



BOBCAT NEWS

A monthly publication of the Villa Park Elementary Home & School League

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Happy Reading

In addition to state tests, all students will take our district end of the year benchmark assessments in reading and math. These tests are used to help us create balanced classes for next year, and make plans to adequately support and enrich each student’s needs. A little extra home based reading and math facts practice, and added diligence in homework can make all the difference. Please encourage your students to do their best on these tests so that we may celebrate the growth they have made this year.

Emphasize Positive Behavioral Expectations

Spring is in the air, and children need extra reminders that school behavioral expectations are just as important now as they were on the first day of school. Our PAWS motto, Personal Best, Act Responsibly, Work and Play Safely, and Show Respect should guide student behavior each and every day. Please let your student know that you expect their best in work habits and respectful responsible behavior all year long. When your student expresses frustrations with other students, help him to brainstorm positive ways to resolve conflicts and build up positive friendships. When your student resists doing homework, remind her that she is building skills she will need next year. Your guidance can make the difference.

Something to Look Forward to

When the routine gets students down, remind them of the exciting things at school that are yet to come. We still have much ahead: STEM activities, musical concerts, special class projects, award ceremonies, Sixth grade activities, Lip Sync, Field Day, and even Camp Bobcat. We have a lot of fun ahead at VPE!

All events through the last day of School:

- 5/12: Birthday Club
- 5/18: H&SL Meeting 8:15am
- 5/19: Science on the Go—Kinder
- 5/19: Rogers Science Assembly
- 5/23: 5th Grade State Fair
- 5/24: College Spirit Day
- 5/24: Kinder Field Trip—Tanaka Farm
- 5/24: 2nd Grade Heroes Presentation
- 5/26: Student of the Month
- 5/26: STEM #7
- 5/29: NO SCHOOL—Memorial
- 6/1: 5th Grade Field Trip—Riley’s Farm
- 6/1: K-4 Music Performance
- 6/2: Career Day
- 6/2: Minimum Day
- 6/2: Birthday Club
- 6/7: College Spirit Day
- 6/7: 3rd Grade Field Trip—Shiplely Nature Center
- 6/9: Student of the Month
- 6/9: Kinder Recognition 11:00am
- 6/9: Camp Bobcat 4:30pm
- 6/12: 6th Grade Disneyland Trip
- 6/13: Lip Sync 8:00am
- 6/14: Semester Awards
- 6/15: Field Day
- 6/15: 6th Grade Graduation 8:15am
- 6/15: Minimum Day—Last Day of School

Principal’s Message

Finish Strong!
By Principal Little

It seems like just yesterday we were beginning the school year, and now the finish line is in sight. Although our minds may be starting to drift to summer vacation, we want to ensure that the end of the school year is successful and fun for every student. As we enter the final months of the school year, please help your student to keep the following in mind.

Focus on Final Assessments

May is an important time of year for all students to demonstrate what they have learned and what they can do. *Our third through sixth graders will take the Smarter Balanced testing May 8th- May 19th.* These tests are important markers not only of individual student progress, but of the quality of our school instructional program. It is important that students come to school each day on time, well rested, and ready to give their best. We know our students are well prepared and we want them to shine!

President's Message

Dear VPE Families and Friends,

I would like to take a second in this month's issue to thank a few volunteers who work hard behind the scenes to help the wheels run smoothly and enrich our lives here at VPE.

Jacqueline Sobral, thank you for taking over Bobcat News and all aspects of social media for the H&SL. You made a flawless transition into your position and have been a life saver to me.

Virginia Elliott and Wendy McGrane, thank you for your tireless effort in running a smooth After School Enrichment program that makes an extended school day fun for many VPE students.

Kristina Peterson, Ana Uriostegui, and Wendy McGrane, thank you for diligently compiling photos from all

of the various events and activities to make a yearbook full of memories for staff and students.

Michelle Tao and Veronica Tarnofsky, thank you for prepping all of the Art Masters supplies for all students. Lots of cutting and organizing each month!

Heather Cassara, thank you for all of your efforts in managing our free money. VPE will receive around \$2000 this year from Box Top collection!

Monique McArthur, thank you for organizing and setting up all of the yummy treats at each H&SL meeting, Back to School Night and Open House.

Jackie Neff, thank you for handling H&SL memberships and emergency kits for the last couple of years. Not an easy task.

Jamie Harris, thank you for taking our directory online and catching us up

with the times. I can't wait to see what the future holds for us as we depend more on our online product.

Julia Peterson and Alicia Morgan, thank you for your years of managing school photos, not once but twice each year. Also, for making sure that each student receives a cupcake during the month of their birthday.

Kim Barks-Finamore and team for bringing back our tile painting night! Thank you for running with the idea and getting it done. It was a success and fun for everyone!

Finally, I want to thank Sarah Jarrell and all of the parents that spent hours volunteering to bring yet another 1st place trophy to VPE. Your energy and commitment is contagious! THANK YOU!

- Julie Krodel



Thank you to the following volunteers that helped to make VPE's Book Fair so successful! Your continued support and dedication are so important to our school and are appreciated the whole year through!

