statewide. Based on the combined results of all CRT exams taken last May, Valley View Elementary passed AYP (annual yearly progress) as defined under No Child Left Behind. This is the fourth consecutive year we have passed AYP.

One other area of concern that we will be working on this year is helping our students develop better writing skills. Based on the results of the Direct Writing Assessment given to 6th grade students statewide, it is clear that our school from 1st grade to 6th grade needs to have a better plan of attack. While there is some good writing instruction taking place in our classrooms, our teachers have assessed their current practices and all agree that there is much room for improvement. We will be spending time during Monday collaboration to develop more effective school-wide writing strategies.

## Novel Influenza A H1N1

Parents, included in this newsletter, there is a note from our school nurse, Wendy Whatcott. With the recent outbreak of H1N1 or the "swine flu" in the state of Utah, we are all concerned with the possibility of an outbreak here at Valley View. There are several things we as a school are trying to do to be proactive in this regard. First, all teachers regularly discuss with their students about the importance of prevention. This includes discussion on washing hands regularly with soap and water as

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parents and students, we are off and running! The 2009-2010 school year promises to be another successful one for students at Valley View. We have now received the results from last year's CRT exams that were administered last May and once again, our students performed well. As a school, 88% of our students passed the language arts exam compared to 86% of students in Alpine School District and 80% of students in the State of Utah. While this is a slight drop from last year, our students, teachers, and parents should be commended for doing so well. In the area of math, we again performed satisfactorily but there is still a great deal of improvement that needs to take place. As a school, 76% of our students passed their math CRT compared to 77% of students in Alpine SD and 71% of elementary students statewide. While there are many students who performed well in math, there are still many who need extra help in learning these important ideas and skills. A major

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well as using an alcohol-based sanitizer when appropriate. We also remind students of the importance of covering their mouths with tissue when coughing or sneezing and then discarding this tissue. It is also stressed that students wash their hands after coughing or sneezing into them. All classrooms at Valley View should be equipped with hand sanitizers and at least once a week, teachers and students conclude the day by wiping down desks, doorknobs, chairs, etc...with disinfecting Clorox wipes. Hopefully, by educating our students on ways to minimize the spread of this virus and germs in general, we can enjoy a school year with a minimum of illness-related absences. Please read nurse Whatcott's letter in detail. It is critical that we have your support in keeping home students who are ill and having them stay home until the appropriate time. This is generally 24 hours after the student no longer has a fever or signs of a fever. We will do our best in providing homework for students who are home for extended periods of time. On a side note, over the last few weeks, we have had a huge increase in parents checking students out of school early. While there are certainly valid reasons for occasionally checking out a child early, please be reasonable in this regard. Classroom time for students is so important and the less we disrupt instruction, the more successful our students will be.

Sincerely,

Mr. Bruce Gardner

















**SCHEDULED MENU PLANS  
VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY**

October, 2009

Serving line ID: 2 LUNCH

Menu Group: Lunch

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			-1- Turkey Roast Potatoes & Gravy	-2- Burrito Sub Sandwich
	Choice of Milk	Chocolate Chip Cookie Choice of Milk	Choice of Milk	Choice of Milk
-12- Egg Roll & Fried Rice Chicken Pattie Fresh Fruits & Veggies Pears/Calif Blend Fortune Cookie Choice of Milk	-13- Corn Dog BBQ Rib Sandwich JoJo's Potato Wedges Fresh Fruits & Veggies Applesauce/Grapes Choice of Milk	-14- Choice of Cheese Pizza or Pepperoni Pizza Ham & Cheese Sandwich Fresh Fruits & Veggies Watermelon/Green Beans Snickerdoodle Cookie Choice of Milk	-15- Fall Break	-16- Fall Break
-19- Orange Chicken Steamed Rice Ham & Cheese Sandwich Fresh Fruits & Veggies Pears/Calif Blend Fortune Cookie Choice of Milk	-20- Rotini & Meat Sauce Chef Salad French Bread Fresh Fruits & Veggies Peaches Choice of Milk	-21- Choice of Cheese Pizza or Pepperoni Pizza Fish Sandwich Fresh Fruits & Veggies Kiwi/Green Beans Carnival Cookie Choice of Milk	-22- Chicken Pattie Potatoes & Gravy Wheat Roll Hamburger/Chips Fresh Fruits & Veggies Peach Cup/Peas/Carrots Choice of Milk	-23- Soft Shell Taco Deli Sandwich Fresh Fruits & Veggies Applesauce/Corn Cinnamon Roll Choice of Milk
-26- French Toast Slice Scrambled Eggs Grilled Cheese Sandwich Hashbrown Pattie Fresh Fruits Strawberry Cup/Peaches Choice of Milk	-27- Sloppy Joe Chicken Pattie Macaroni & Cheese Fresh Fruits & Veggies Pears Red Jello with Topping Choice of Milk	-28- 2333 or Pepperoni Pizza Turkey Sandwich Fresh Fruits & Veggies Cantaloupe/Green Beans Confetti Cookie Choice of Milk	-29- Turkey Roast Potatoes & Gravy Wheat Roll Hamburger/Chips Fresh Fruits & Veggies Peaches/Peas/Carrots Choice of Milk	-30- Halloween Lunch Hot Dog Fresh Fruits & Veggies Halloween Cookie Choice of Milk

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