



West Valley Middle School's WOLF TRACKS



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AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

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WASL CHANGES

We now call the "old" WASL the Measurement of Student Progress. (MSP). The MSP will take less time because it will have fewer questions and fewer responses that require an extended response. We normally had two days for reading, two days for writing and two days for math. Now we have one day of MSP for reading and math and two days for writing. Our MSP Schedule:

- May 12 - Reading 130 minutes
- May 13 - Expository Writing (7th grade) 130 minutes
- May 18th - Math 130 minutes
- May 19th - Persuasive Writing (7th Grade) 130 minutes
- May 24-28 - Make ups

We hope students will come to school on these days well rested and after a good breakfast.

OUR DRESS CODE REVISITED

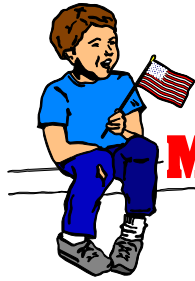
One reason I enjoy the winter months is the need for the students to wear warm clothes. Now that we are entering May and June, the need to be totally covered up has ended. Parents and students need to understand that we have a dress code at the Middle School which includes:

- Clothing that is neat, clean, appropriate and not a disruption to the educational process.
- No spaghetti straps, exposed undergarments, short shorts or pajamas.

If you are not sure of the appropriateness of the outfit, don't wear it to school. Thank you.

Dave Jaeger, Principal

A BIG "WOLF" WELCOME to our new 4th (going into 5th Grade) AND 5th (going into 6th Grade) Parents and Students from all of us at West Valley Middle School!



**NO SCHOOL
MONDAY,
MAY 31, 2010
IN HONOR OF
MEMORIAL DAY**

DID YOU KNOW?

According to an analysis conducted by the Dept. of Health epidemiologists, odds for doing poorly in school were 69% higher for students who drank two or more soda pops a day, in comparison to those who drank less. Odds for academic risk were 25% greater among students who did not get fruits and vegetables at least five times per day in comparison to those who did.

WATER is the best all-day drink. It has no sugar or calories and is low-cost. Try serving water with meals at home and asking for it when you eat out. You can add flavor with a lemon slice. Note: Seltzer, club soda, and sparkling water are good alternatives. They have no sugar or calories and they have the "fizz" factor kids like.

Lunch Accounts Being Rolled Over

Student Lunch Accounts will be rolled over to the 2010-2011 school year.

Parents can request a refund by contacting the Child Nutrition Office at

972-6040 or 972-6048.

A check will be issued to you.



**West Valley
Dollars for Scholars
GOLF TOURNAMENT!
Appletree Golfcourse
Wednesday, May 5, 2010
Shotgun start at 1:30 PM
To join the fun, call
Rob O'Brien @654-0674 or
Lori @ 930-1897**



NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Spring has sprung in the library! Students continue to read and work towards term Pyramid requirements in addition to completing Classroom Based Assessments (CBA) in Humanities. CBA studies include research on topics such as ancient civilizations, inventions and "big ideas" and conclude with an essay. It is such a pleasure to have every student spending time in the library utilizing research materials and technology.

At the end of term five we will be looking for students that have completed a second reading pyramid and met standard every term. Those amazing people will be eligible to join us in our final celebration hosted by the Pack Parents. We look forward to recognizing these readers and celebrating their accomplishments!

ATTENTION: PARENTS OF STUDENTS WHO TAKE MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL...

All prescription and non-prescription medications will need to be picked up by a parent prior to June 10th, 2010. For safety reasons, we cannot allow students to carry medications home. Any medication left in the office after June 11th will be discarded by the school nurse. Any questions? Please call 972-5705.





Annual Golf Tournament

Dear Golfer,

The 16th annual West Valley Dollars for Scholars Golf Tournament is rapidly approaching. The scramble format tournament will be held again at Apple Tree Golf Course, **Wednesday, May 5, 2010**, with a **1:30 pm shotgun start**.

