



HAWK UPDATE



August 29th – September 9th

A Word from the Principal

Parents and Guardians,

I want to start off by thanking each of you for the warm welcome to Valley Ridge Academy. As each new school year is unique and brings with it different challenges and adventures, I look forward to discovering what opportunities the 2016-2017 year hold for us. The growth of the community continues to be one such challenge and I appreciate all of your support and patience as we work through any and all issues that arise. The continual focus on ensuring the safety and security of all our students will remain the top priority.

I would also like to compliment the amazing faculty and staff here at Valley Ridge for their dedication and hard work. It is because of their efforts that the school year has started with such success. Everyone in our building plays an integral role in the success of our students, from the maintenance crew tirelessly preparing the building over the summer and each night, to the cafeteria staff feeding 1600 students a day, or the front office staff who are so often the public face of Valley Ridge. All these roles help to allow our tremendous teachers focus on providing each student with a rigorous and differentiated education.

Finally, I would like to encourage you to find opportunities to become involved here at school. Please make sure to connect with your child's teacher or our PTO President Ms. Molis, to learn more about ways to volunteer around the school. Go Hawks!

Sandra McMandon

PLC: Professional Learning Community SAC: School Advisory Council DE: Discovery Education FSA: Florida Standardized Assessment

Monday, August 29th – Resource Day C

- Picture Day!
- 6th – 8th Grade Student Council Applications Due in Media Center
- 4th -8th Grade Drama Club Applications Due in Media Center
- 7:30: TV Production Club Meeting in Media Center
- 3:00 – 4:00: Cheerleading Practice in 500 Commons

Tuesday, August 30th – Resource Day D

- DE Progress Monitoring: 1st & 2nd Grade
- 7:30 – 8:15: Middle School Art Club in Art Room
- 3:00 – 4:00: Cheerleading Practice in 500 Commons

Wednesday, August 31st – 4th Grade PLC

- DE Progress Monitoring: 2nd Grade
- 5:00 – 6:30: VRA JV Football vs. GRMS at Gamble Rogers
- 5:00 – 8:00: 6th Grade Band Instrument Rental Night in Cafeteria

Thursday, September 1st – Resource Day E

- DE Progress Monitoring: 2nd Grade
- 7:30: TV Production Club Meeting in Media Center
- 2:45: Student Council Meeting in Media Center
- 3:00 – 3:45: Middle School Art Club Meeting in Art Room
- 3:15 – 5:00: Boys Volleyball Tryouts in Gym

Friday, September 2nd – Resource Day F

- DE Progress Monitoring: 2nd Grade
- Spirit Day: Wear Your VRA Gear
- 8:45 – 9:15: Pre-K – 2nd Grade Character Counts!: “Fairness” Celebration in Cafeteria
- 8:45 – 9:15: 3rd – 5th Grade Character Counts!: “Fairness” Celebration in Cafeteria
- 3:15 – 5:00: Boys Volleyball Tryouts in Gym

Monday, September 5th

- Labor Day! No School

Tuesday, September 6th – Resources Day G

- DE Progress Monitoring: 2nd Grade
- 3:00 – 4:00: Cheerleading Practice in 500 Commons
- 3:15 – 5:00: Girls Volleyball Tryouts in Gym
- 6:00 – 7:00: 4th and 5th Grade Curriculum Chat

Wednesday, September 7th – 4th Grade PLC

- DE Progress Monitoring: 2nd Grade
- 2:15 – 4:00: Girls Volleyball Tryouts in Gym
- 5:00 – 6:30: VRA JV Football vs. FCMS JV at Plantation Park

Thursday, September 8th – Resource Day H

- DE Progress Monitoring: 3rd Grade
- 7:30: TV Production Club Meeting in Media Center
- 5:00 – 6:30: VRA Football vs. FCMS at Creekside
- 6:00 – 7:30: Middle School Open House
- 7:40 – 8:00: 8th Grade Washington DC Trip Informational Meeting in Cafeteria

Friday, September 9th – Resource Day A

- DE Progress Monitoring: 3rd Grade
- Spirit Day: Wear Your VRA Gear

“By all these lovely tokens
September days are here,
With summer's best of weather
And autumn's best of cheer.
-Helen Hunt Jackson