Veronica Tarnofsky, Nicole Trollinger, Kristina Simons, Holly von Ting, Michelle Gonzalez, Heather Gorsuch, Melissa Dickey, Raquel Marquez, Maria Griswold, Kathleen Enge, Corinna Saenz, Trulee Dyson, Alicia Gonzalez, Elaine Kuli, Erin Flynn, Jamie Harris, Monique McArthur, Julie Krodel and Lisa Adray.





2017 Foundation Games

The 2017 Foundation Games held Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22 was lots of fun and VPE won first place for the Large School division. Congratulations to everyone who participated this school year. Here are the top 10 finishers:

Emma Alexander	4 th Softball	Jude Califf	2 nd 400M 3 rd Relay 2008	Carter Christie	2 nd Long Jump 5 th 200 M	Keiana DeGrave	3 rd 400M 5 th Relay 2008
Jessica Aragon	5 th 800M		4 th 200M 7 th 100M		6 th Relay 2005 7 th 100 M		9 th 200 M
Michael Archer	6 th 800M					Jenna DePue	2 nd High Jump 3 rd Relay 2005
Hayden Beasley	4 th 1600 M 7 th 100 M	Logan Cartwright	1 st High Jump 5 th Long Jump 5 th Softball	Emily Cooper	4 th Long Jump		8 th Long Jump 9 th 100M
Calista Beske	3 rd Softball	Seth Cassara	2 nd 800M 2 nd Relay 2006				
Noah Booth	8 th 200M		6 th 200M 7 th 400M				
Grace Borgen	2 nd Long Jump	Wil Cassara	2 nd 200M				
Ellie Brault	9 th Softball		7 th 50M 7 th 50M				
Blake Califf	7 th 400 M 8 th 200M 6 th Relay 2005	Colin Cheyne	2 nd 800M 5 th High Jump				

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Camp Bobcat

Get those tents & sleeping bags ready...
CAMP BOBCAT IS COMING FRIDAY JUNE 9th!



“Student’s Say”

A feature written by VPE students

Opinion Writing: Should Kids Be Paid to Do Chores?

By: Sebastian Pena from Mrs. Rogers class

Did you know parents are paying their children to do chores around the house? I am confident, kids should get paid for doing chores. Most kids want to get paid for doing chores around the house and learn to be more responsible. Some parents feel that children should not get money for doing their daily chores.

First doing chores would make it easier on parents. So if one day they are very tired, the parents could relax when the children could do all the chores. In addition it also helps the house from being all disgusting and stinky. Also it helps the kids be more responsible and learn to be way more mature, and they don't have to ask for money when they want something at the store . Finally with all the money they know how to manage money. So once they are older they will manage money easily.

Some parents believe they shouldn't give kids money to do chores because chores are part of being in a family. I believe if you do chores and be paid you would be more mature and responsible.

As you can see some people want to be paid and some don't. So to sum it up I believe children should be paid for doing chores.

Maker Space Needs

The Library has started a Maker Space that we currently call Maker Club. The Maker Club is going well and we have added a Maker Club Jr. Each week more kids join us for new projects. Jr Maker club made its debut with Mine Craft pictures and we have more projects in mind. The Maker Club has been going strong with kids taking apart old devices to learn how they are put together. We are in need of some materials; these things will be used for projects and experiments. The idea is for kids to use their imagination and have the tools do it.

Here is a list of things we desire or would be useful for future projects:

Old plastic Easter eggs, clean baby food jars or small jars, glue guns, glue for glue guns, disposable water bottles, paper towel/toilet paper rolls, plastic food containers, the little white thing that hold up your pizza in the pizza box, wire, electrical tape, duct tape.

Tools: screw drives, plyers, wire cutters, soldering irons, hammers, and saws

Anything you are able to donate is appreciated!

- Mrs. O’Dowd (Librarian)

