As we enter the New Year, there are a few things I expect of all members of the Valley View Family! We all know our school motto: "Valley View strives to maintain a SAFE, CIVIL & PRODUCTIVE School." At this point of the year, there is no question what safe and civil behaviors are. Safe is both physical and emotional—keeping our hands to ourselves and our comments positive. Civil is just having good manners: helping others, saying please and thank you, and enjoying each day. Safe and civil behaviors are expected! Productive is now the number one goal and it will stay our focus for the remainder of the school year. We all have a job to do and it is time to do it! For the students, it is increased reading, practice number ciphering, increasing vocabulary and improving writing skills. For the Valley View staff, it is to provide a challenging, thorough and pertinent curriculum in an engaging environment. We will do this, but for us to be successful, the school and the home must work closely together.

The number one factor in maintaining a productive program is attendance. The students need to be in their seats. Valley View has formed a partnership with Boundary County Youth Community Justice. It is the goal of Boundary County to provide the support needed to uphold faithful attendance. If your child does not fulfill our 90% attendance policy, they will be in touch. Not to worry, though, this is not necessarily a punitive program. The bottom line, as always, is student academic success!

The Student Council is holding a canned food drive to support the community "Fill the Bus" activity. The food drive concludes on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, January 19th. The class with the most donations will earn a special celebration.

Upcoming Events:

1/5	Return to school 2015 – Snow Day!
1/5	Student Council Canned Food Drive begins
1/6	4:05 faculty meeting
1/8	12:20 Student Council Meeting
1/12	6:00 Board meeting at D.O.
1/22	End 2 nd Quarter—the glass is half full
1/22	4 th Grade Ski Trip to Schweitzer
1/24	Spelling Bee at Free Methodist Church 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th
2/3	5 th grade skiing
2/5	2:30-3:15 Native American Dance at VVES
2/19	4 th Grade Ski Trip to Schweitzer
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Respectfully submitted by,

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Please occasionally review the following "Rules for a Good Life" with your child. All these can do is help!

VVES RULES FOR A GOOD LIFE

- 1) Don't lie
- 2) Don't cheat
- 3) Don't steal
- 4) Help others when you can
- 5) Say please/thank you often
- 6) Read books
- 7) Be responsible
- 8) Show respect
- If those around you do not follow these rules, politely remind them of the above