By participating in one or more of the following ways, you have an opportunity to get out for a fun day of golf while helping to fund academic scholarships for deserving West Valley graduating seniors:

Sponsor or be part of a team: The entry fee of \$440 or \$110 per person includes cart, refreshments, dinner and awards. Side games will be available for additional donations.

Meet & Greet* tee and/or hole sponsorship: \$150 includes professional signage, pick-your-hole preference, meet and greet participants, supply samples/information about your company/services, play games & contests.

*There are a limited number of "Meet & Greet" sponsorships; first come, first served. Sponsor's representative to be provided by sponsor.

Basic tee and/or hole sponsorship: \$100 includes professional signage and listing in the tournament program.

Cash Donation: \$50 and up, listing in tournament program

Gift item for raffle: Listing in tournament program

West Valley Dollars for Scholars is a volunteer run organization that operates under the by-laws of Scholarship America and the only administrative expenses are those for affiliation and insurance.

West Valley Dollars for Scholars Foundation presented their first scholarships in 1995. \$13,000 total was distributed to 26 students. In 2009 WVDFS awarded \$43,300 in scholarships to 56 recipients. All funding came from the Dinner Down Under, annual golf tournament and various memorial scholarships.

Think GOLF and join us for a wonderful tournament. If you have or know of someone who has played in this tournament, you know what a great event this can be!

Please review and complete the enclosed sponsorship form and return it to: WVDFS, c/o Lou Arend, 6910 W. Nob Hill Blvd., Yakima, WA 98908

**~STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK~
MAY 3-7**

**With much gratitude to everyone here at WVMS for your daily
dedication to our students!**

COME to KidScreen

¡Vengan a KidScreen

FREE

May 13, 2010 from 12:00-5:00

Wiley Union Church

2711 S. Wiley Road

(Appointments Recommended)

Free Health and Developmental Screenings for kids, birth to 6, older kids welcome, too.

Examen físicos, Vacunas, Ojos, Desarrollo, Comportamiento, Recursos de Aseguranzas

¡Exámenes **GRATIS**

1-866-543-7276

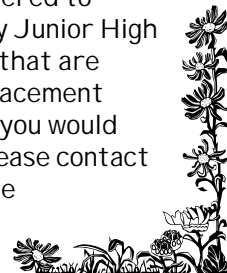
454-3103

www.kidscreen.info



ADVANCED PLACEMENT FOR NEXT YEAR'S 7TH AND 8TH GRADERS

Notice to parents interested in enrolling their student in the Advanced Placement program next year: In order to qualify for placement, students need to meet the required criteria for this program. There will be a test administered to determine eligibility at West Valley Junior High on May 8, 2010 at 9 a.m. Students that are already enrolled in the advanced placement program do not need to retest. If you would like to have your student tested, please contact Nick Hartman at 972-5820 or Lynne Wesselius at 972-5819.



NO MORE NEGATIVE BALANCES

Effective May 1, 2010, the Child Nutrition Department will no longer allow students to go into the negative to purchase a breakfast or lunch. Please be sure to keep your child(ren)s accounts current for purchasing breakfast and lunch through the end of the school year. Please feel free to contact the Child Nutrition Department for account balances at 972-6040 or 972-6048.

West Valley School District Medication Policy

- Parents may come to the school anytime to give medication to their child.
- For the school to administer medication, the parent should bring the medication to the office with a completed (signed by physician and parent) PERMISSION TO ADMINISTER MEDICATION AT SCHOOL REQUEST FORM.
- These forms are required for both prescription and over-the-counter medications.
- Forms are available in the office, by calling the school nurse or on the West Valley Middle School web site under the health forms/ Info tab.
- 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.
- Medications should be picked up at the end of the school year. Medication left in the office will be discarded.
- Questions can be addressed to Mary Lou Shean/RN at 972-5705.



Strong Families Parenting Class



Attention Parents

Feeling **FRUSTRATED**?
Too Much Sibling **RIVALRY**?
Problems with your **Teens**?

