

## Principal Pflueger Press April 21, 2015

Friends of Valley View,

The world of accountability comes to all Idaho Schools this week in the form of “Standardized Testing”. Parents, I am sure you remember these; I sure do! Back in my day, along with the earned score, they told you what future employment you were suited for.....I am glad they were wrong! Regardless of how you feel about these tests, as a public school, we must fulfill the requirement. Personally, I feel the tests are an important “snap shot” of your child’s academic progress and their test taking skills. These tests are used for a number of reasons: to see if our teachers are teaching the state academic standards, to measure our students against other Idaho students and to rate the effectiveness of our school program, as determined by the Idaho State Department of Education.

That being said, and as I mentioned in the last PPP,—we have nothing to worry about. Valley View has excellent teachers working toward the set targets. On the back side of this letter, again, is a copy of the ISAT-SBAC test schedule. Please look it over and help us prepare your child for success. Through this time period, we ask for faithful attendance, a well rested child and, healthy snacks to share, if possible. These can include fruit, crackers and cheese.

Please stop by and check our “Lost & Found”. You will, very likely, find some missing items!!!!

### Upcoming events

5/7	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Mother’s Day Tea
5/8	8:00-4:00 Valley View Kindergarten Registration for 2015-2016
5/11-28	Spring Writing Prompt—grade level select prompt and date
5/13	4:15 PTO
5/14	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Olympics Fairgrounds
5/14	Kindergarten to Mt. Hall Museum
5/17-21	<u>Knowledge Fair and Book Fair</u>
5/19	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Culture Fair
5/20	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade to Cataldo Mission
5/21	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip to the Airport
5/21	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade field trip to the Refuge
5/21	Festival at Sandpoint 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Outreach Program in VVES Cafeteria 9:00 Naples & Mt. Hall 10:00 Valley View
5/21	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Curiosity Projects judging
5/21	Free Dinner and Dessert Auction; 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade entertainment
5/25	Memorial Day—No School
5/26	VVES Jog-a-thon. Not a fund-raiser; we just run for the health of it!!!
5/27	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Libby Dam
5/28	2:00 Talent School
6/1	9:00 Volunteer Appreciation Assembly 9:30 Brunch 10:30 Kickball Game Staff & Volunteers vs. 5 <sup>th</sup> grade
6/3	5 <sup>th</sup> Bowling PM
6/4	12:20 Dismissal

Respectfully submitted by,

Gary Pflueger, Principal

**Please do not drive to the back of our building before or after school. This area is for staff parking and bus pickup/drop off only. This is a student safety issue!**