

Dear families,

I hope this email finds you well. Are you finding places to cool off? I'm leaving this weekend on an 8-day backpacking trip.. I hope to enjoy some mountain coolness, so long as I don't eat alive by mosquitoes (I hear they are out in force this year)!

**This email includes info on:**

- 1) School **supplies**
- 2) Remodel updates with a request for help at our volunteer **work party**
- 3) **Fall in the Field** August 23-25.
- 4) The Link to sign into the **“Talking Points App”** (the app we will use for pushing out urgent school notifications to your smartphone)
- 5) **Sweets and Greet** on 08/19
- 6) **Fall sports**

1. The school supply list is as follows. These are not mandatory and we have a donation from State Farm so we can purchase supplies for any students who for any reason, can't purchase these items.

- Scientific calculator if you didn't already leave one at school last year (TI-30 or higher)
- 3 ring binder 1” with dividers and a pencil pouch (to stay at school)
- 3 ring binder 1” with dividers (for homework)
- Package of #2 pencils - any quantity
- 1 pair of scissors - adult size
- Headphones with an aux cord labeled with your name to store at school.
- 3 composition books
- 5 spiral notebooks
- Package of dry erase markers - any size, color, and number
- 1 package of notecards
- Sticky notes - any color, size, and amount
- Package of college ruled-lined paper
- Black sharpie markers - any amount
- 2 Highlighters, 1 yellow and 1 any other color
- We ask for a \$60 annual fee (not required) to help cover the following (\$25 technology, \$25 field trips (Fall in the Field), and \$10 book fee.

\* Note about technology: This year, we have classroom sets of Chromebooks for students to use at school. This allows us to better monitor screen time and keep updated with safety software. Some students find it helpful to have access to a laptop or Chromebook at home to access their Google classroom work that is required for homework. (Any assigned homework will be reading and writing off of

screens this year). School Chromebooks won't come home and students won't bring personal laptops from home\*

2. We did some exciting remodeling to our classroom spaces this summer, taking down some walls to open up classrooms. This provides more usable space for students to move around and work. To save some cost, we are doing the painting ourselves. We also need to move furniture. If you are able, please join us at a work party scheduled for Friday, July 29 from 9am - 5 pm. Please bring (if you have them) rollers, paint bushes, step stools. Thank you in advance. And bring your student along to help - I'm sure they will be excited to see the new classroom changes!
3. Fall in the Field: Buses are scheduled to leave TVS at **7:30 AM** on Tuesday 8/23 and return at **6:00 PM** on Thursday 8/25 -**Informational meeting for Fall in the Field Details on Monday 8/22 at 3:30 PM.**
4. TalkingPoints is a smartphone app (or website) used by schools to aid in communicating between parents and schools. Parents download the app onto i-phones and androids to get texts or use the web-based version at <https://families.talkingpts.org/welcome> to get emails. In addition to the traditional emails Tracy sends out to you, we will use this app to send urgent info links to our bi-weekly newsletter or vlog (video blogs). **To sign up with our Valley School TalkingPoints account do the following:** Download the "TalkingPoints For Parents" app from your phone's app store. The icon looks like this. If you scan the QR codes below, it will take you directly to the correct app. Next, enter your phone number and receive a verification code to your phone. After verifying your phone number, join The Valley School with **our school code TFYN60**. If you run into any issues, email me and I can help troubleshoot. More than one person can be attached to the same student, including themselves if they want to sign up for texts as well.



Use the QR codes or the icons in your phone to visit the App Store or Google Play on your phone and download the **TalkingPoints for Families** app.

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5. Sweet & Greet -You are invited to come to the school on Friday, August 19th from 5:00-6:00pm to mingle with families and welcome the newest TVS staff members, Sarah, Shannon, Dan, and Tyson. We welcome you to bring a dessert to share.
6. Fall sports start right away. We would like to offer volleyball and Cross Country. TVS sports are a no-cut sport. Everyone at any level is encouraged to participate. We depend on volunteers to coach. Please consider signing up to volunteer. It is a great way to get

your school volunteer hours in. You don't necessarily have to be an expert at the sport because we can always use an adult who can assist at practices.

Thank you for reading through all the important (and wordy) information. If I have forgotten anything and you have any questions, you can contact myself, Jeanetta, or Tracy. Our contact information is below and our main office email is [info@thevalleyschool.k12.or.us](mailto:info@thevalleyschool.k12.or.us) 541-842-3914.

Respectfully,

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