Discussion Topics:

- Parenting & Recovery
- Anger Management
- Problem Solving & Positive Parenting
- Consequences and Household Rules
- Parent/Child Communication Tools



FREE CLASSES • FREE PARENT MANUAL



Location & Dates:

West Valley Fire-Rescue Station 5
10000 Zier Rd
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-9 pm
April 20th to May 27th, 2010

No Child Care Available

For more information or to register
for class, please call:
Maria Vjarro

576-4319

This class is made possible by West Valley Fire District and The Comprehensive Mental Health Foundation



Attention Future Parents at West Valley Middle School

The WVMS Pack Parent board is recruiting new board members for the 2010-2011 school year.

Pack Parents is the middle school equivalent for the PTA. Every parent with a student at the school automatically becomes a "Pack Parent"—no joining fee involved. We assist the school's administration and staff with events and special projects that help our students receive a great education and have some fun as well!

If you are interested in joining the WVMS Pack Parent Board for the 2010-11 school year please fill out the form below. The board consists of 5 members—2 of which have been filled for next year President: Shawnalee Asbury and Secretary: Andrea Reyes-Sheehan. The additional positions are listed below. Pack Parents is a great way to continue to be involved behind the scenes after your child leaves the elementary level.

Please return completed forms to the West Valley Middle School Office by May 6th. You may also e-mail the information listed below to Laura Ridd (riddkids7@yahoo.com) to have your name be included on the ballot. We will be meeting candidates and voting on May 13th at the Pack Parent meeting 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the library. All current and future pack parents are invited (and encouraged) to attend and vote for next year's board members.

****All positions final pending approved back ground check****

(cut here and return lower portion to WV Middle School office by Thursday, May 6, 2010)

Name: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Elementary
School: _____

Position: (circle one)

Treasurer

Volunteer Coordinator

Vice President



Do you own land along the Ahtanum Creek,
Wide Hollow Creek, or Cowiche Creek?

Would you like to have students restore fish habitat on your property in
a partnership with the North Yakima Conservation District?

Contact Mike Tobin to get more information!

*Mike Tobin, North Yakima Conservation District
454-5743 ext. 122 mike-tobin@conserveva.net*

**Students from West Valley will work with the North
Yakima Conservation District this spring to plant native
vegetation and restore fish habitat.**

