



# Viper News

October 2020

## Note from Principal:

VVA Families,

I want to thank you for your flexibility and understanding as we have launched into this “new school year 2020” these past couple of months. Your feedback and support have been critical to the strides we have been making as an organization. As you may know, twice per school year we provide surveys to families, staff, and students. While feedback is always valuable, it is even more important this year. We know it is not possible to be “perfect” for everyone, but I truly hope the effort made by Ball Charter Schools and the VVA staff to work through this unorthodox time has been successful.

With that, I ask that you complete the [Fall Family Survey](#). The survey will be open from Monday, 9/28, through Friday, 10/9. This is an important tool for Ball Charter staff, administration, and Governing Board to determine not only what we can improve upon, but also what we are doing well and should continue. I thank you for your valuable time.

I wish you all a safe Fall Break, and we look forward to seeing our Vipers again on Monday, October 12.

Best,

Mrs. Baca

## Save the Date:

- 10/1-10/2      **Early Release- 1 PM**
- 10/2            **Spirit Day**
- 10/7-10/9     **Fall Break- NO SCHOOL**
- 10/13          **Fundraiser @ Twisted Sugar**
- 10/13          **Site Council Meeting 4:30 PM**
- 10/20          **Picture Re-takes**
- 10/26-10/30   **Spirit Week**
- 10/28          **Early Release- 1 PM**
- 10/30          **Trunk or Treat**
- 10/31          **Spooktacular Sprint**

## Quarter 2

We are approaching 2nd quarter and want to prepare for students return to our on-campus learning classrooms. We are able to continue our Distance Learning for families who choose this option. As students return to In-Person Learning, we will continue with our mitigation plan. We will socially distance when possible, wash hand frequently, as well as students/staff will be required to wear masks, etc. You can find the mitigation and mask policy at [VVA's Policy](#).

We may have an increase in the number of students in our classrooms. In which case, teachers will inform homeroom families what class sizes expect to be once the 2nd Quarter Distance Learning Survey closes. We are pleased to report we have no known cases of Covid-19 in our school since we have opened August 17th. We appreciate all who have helped us follow our mitigation plans and have kept your child home when ill. If a student starts in-person learning, they will have the option to move into distance learning if the need arises.

## October – FREE LUNCH FOR ALL

Every child (KP-8<sup>th</sup>) who signs up for lunch will receive one. There are no eligibility requirements or restrictions. The menu is located [here](#). The order form for October can be found [here](#). Distance Learners can also take advantage of free meals as well and can use this link [DL Meal Kit](#). Please visit our [website](#) to view the lunch policies. Please reach out to our nutrition coordinator with any questions,

[VVAlunch@ballcharterschools.org](mailto:VVAlunch@ballcharterschools.org)

\*\* Lunches are FREE until December 31, 2020\*\*



## Tax Credit Campaign

Our Tax Credit campaign begins on October 1<sup>st</sup>. The Arizona Tax Credit programs allows for anyone who has tax liability in Arizona to make a donation to Val Vista Academy AND receive a credit back for that donation on their taxes! More information on this exciting fundraiser can be found [here](#). Students will have fun incentives and competitions throughout the month.



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## Student Council

Student council elections will take place in October after Fall Break. Mr. Pasinski is our Student Council Advisor; he will be providing the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders with the StuCo information packets.

## Photo Re-Take

Photo re-takes will take place on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Students must wear their Val Vista Academy polo. We are offering appointments for our distance learners to get their photos taken. Please pick a time [here](#). These photos will be the students yearbook photos.

## Unity Day – Wed, 10/21

Wear and share **ORANGE** to show that we are together against bullying and united for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion.

## Site Council Election

Site Council is made up of elected representatives that represent parent's voice on the growth of our school. We have one spot open for this year. Please take a moment to vote for a parent representative [here](#).

## Clubs- Quarter 2

Afterschool clubs will begin shortly after fall break. If your student is interested in participating in a club, please look at the flyers [here](#).

## Restaurant Night - Twisted Sugar

Have a cookie while supporting Val Vista Academy! Simply visit the Twisted Sugar on October 13<sup>th</sup>, show the cashier our flyer (coming soon) and they will donate 15% of your total back to the school. Thank you for your support!

## Supporting Our School

Did you know that you can support VVA through your everyday purchases? Just set up the accounts below linking your purchases to benefit VVA: [Fry's](#), [Amazon](#), [Tuft & Needle](#), [Pogo Passes](#) and [American Furniture Warehouse](#).

Do not forget those Box Tops! Box Tops has changed their program to become digital and additional information on Box Tops is found [here](#).

## Athletic Season - Fall 2020

We are very excited to have the opportunity to host an athletic season. Our athletes are working very hard in practices and are excited for their games. If you plan on attending a game, there are new rules/procedures for this season. These policies can be found [here](#).

Additionally, all indoor games will be live streamed on the Val Vista Booster Facebook page.

Tickets – Please note that **NO** additional tickets will be available other than those noted below:

- Outdoor sport athletes will be given two tickets to give away to family per game
- Indoor sport athletes will be given one ticket to give away to family per game
- Players & coaches do not need tickets

## Early Release / Swirl it

This month we will be hosting a Spirit Week in lieu of our typical last Wednesday of the month, "Donation Dress Down Day". However, donations are always welcome. All funds raised by students are allocated for their individual classroom and used by their teachers for their students.

**Swirl - It** is a local frozen yogurt shop we have partnered with for the last 8 years. On early release days Swirl - It sets up a shop on campus and sells frozen yogurt/floats on campus to our students. Swirl - It will donate 25% of all purchases on this day back to Val Vista Academy.

Kids Club will be open on early release days.