



# West Valley Middle School's WOLF TRACKS

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## West Valley Maintenance and Operations Levy

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### What is a Maintenance and Operations (M&O) Levy?

- A levy to supplement programs of the West Valley School District that are not funded or are only partially funded by state and federal support.

#### Is this a New Tax?

- No. This levy replaces the M&O levy approved in 2008 for the years 2009 and 2010. This levy would continue West Valley's M&O levy into 2011 and 2012.

#### What do you mean by "replacement" levy?

- The last levy that voters approved was in February 2008, for calendar years 2009 and 2010. That levy is going to expire, or run out. It needs to be renewed. This vote is to "replace" the levy that was passed in 2008 with a new one for the years 2011 and 2012.

### SOME INTERESTING FACTS

- Small elementary schools called "neighborhood schools" which promote small class size are supported by levy funds.
- The State does not fully fund school bus transportation to get students to and from school. Levy funds supplement state funding 35% per year.
- The State does not provide any additional funding for technology. Levy funds provide technicians to repair and maintain computers and funds to purchase new software and hardware, including the upgrade and addition of computer labs.

# ELECTION FEBRUARY 9TH, 2010 PLEASE VOTE!



## West Valley Dollars for SCHOLARS

Mark Your Calendars for...

### DINNER DOWN UNDER

February 4, 2010

West Valley High School Commons  
Tickets \$25

For Information:  
Call Linda at 910-5926

Raffle and Entertainment

### District Phone Numbers

#### Schools:

Ahtanum Elementary	965-2031
Apple Valley Elementary	965-2060
Cottonwood Elementary	965-2052
Mountainview Elementary	965-2070
Summitview Elementary	965-2050
Wide Hollow Elementary	965-2023
WV Middle School	972-5700
WV Junior High School	972-5800
WV High School	972-5900

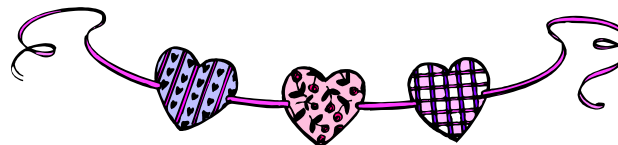
#### Departments:

Central Office	972-6000
Child Nutrition	972-6040
Facilities/Maintenance	972-6030
Special Services	965-2080
Student Records	972-5909
Technology	972-6024
Transportation Center	966-2403

#### Other Important Numbers:

Job Line	972-6025
Safety Hotline	972-6027
School Closure	972-6002

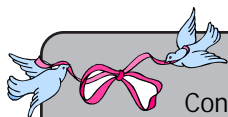
Please visit our website for more info:  
[www.wvwsd208.org](http://www.wvwsd208.org)



### AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM OUR NURSE, MRS. SHEAN....

#### Medication in School

If your child needs medication during school hours, there are several options available. Parents may come to the school to give the medication or they may bring the medication into the office with a completed (signed by physician and parent) PERMISSION TO ADMINISTER MEDICATION AT SCHOOL request form. Another option would be to have the student carry the medication, if it is an emergency medication, such as an inhaler. **In all cases, except when the parent gives the medication, a request form must be filled out and signed by a licensed health care provider and a parent or guardian, even for over-the-counter medication.** These forms are available in the office or by calling the school nurse. The request form must be renewed each school year. The medication must be brought to the school office by the parent in the original container or prescription bottle. Students are not allowed to carry prescription or over-the-counter medication without a signed request form on file for that year. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter. Questions may be addressed to Mary Lou Shean at 972-5705 (Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM). The Permission to Administer Medication at School form is available on the district web site at [www.wvwsd208.org](http://www.wvwsd208.org). Click on forms and scroll down to Medical to find the form.



## NEWS FROM THE L.A.I.R.

Congratulations to all of the students that completed a Reading Pyramid packet early or by the deadline, met standard each term AND are eligible for the celebration event on March 2nd. This year we will celebrate at the movie theater with a good, free film (thank you Pack Parents!) and student purchased treats. Permission slips will go out to eligible students in mid-February. Way to go readers!

Overdue book notices will go out to students the first week of February. Please look. Up. Down. All Around! Some missing books have come back safe and sound but there are many, many still out there, waiting to be found. Beginning in 2010 - students with overdue books will not be able to check out at all, so be on the look out and bring those overdues back to the library!

Upcoming library events include; Book Club - After school movies - and the Pyramid Completion/Reading Celebration event on March 2nd. We look forward to seeing everyone for these events and every day in between!