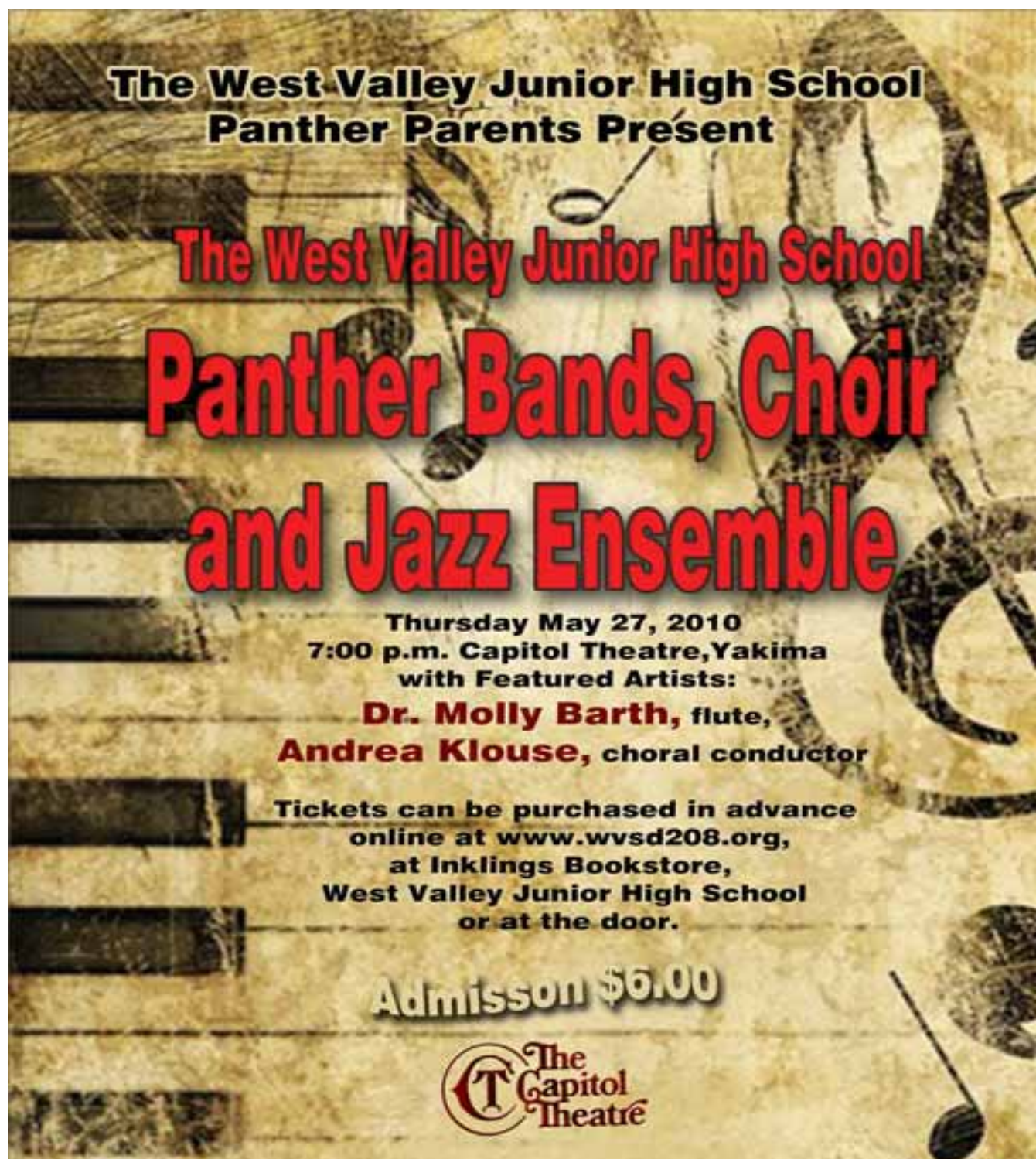
**Salmon, steelhead, and bull trout are three fish species
that are indigenous to the creeks.**

These fish are threatened/endangered.

The Northwest Region of the National Marine Fisheries Service (a division of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the U.S. Department of Commerce) has identified salmon, steelhead, and bull trout as threatened and/or endangered species at various times during the past decade (<http://www.nwr.noaa.gov>).

STUDENT ELECTION INFO ● ● ●

Elections for the 6th and 7th graders will be held at the end of May or beginning of June. Four students will be elected from each of the 6th and 7th grade to be a part of the student leadership program next year at the Junior High. Election Packets will be going home in mid-May with expectations, guidelines, a timeline, and details.




**The West Valley Junior High School
Panther Parents Present**

**The West Valley Junior High School
Panther Bands, Choir
and Jazz Ensemble**

**Thursday May 27, 2010
7:00 p.m. Capitol Theatre, Yakima
with Featured Artists:
Dr. Molly Barth, flute,
Andrea Klouse, choral conductor**

**Tickets can be purchased in advance
online at www.wvsd208.org,
at Inklings Bookstore,
West Valley Junior High School
or at the door.**

Admission \$6.00

 **The
Capitol
Theatre**

West Valley Junior High Panther Parents Board

If you are interested in helping shape events at the “new” 7th/8th grade West Valley Junior High School, then think about joining the 2010-2011 Panther Parent Board. It is a great opportunity to get in on the ground level as the Junior High reshapes into a 7th /8th grade campus.

Much less busy than the PTA, and even than the middle school Pack Parents. Great way to see how your kids are doing from behind the scenes!