2017 Foundation Games (continued)

Riley Dickey	1 st Relay 2007 5 th Long Jump	Parker Gonzalez	3 rd High Jump	Sarah Johnson	3 rd Softball 10 th Long Jump	Aiden Sanchez	10 th 100 M
Tanner Dickey	8 th 200M 10 th 100 M	Shea Gonzalez	1 st Relay 2007 2 nd Softball 4 th 100 M	Trevor Kendall	8 th 800 M	Maddox Shortall	4 th 800 M 6 th Softball 6 th Relay 2005
Emma Dierking	5 th Relay 2008 6 th 400 M 7 th 200 M	Amelia Gray	1 st Relay 2007	Caden Lauridsen	1 st 100 M 2 nd 50 M 3 rd 200 M	Mason Shortall	6 th Relay 2005 7 th 800 M 9 th Softball
Canyon Dietrich	1 st Softball 3 rd Shot Put	Ryan Gray	10 th Long Jump	Jake Levy	2 nd Relay 2006 9 th 100 M	Meredith Shortall	2 nd 800 M 3 rd Relay 2005
Clark Enge	8 th 1600 M	JD Griswold	9 th 800 M	Brenna Lisk	1 st Softball	Matthew Simons	2 nd Softball 3 rd Relay 2008 6 th Long Jump 8 th 200 M
Aiden Erickson	6 th Softball	King Griswold	1 st 400 M 2 nd Relay 2007 8 th Long Jump 9 th 100 M	Quinton Loyd	2 nd 100 M 4 th 50 M 6 th Softball	Branden Sobral	1 st Long Jump
Bella Erickson	10 th Long Jump	Roland Gutierrez	3 rd Relay 2008	Isabella Luna	6 th Long Jump	Dara Tamburrelli	2 nd Relay 2006 3 rd 800 M 8 th 400 M
James Falk	9 th 200 M	Spencer Handorf	6 th Long Jump 7 th 1600 M 10 th 400 M	Allison Mann	2 nd Relay 2006 10 th 400 M	Kat Tighe	8 th Softball
Thomas Falk	2 nd Relay 2007 8 th 100 M	Hudson Harris	1 st Long Jump 2 nd Relay 2006 7 th 100 M 7 th 200 M	Brenden Morris	2 nd Relay 2007 4 th 100 M 4 th 200 M	Haley Trann	2 nd Relay 2006
Tabitha Finamore	5 th 800M 10 th 400 M	Paetyn Harris	4 th Long Jump 9 th 50 M	James Obleda	2 nd Relay 2007	Ryann White	8 th 100 M
Isla Finamore	10 th 400 M	Bryan Holmes	1 st High Jump	Maile O'Neill	4 th 800 M	Sophia Young	5 th Relay 2008
Ellie Friederich	4 th 800 M	Cooper Jarrell	3 rd High Jump 9 th Long Jump	Sydney Pollack	1 st Relay 2007 5 th Softball	Annie Zangenberg	2 nd Relay 2006 6 th 400 M 9 th 200 M
Alaiya Garcia	1 st 800 M 3 rd Relay 2005 7 th 400M	Spencer Jarrell	2 nd Relay 2006 3 rd Long Jump 4 th 800 M	Hayden Porter	3 rd Relay 2008		
Makayla Garcia	2 nd 400 M 7 th 200 M			Jiahna Rhee	5 th Relay 2008		



Dusan Ancich Youth Football Camp 2017



Villa Park High School Football Gridiron Boosters are hosting a 1 day, non-contact football camp for ages 5-16

The Camp will be coached by the Spartans Head Coach Dusan Ancich and his staff. Athletes will receive football instruction from varsity coaches and players, participate in non-contact drills and scrimmages and learn why Spartans football has produced multiple league titles and

Campers should bring: Cleats & water bottle

There will be a break for lunch. Lunch is provided.

Each paid participant will receive a camp T-shirt.

When:

June 3, 2017

9:00am - 3:00pm

Where:

Villa Park High School
18042 Taft Avenue
Villa Park, CA 92861

Registration opens at

8:00AM

Camp Starts at

9:00AM

All Participants must complete and provide a registration and consent form at camp registration

To pay on -line visit www.villaparkfootball.com

Payments will be accepted (cash only) on day of camp

The fee is \$65 per athlete if paid on-line. \$75 per athlete day of camp (cash only).

No refunds.

Questions? Contact Villa Park Football at vphsspartanfootball@gmail.com



Contact Us

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To report absences, please call operation concern at 714-528-9710

- Kindergarten to 3rd Grade: 8:00 am - 2:05 pm (12:15-1:00 pm lunch)
- 4th Grade to 6th Grade: 8:00 am - 2:20 pm (11:45 - 12:30 pm lunch)
- Every Wednesday: K - 6th Grade: 8:00 am - 12:15 pm

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10 Ways you and your child can survive year-end madness...

As a child psychologist, I have seen too many families get so overwhelmed during this stressful time of year that they succumb to handling this stress by doing things that they regret later, like yelling at each other or hurting each others' feelings. Do not let that happen to your family! Here are some tips to help your family handle end-of-year school stress:

1. **Accept that your household will be a little chaotic for the next few weeks**, but know that this chaos is only temporary.
2. **Stress management is key.**
3. **Give each other a break** by letting the "little" things go
4. **Plan ahead.**
5. **Don't expect your child to remember to tell you about important tasks.**
6. **Use this year's stress to teach your child the valuable life lesson of planning ahead.**
7. **Don't expect your child to automatically know how to break down a large project into little steps.**
8. **Balance responsibilities with downtime.**
9. **Tell your child about a time in your life when you felt overwhelmed with responsibilities and how you handled it.**
10. **Celebrate with your child when they have completed their tasks.**

This hectic time of year will be over sooner than you realize, and then you and your family can enjoy some time off from academic stress during the summer. Always remember that you are teaching your child how to behave through your actions as well as your words; therefore, try to be very mindful of staying calm and positive during this time of year so that your child learns to tackle future stress in the same manner.

To read the full article visit:

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/dr-becca-ballinger/10-ways-you-and-your-child-can-survive-end-of-school-madness_b_7293260.html