## Pack Parent Volunteer Thanks and News for January, 2010

Happy New Year everyone! We hope everyone had a wonderful and safe holiday break with families and friends. The new year brings a better focus and sense of purpose— a new start which is nice.

December was a busy month for all of us and we wanted to begin by thanking our parents, students, and staff for the great work they did with Operation Wishes. We were able to provide gifts for nearly 40 children in the foster care system. What generous families we have here at West Valley Middle School! Thank you for your willingness to share during the holiday season.

Also a BIG thank you to our volunteers who once again stepped up and met the needs at the middle school. First for the movies— Cheri Keefe, Diana Covell, Kim Clendenin, Emiko Okubo, and Gayla Perala. The kids love the movies and your help makes them oh-so enjoyable for the students and much easier for Mrs. Smart and the library! The December social was a huge hit as well, especially the "snowball" throwing whip cream and karaoke. Thanks to all the parents who came— I don't think I can list names for fear of missing someone who just came and wasn't on my list. As usual our wonderful parents step up and help with everything from selling tickets to pizza, ice cream drinks, popcorn, monitoring the gym and games and helping with Foosball and ping pong! You are amazing and Pack Parents couldn't exist without you. Even in the busy month of December our volunteers step up and do awesome things for the middle school. THANK YOU ALL! January is pretty quiet for volunteers so enjoy getting started on your resolutions and into the new year. If you have any questions please e-mail me at riddkids7@yahoo.com.

Our December Pack Parent meeting was short and sweet! Thanks for those who attended. We had a representative from West Valley Citizens for Better Schools attend and share information about the upcoming vote on the renewal of the districts Maintenance and Operations Levy. The vote is February 9th so look for the ballot to be mailed in the next few weeks— and then REMEMBER TO VOTE! This is not a new tax, just a renewal of the existing property tax that helps our district continue to "maintain their operations" or keep the schools open and running. We don't have the numbers for the entire district but this levy provides about 1/3 of the middle schools budget. Also, without this levy the district would lose a large amount of matching funds from the state. With all the economic worries in the state it is crucial that our schools have these funds. You can also donate money, time or supplies to West Valley Citizens for Better School by contacting dale@yakimatheatres.com.

WVMS Pack Parent Board

Shawnalee Asbury, Sherri Stoddard and Laura Ridd

## WEST VALLEY LITTLE LEAGUE UPCOMING DATES

In person registration dates:

**Feb 17, 2010 and March 4, 2010**

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM WVMS Commons

**Feb 18, 2010 Mandatory Coaches Clinic**

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM WVMS Commons

**March 6, 2010 Try-Outs**

Cottonwood Fields

Majors 9:00 AM / Minors 1:00 PM

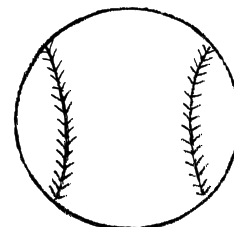
**March 13, 2010 Try-Outs**

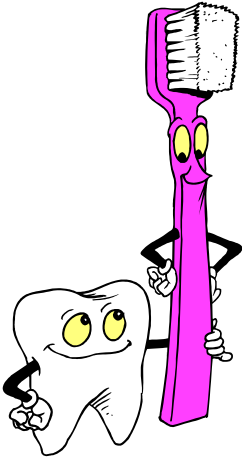
Cottonwood Fields

Minors 9:00 AM / Majors 1:00 PM

*Season begins April 5, 2010*

**Questions? Call Dina Williams League Secretary  
(509) 969-3099**





## 2010 CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

### 17<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FREE DENTAL SEALANT DAY Saturday, February 6, 2010

Yakima Valley Community College Dental Hygiene Clinic  
16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Nob Hill Blvd., Yakima

Open to children and young adults ages 6-21.

Minor children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Call 509-839-7215 (January 25<sup>th</sup>-February 5<sup>th</sup>)

to schedule an appointment.

You will receive a dental exam, fluoride treatment, and sealants.

There is no charge for these services!!

Sponsored by YVCC, Yakima Valley Dentists and Dental Hygienists, DSHS, and Yakima Health District.