We are looking for the following positions to be filled:

President
Secretary
Treasurer
Volunteer Coordinator

If you are interested please contact Rebecca Rice at: yakimarices@charter.net



Volunteer & Pack Parent News..

Thanks to all the parents who continue to support the middle school in so many ways. May brings us 2 opportunities to volunteer— Teacher Appreciation Week (May 3-7) and our last Social of the school year on **FRI DAY, MAY 21st**. For teacher appreciation we need volunteers to bring in a plate of goodies first thing in the morning, each day that week, for the staff and teachers to enjoy throughout the day. If you haven't received an e-mail please call Laura Ridd or e-mail her at riddkids7@yahoo.com to sign up. We'd like to have 30 different goody plates for the week— so sign up and show the teachers how much you appreciate them.

The social on May 21st is from 2:30 until 4:00. We will need at least 25 parent volunteers to help with this event. Look for the sign up e-mail the first week of May or contact Laura Ridd to volunteer for the social. It's always fun to see what the kids are doing with their friends! Remember to **VOLUNTEER!**

May also brings our last Pack Parent meeting and we'll be holding **ELECTIONS** for next year's Pack Parent board members. If you are interested, see the form in this newsletter and turn it into the office at the middle school by Thursday, May 6th. If you know someone who might be — let them know about Pack Parents. We look forward to seeing you at our May meeting on Thursday May 13th at 6:30 PM in the middle school library.

Thanks for all you do as volunteers—you make the middle school rock!

WVMS Pack Parent Board
Shawnalee Asbury, Sherri Stoddard, and Laura Ridd

WEST VALLEY VOLLEYBALL CAMP

The annual WV volleyball camp will be held for grades 4-8, June 14-16 from 8:00-12:00 at the NEW WV High School.

The camp cost will be \$75.

Brochures are available in the school office.

V O L L E Y B A L L

West Valley Girls “I am the Future” Basketball Camp



When: June 21-24th

Where: West Valley HS

Who can be involved: **GIRLS!!**

3-5 Grade Morning Session (9AM - noon)

6-8 Grade Afternoon Session (1-4 PM)



Time for Marching Band!

Our WVMS 7th grade band is preparing to march in the 2010 Selah Community Days Parade on Saturday, May 15. They will be performing an "Armed Forces Parade Medley" in honor of our troops, and the WVMS drum line will be performing a cadence called "Rock-U!"



Parents! You student should have brought home a packet of parade information for you. If you did not receive one, please contact Ms. Ley right away! (972-5730 or email her at Leym@wvsd208.org) We are in need of 10 parents to ride the buses with us and walk along side us in the parade. If you can help out, please contact Ms. Ley, thanks!

SPRING CONCERT COMING JUNE 1st!

Our final WVMS band concert of the year, featuring the 6th grade band, 7th grade jazz band, and 7th grade band will be on Tuesday, June 1. The 6th grade performance will start at 7pm, and the 7th grade jazz band/concert band will start at 8pm. See you there!

WEST VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

3-7 Staff Appreciation Week!
5 Dollars for Scholars Golf Tourney at Appletree Golfcourse
8 National SCHOOL NURSES Day!
9 Happy Mother's Day!
10 School Board Meeting 6:00 PM @ Ahtanum Elementary
12-28 MSP Testing
13 Pack Parent Meeting 6:30 PM @ MS Library
15 7th Grade Marching Band to Selah Community Days
21 LAST SCHOOL SOCIAL OF THE YEAR! 2:35 - 4:00 PM
24 School Board Meeting 7:00 PM @ WVHS Room 1245
31 MEMORIAL DAY - NO SCHOOL

JUNE

1 6th/7th Grade Spring Band Concert beginning @ 7.00 PM
4 West Valley High School Graduation
10 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL Early Release @ 10:00 AM
14 School Board Meeting 6:30 PM @ Apple Valley Library

