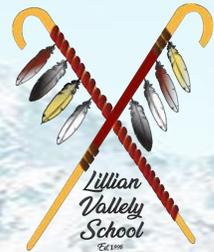


# Lillian Valley School

## Academics/Culture/Values

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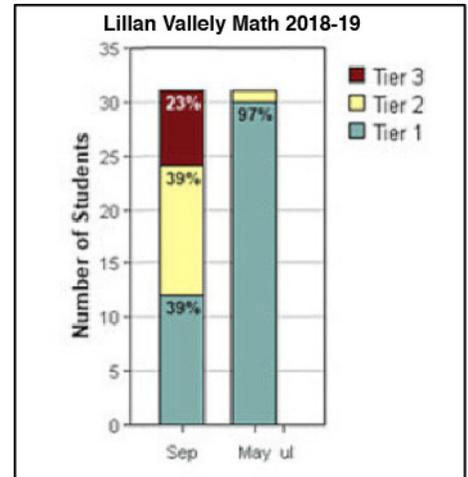


### LVS STUDENTS REACH FOR SKY AND LEARN TO FLY! LET'S BRAG A BIT!!

#### Our Principal, Jan Eddington, Speaks to Progress and Learning!



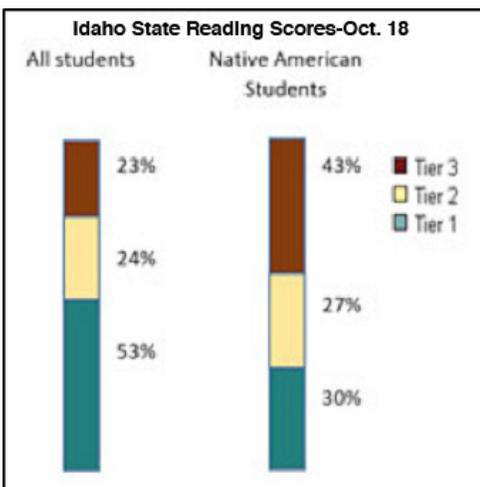
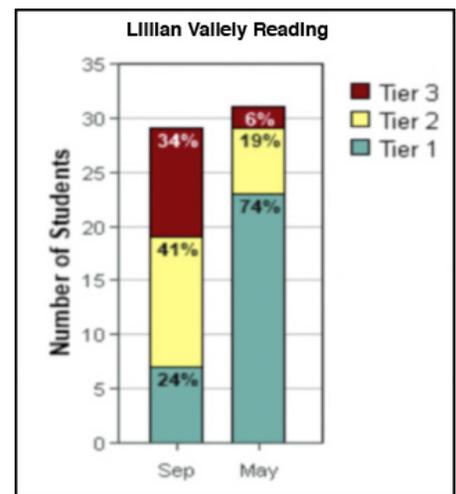
What a great school year this has been for the students at Lillian Valley. It's easy to see that our academics have shot up in every grade. Looking at these graphs, the red bars represent students "at risk," yellow is "below grade" and green is "at or above grade level skills." Our students have made remarkable progress in their ISIS scores throughout the entire year. Please compare with the Idaho State graph below. All Kindergarten through Third Grade students in Idaho take this same Reading Assessment. These test scores are among the highest in the state.



We are so pleased with the students' progress. As reading and math become fluent, many opportunities for study and development are opening for these young people. It is a joy to see them step confidently into their next grades and Sixth Grade schools.

There is no easy graph to show our students' growth in Values and Citizenship. Participating in the daily Prayer Circle encourages a strong Faith in God and develops community among the children. We celebrate the cooperative behavior in our students. Their eyes shine with eagerness to learn and with a love of life. Discipline problems are few and become good teaching moments. Attendance is consistently high.

These students thrive in opportunities to participate in Pow Wows, to learn their history and Tribal government, to gather herbs on the Reservation hills and along the river, and to learn skills in developing Native works of art. It is so important that they see the value of their heritage.



Lillian Valley Fourth and Fifth Grader students were able to travel through Yellowstone to study the science of the area, the wildlife, and the Native histories that pass through the Park. We enjoyed excellent guiding through the Yellowstone Insights Guides. It was amazing to see the wolf, grizzly and cub, and baby bison through the scopes. A short hike up a "normal" hill took us to what were clearly teepee poles that had been used in a previous century.

We thank all our tutors, teachers, staff, students and parents for the synergy and positive work this year!

# GRADUATION IS MORE THAN JUST MOVING TO A DIFFERENT CLASSROOM!

## Our Board President, Doug Eddington Speaks to our Graduation Ceremony!

Friends of Lillian Vallely,

As president of the Board of Directors it is my privilege to invite individuals and groups to visit the school. I always ask them to come when the students are present. Without exception, these visitors are touched by what they see and what they feel. The loving care the teachers and staff give the students is impressive. There is no swearing or bullying and, at the same time, serious learning is taking place. There are smiles everywhere. LVS is unique and you are a major part of it! Thank you for your contribution to academics, culture, and basic Christian values.



The 2019 graduation ceremony was wonderful. There was outstanding academic achievement, Native drums and flute, graduate student speeches, and tears of good bye. Lunch together afterwards was a rich, intercultural experience. Look carefully at the pictures of the children on these



pages. These kids are happy and confident! Lillian Vallely School IS making a difference in the present and the future for these children. With your help, what is being accomplished is remarkable. For businesses and foundations, donating to a worthy cause is easier if the donation helps build an historical statue or a needed city park. A plaque below the statue or at the entrance to the park is often placed to honor the donor, not so with a child. Helping a child directly is of greater and longer lasting impact on the world, in my opinion. Helping another human being is its own reward.

## GIVING IS REALLY GETTING!

What is it that we get out of life if we fail to give a little? Our American way of life is predicated on taking care of each other. Here in Idaho that ideal is even more pronounced. Lillian Vallely School was built on the foundation of starting Native Sho/Ban elementary children on a path of self-sufficiency. After all, kids cannot do for themselves unless they are taught to do so. Lillian Vallely prides itself on its successes in developing Native Kids who find their own self worth! All of Idaho benefits from that

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