West Valley Jr. High and West Valley High School  
Present -

# THE SOUND OF MUSIC



Music by Richard Rodgers  
Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II

Book by Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse  
Suggested by "The Story of the Trapp Family Singers"

Tickets may be purchased at West Valley Jr High or West Valley High School  
or log onto: [www.wvsd208.org](http://www.wvsd208.org)  
Service charge applies

**\$6.50 ~ \$7.50**  
No ticket refunds

**West Valley Jr High Auditorium**  
**7505 Zier Rd**

**Doors open at 6:30 - Show at 7:00**

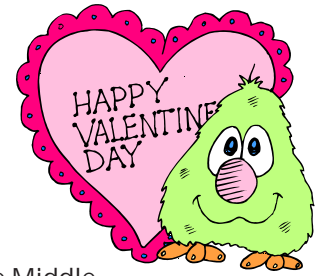
**Performance Dates...**  
**Wednesday, February 17**  
**Thursday, February 18**  
**Friday, February 19**  
**Saturday, February 20**



The West Valley School Districts musical this year is "The Sound of Music". The show will take place February 17<sup>th</sup> thru 20<sup>th</sup> at the West Valley Junior High School Auditorium. Tickets are available at the Junior High School, High School or if you want, log onto [www.wvsd208.org](http://www.wvsd208.org). Cost will be \$6.50 or \$7.50 per ticket. For your added convenience, the Ticket Box Office at the Junior High is open from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Get your tickets now for The Sound of Music before it's too late. You won't want to miss this fabulous showcase of talented students. Any questions can be directed to Mrs. Carl at 972-5811.

# Volunteer & Pack Parent News...

Wow! It's already February and great to be headed toward Spring! January meant that it was time to get serious with supporting the District levy—ballots were mailed: Have you voted yet? Remember the ballots are due by **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9th!** Don't forget to vote—these funds are essential to help our students be able to continue many of the programs and activities that make our schools great!



We wanted to say thanks to several volunteers who helped with mailing postcards from the Middle School to support the levy—Robin Faubion, Sara Ditto, Laura Ridd, Gayla Perala, Carole Jevons, Shawnalee Asbury, Hope Fulcher, Shawn Manning, and Sherri Stoddard. Some of you did double duty helping other schools as well—**THANK YOU** for your willingness to help and give of your time. If you would like to volunteer we still need people to hold signs on corners on Monday the 8th and Tuesday the 9th before and after school. Contact Jim Fannin at the middle school, or Laura Ridd (riddkids7@yahoo.com) for more information. **ALSO—Remember to VOTE :)**

We also wanted to thank our movie volunteers who helped at the two January movies: Cheri Keefe, Diana Covell, Emiko Okubo and Kim Clendenin. These ladies have been helping all year, each month and we are so thankful for them! Also a thanks to the Roebuck family for making a donation of candy to the school for the movies. Wow! We've got great support.

February brings another Pack Parent meeting that everyone is welcome to attend. It will be held on Thursday, February 11th at 6:30 pm in the library here at the middle school. Superintendent Peter Ansingh will be there addressing questions and concerns with the 5th graders moving up to the middle school and the other building/grade changes that will be coming in the district. If you have questions about the planned changes with 5th graders at the middle school, please plan to attend. Also, pass the word to others who may also want to attend and who have students involved in these changes.

We'll also have two more after school movies during February and another **SOCI AL** the first week of March! Look for more information about the upcoming social via e-mail with an opportunity to sign up to help. The social will be held on Friday, March 5th, beginning at 2:35. They are still working on the theme but would like to do some kind of fundraiser for Haiti. This would involve a need for more **VOLUNTEERS** to help coordinate. Look for more information via e-mail and at the school's website. The volunteers the day of the social will be needed from 2:20 - 4:00. We have great volunteers! Thanks for supporting another social. The students love them!!!!

If you have any questions or want to become involved in Pack Parents please let us know! We welcome your input and involvement—it is wonderful to see the support our students receive. Thanks for all you are doing to help the students. Have a great month!

The Pack Parent Board

## CHOIR CONTEST DATE CHANGED!

The Middle School Choir Contest has been changed to **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2010**, and will be held at Morgan Middle School in Ellensburg, WA. Our concert that was scheduled for the beginning of March will be rescheduled for a night in April. Mrs. Goranson will send information about the new concert date and contest in the next few weeks.



# Beauty & the Geek - Inaugural Father-Daughter Ball

Friday February 12, 2010, 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
West Valley High School Commons

Dads, it's time to spoil your little girl and spend some quality time with your princess. With Valentines Day just a few weeks away, don't just tell her you love her, take your daughter to the Ball and give her a night she will remember for ever.

DJ Tronn Alexander will be playing you and your daughter's favorite hits. Do the hokey- pokey or the limbo. In addition to the dancing, there will be a cake walk, games, face painting, and prizes.

