



5-09-2025 Update

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

"A great teacher takes a hand, opens a mind, and touches a heart." ❤️



Our staff enjoyed some special treats this week in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week. We appreciate their efforts as they work with our students each day!

HUDL

Graduation will be streamed on HUDL. We are able to provide this service to anyone that wants to watch for free! A huge THANK YOU to the VF Rec Commission for their generous donation to make this available for our district. To watch activities, Go to 'Hudl Fan', then search Valley Falls or use the link:

<https://fan.hudl.com/usa/ks/valley-falls/organization/41987/valley-falls-high-school> If you click on "Past" you can view previous activities. Please contact us if you have any questions. Thanks again to our Rec Commission for their support of our school district!

K-5 Dragon PRIDE Awards

Congratulations to the following students who have earned **K-5 Dragon PRIDE** (Positive attitude, **R**espect, **I**ntegrity, **D**etermination and **E**xcellence) awards this week. The recipients should be bringing home the certificates for you to see. **Congratulations!!!**

Layla Stein, Shiloh Branam, Ava Barnes, Bodee Dollen, Elle Coffman, Luke Wistuba, Wade Boyce, Jett Nellis, Jasper McKean, Atkin Heuertrtz, Linkyn Merz, Jaxon Bryant, Vincent Kozanecki, Cadin Evans, MaKena Reeves, Owen Strickler, Hammond McAlexander, Annabelle Schrick, Jocelyn VanGordon, Booker Hernandez, Bentley Frost, Oakleigh Correll, Reylee Seymour

FFA BANQUET

The FFA Banquet will be Friday May 16th with the meal starting at 5:00PM and the ceremony starting at 5:30PM.

RETIREMENT RECEPTION FOR ANGIE TILLERY & PATTY BENDURE

Join us! USD 338 will honor Angie Tillery and Patty Bendure on **Thursday, May 22nd from 1-3 pm** in the cafeteria. The reception is open to the public and refreshments will be served. If you are unable to attend, please send, or drop off, cards to 700 Oak Street, Valley Falls, KS 66088. Hope to see you there!

VALLEY FALLS SUMMER WEIGHTS

Summer is here, and with that comes summer weights. Similar to years past, we will be providing three different sessions, as of this time. [Details](#)

FOOTBALL CAMP

This is a one-day opportunity for Fall 2nd-12th graders to polish or build their football techniques and skills. It will be held in Horton on Saturday, June 28th. [Camp Details](#)

SHOE DRIVE UPDATE

Shoes leftover from the VF Garage Sales this weekend? The VFCF Shoe Drive would be a great place to donate them! The collection deadline has been extended as VFCF continues to work towards their goal of 100 bags of 25 shoes. They are nearly 75% complete, but need 650 more pairs of shoes to reach this goal. Their goal allows them to ship the shoes freight free, which helps their profits greatly. The shoes will be given a second chance as they help families in developing nations who need economic opportunities. Drop off shoes at the school or community drop boxes at The Vindicator, K4 Ag, City Hall, Kendall Bank, and more. Contact Lori Glissman with questions or to schedule a pick up of shoes.

JUNIORS AND SENIORS

Check out kasfaa.org for topics, dates and registration information.

[Breakfast and Lunch Menu for next week](#)

[Recommended Vaccination Schedule](#) from Amberwell

ARE THEY SAFE?

Millions of kids ride a bike, take the bus or walk to school every day. Help get them to and from school more safely by following this [checklist](#). For more information about child safety, visit MissingKids.org.

CRISIS HELPLINE

Services are available for all Kansans 20 years old or younger, including anyone in foster care or formerly in foster care. Call, text, or chat with the helpline at 833-441-2240. Click [here](#) for more details.

CHECK IT OUT!

We want to encourage our families to check out the Counseling Connection section on our USD #338 website. There are some great resources including parenting information and 24 hour parenting support, social emotional information such as dealing with anxiety and depression, online safety tips and help, community resources, dealing with drug and alcohol concerns, safety hotlines, graduation requirements (new for class of 2028), and resources for life after highschool. We hope you will find these resources helpful!

From Your Counselors, Stacey Cervantez and Ellen Guess

SPORTSMANSHIP FOCUS

#ItStartsWithMe - Did you see something great happen in your activities, at home or on the road, that made you proud of your students and/or fans? Say something and spread the sportsmanship! The KSHSAA collects reports for GOOD sportsmanship. Submit your story today and we may feature it in the future:

<https://www.kshsaa.org/Public/PDF/SportsmanshipReport.pdf>

VFHS OPEN GYM

The west gym will open from 7-9 pm on Sunday evenings for all VFHS students.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

May 9	K-5 Play Day @ Football Field HS-V Track @ JCN @ 4:00 pm
May 10	JV Softball Tourney @ Holton
May 12	BOE Meeting @ 6:30
May 13	Concert Grade 6-12 in east gym
May 14	Regional Baseball at VF, Time TBA
May 15	HS-V Track @ Oskaloosa/NEKL @ 3:00 pm
May 16	FFA Banquet @ 5pm
May 18	HS Graduation @ 2pm in east gym
May 19	8th Grade Promotion @ 7pm PK-AM Promotion @ 10:30 am in east gym PK-PM Promotion @ 2:45 pm in east gym Regional Baseball @ VF @ 2:00 pm Regional Softball @ Mission Valley-Time TBD
May 20	Last Day of School, Dismiss at 11:00am
May 22	Regional Track and Field @ JCN Retirement Reception for Angie Tillery @ 1pm



Supporting Your Child

SUMMER TIPS

- Read! Read! Read! Encourage your children to read over the summer. Visit the library and check out their summer program.
- Maintain a schedule. Keep bedtime/mealtime routines. Post weekly, monthly schedules with activities with pictures for younger kids.
- Limit screen time. Kids often gravitate to a screen, but encourage time outside with family and friends.... bike, hike, go to a park, play in the sun.
- Eat smart. Keep lots of fruits and veges on hand.... apples and peanut butter, carrots and ranch, crackers and hummus, watermelon processed in a blender and frozen in popsicle form, non-sugary drinks.
- Plan some family memories. This doesn't have to be costly...decorate cupcakes, karaoke, read the book and then watch the movie, bake, plant flowers, do artwork or crafts.
- Plan for a time of connection with each child every day.

from Childmind.org and LRC