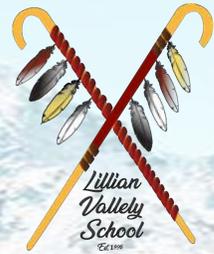


# Lillian Valley School

## Academics/Culture/Values



### NIKE GRANT LIFTS ALL LVS STUDENTS

Nike offers grants to Native American programs to promote exercise and health. Lillian Valley has recently been awarded this grant for Native American Dancing. This Award is providing significant opportunities to each of our Native students. First, we attended the Shoshone – Bannock Festival in August to purchase Regalia Dance Outfits for our



students. We have been busy measuring student sizes and working with local Native craftswomen to provide **every** student an Outfit. Prior to this school year, only students who were provided a Dance Outfit from home were able to participate. But this year, students who have been professed “Non – Dancers” are very excited and involved at every event. Second, student’s Grandmas have come to the school to help teach the Native Dances and their meanings. Ms. Janita, our Culture teacher, has been working with the students steps and understanding of purpose. As the students gain confidence in their abilities they also gain confidence in their Culture. Our school is participating in several Elementary Schools in Blackfoot, Pocatello, Rexburg, and in our own Lillian Valley Pow Wow to be held at 1:30 on October 3, 2019.



Come visit our kids, **Jan Eddington, Principal**

### DOORS AND HINGES

The contributions made to Lillian Valley School keep the doors open, creating transformative experiences of change. On small hinges great things are brought to pass. You, as donors are an important part of opening doors and creating “small hinges.”



A wise man said, “The big, consequential doors in one’s life often turn on small hinges”. Looking back, it’s often the case that where you are now came about because of something that seemed small at the time: An encouraging conversation with someone, a coach who wouldn’t let you quit, maybe a friend who showed he or she cared when you had given up on life. Lillian Valley is that



small hinge that changes the path of life for thirty-four children, now. A human child's life is of greatest value. The paradox of effectively helping and educating children is that it is done one child at a time. **That is the vision of Lillian Vallely.** In the morning a Lillian Vallely van picks up each child for school and they make the journey to school. School is clean and small, but very adequate. Mrs. First welcomes in the kindergarteners to start learning letters and numbers. Mrs. Abercrombie gathers her brood of first and second graders to read and write. Mr. Daniels takes in the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade children to add science and social studies. Miss Janita brings in a few at a time to her culture classroom to learn about Native history, beliefs, and crafts. Miss Beth brings each child into the magic of Native flutes and drums. It's all hands on. Skills are acquired. Each child begins to have an understanding of who he is



personally, in history, and within the Shoshone-Bannock Nation. And did I mention the personal tutors who volunteer time to come and help?

These are small things, really. The material could be covered as text book chapters in High School but learning and living them at the beginning of childhood education makes all the difference in understanding and the self-esteem that is needed to reach high school. This is why the mission of Lillian Vallely is so important and why the school is so effective. **It changes lives!** All these doors open, and swing on small hinges.

### GIVING WILL MAKE YOUR DAY!

Our June Newsletter stimulated a wonderful response. Many of you played an important financial role in helping us pay for our utilities. Our new year is well under way and our fuel costs rise exponentially because we bus every child to and from the school in order to keep them safe. Our transportation efforts hinge on your generosity. I say again, what better can we do but give to those who really need our help? 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 Shoshone-Bannock 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 effort. You can become a part of all of this by donating to Lillian Valley School. Simply fill out the form below and send it to the address provided along with your tax deductible donation. You will receive a special thank you from one of our students. You will treasure it!

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