Cost is \$20 for dad. Girls are free. Dads, if you have more than one daughter, bring them all for the same price. Price includes refreshments, ice cream, games, prizes and one (1) 5 x 7 photo. Additional photos available for purchase from Dorian Studios.

The attire is entirely up to you and your date(s). Dresses and tuxedos or go casual. If matching t-shirts, football jerseys or matching pj's are your "thing" then feel free - it's your night! A prize will be awarded for the best Father/Daughter attire.

This dance is for girls K-6 grade but older ladies are welcome. Finally, we want to encourage that you as fathers make the evening special by going "all out" for your daughter. Buy her a corsage, take her to dinner, get her a new dress and of course don't forget to deck yourself out too.

For tickets, please mail the bottom half of this form with your check to:  
Deadline for mailing in ticket orders is February 9.

Father Daughter Ball  
C/O West Valley DECA  
West Valley High School  
9800 Zier Rd.  
Yakima, WA 98908

You can also purchase tickets in the high school main office February 4-10. Tickets can be purchased at the door but prices go up to \$30. *Buy your tickets by February 10 to save \$10.*

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**Please Print:**                      **Father/Daughter Ball**                      **February 12, 2010**

Daughter's name \_\_\_\_\_ Father/Father FigureName \_\_\_\_\_

Daughter # 2 name \_\_\_\_\_ Ph # \_\_\_\_\_

Daughter # 3 name \_\_\_\_\_ Elementary School: \_\_\_\_\_

# 2010 All-State Music Conference Features WVMS 7th Graders



On Friday, February 12, members of our WVMS 7<sup>th</sup> grade band will be featured in a clinic at the Washington All-State Music Conference. Our band was one of two middle school bands in the entire state to be selected to perform, so we are VERY proud of them! The clinic will be taking place from 1:15 - 2:30pm in the Howard Johnson (Vineyard room). Parents are welcome to come, but seating may not be available. Once music teachers attending the conference are seated, then any remaining seats may be used by parents. Band members will load the buses afterwards and be back at WVMS by 3:30pm to get picked up.

## ***CHANGE THE DATE!***

The date of the West Valley Middle School  
Winter Band Concert has changed from  
**Thursday, March 4 (7:00pm, WVMS Gym)**  
To  
**Tuesday, March 16 (7:00pm, WVMS Gym)**  
Thanks for changing the date in your calendars!

# ★ Congratulations! ★

Congratulations to the following 6<sup>th</sup> grade and 7<sup>th</sup> grade band members for participating in the 2010 Solo/Ensemble festival in Ellensburg!

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade** = Anna Conley, Breanna Potts, Haley Galvan, Olivia Hernandez, Emma McGuire, Alex Ditto, Elijah Sturgill, Jordan Koffler, Ashley Blas, Rebecca Rainville, Kirsten Patten, Lindsay Anderson, Olivia Wauzynski, Lucas Henning, Patrick Young, Adrianna Carter, Gavin Bungler, Amanda Daughtry, Gilbert Perry, Riley Morin

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade** = JD Jamieson, Kian Hausken, Setty Pryor, Yesenia Follingstad, Courtney Berger, Jessica McKeirnan, Maddy Patten, Kortny Woods, Cassidy Clement, Hailey Ward, Sydney Tollackson, Jessica Carter, Maggie Tenbusch, Julia Villasenor, Meghan Woods, Brooke Waits, Anna Miller, Camille Ridd, Emily Knudson, Katie Lattin, David Clendenin, Evan Fitzgerald

# WEST VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## FEBRUARY

- 4 Dollars for Scholars "Dinner Down Under" @ WVHS
- 8 School Board Meeting @ Summitview Library @ 6:30 PM
- 10 After-School Movie in Library
- 11 Pack Parent Meeting in Library @ 6:30 PM
- 14 **Happy Valentine's Day!**
- 15 NO SCHOOL in honor of President's Day
- 17-20 "The Sound of Music" Production @ WVJH
- 22 School Board Meeting @ WVHS 7:00 PM
- 24 After School Movie in Libray
- 26 NO SCHOOL - Learning Improvement Day

## MARCH

- 5 School "Social" 2:45 - 4:00 PM
- 8 NO SCHOOL- Trimester Break Day
- 8 School Board Meeting @ WVHS Library 6:30 PM
- 16 6/7 Grade Band Winter Concert @ 7:00 PM
- 19 Yakima Valley Regional MS Band Festival MS-JH All Day Event
- 22 School Board Meeting @ WVHS 7:00 PM
- 22-26 Grades K-9 Early Release @ 11:00 AM
- 29-April 2 SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL

