

Virginia Run Elementary PTA

Welcome Back!

We are looking forward to a great 2015-2016 year. Last year we had a great year and I'm proud of what we accomplished.

I'm happy to announce, we will not need to have a fall fundraiser this year. So no gift wrapping paper or cookie dough to sell in the fall!

Instead we want to focus on the super easy ways we can make money for our school with minimal effort on our families. Here are the ways you can help:

- **Become a PTA Member.** It is the single easiest way to support the PTA and it's tax deductible. PLEASE join the PTA today! Being a member simply means you support VRES, no strings attached!

- **Grocery Store Rebate Programs** earned us \$2,979.57 last year and only 80 people were signed up! Bring your Giant Bonus Card, e-Vic and Target cards with you to the picnic or to the Back to School Nights and we will sign-up for you. How easy is that? We can even sign you up to support another school in addition to VRES, just let us know .
- **Box Tops**—turning those in at our collection deadlines is an easy way to earn money for the school.
- **Restaurant Nights**—we had great success with these last year and earned \$2,458.62 just by having families dine out on the designated night.

- **The Family Fun Color Run** will again be happening in 2016. Last year we raised over \$6000 and paid for 16 new Dell laptops for our mobile lab, we hope to raise even more this year.

While we are lucky we don't have to have a traditional fall fundraiser this year, we also recognize that FCPS is up against a major budget challenge for FY17, estimating a shortfall of up to \$100M. Please support VRES this year by becoming a PTA member or making a donation. Help us maximize rebate programs, box tops and restaurant nights. It's easy and all of the money supports our school and our children.

Sincerely,

Robin Osterhout
VRES PTA President

What does the PTA do?

We help fund classrooms

- Technology Needs
- Mini-Grants for curriculum enhancement
- Stipends for teachers to set-up their classrooms
- Programs/Professional Development not funded by FCPS.

Bring educational programs to VRES

- Assemblies
- Clubs
- Before/After School Programs
- PTA Meetings (Topics/Speakers about testing, S.T.E.M. Internet Safety, Stand UP to Bullying just to name a few)

Host fun family events

- Back to School Picnic
- Fall Dance
- Bingo & Movie Night
- Variety Show
- Volleyball
- Color Run

Save the Date!

Our entire PTA Calendar of Events is on our website at www.vrespta.org

September Events

3—Welcome Walk, Supply Pick-up & Picnic

8—First day of School

11—New parent Coffee

21—Back to School Night for K-2

24—Back to School Night for 3-6

PTA Meetings

All but one will be evening meetings and host a speaker on a topic of interest.

Monday, October 5th 7p

Monday, November 9th 7p

Monday, December 7th 9:30a

More information will be sent prior to each meeting in the Wednesday Envelope

More Information?

- The PTA website is always up-to-date www.vrespta.org
- The PTA E-Newsletter—if you aren't getting it email-robin.osterhout@gmail.com
- VRES website, Viking Voice & KIT
- Wednesday Envelope

"I am only one. I cannot do everything but I can do something"
—Edward Evert Hale

Volunteer Opportunities

We are still looking for volunteers to chair a couple of events:

- Assemblies
- Art Club
- FLEX
- Overtime Athletics

See www.vrespta.org for details.

There are lots of ways to volunteer at VRES. Your teachers will tell you what help they need from parents at Back to School Night.

Also, the school nurse could use parent help to cover when she is out sick or at a meeting. Contact the office for information.

We will have sign-up sheets at the Back to School Nights, we always need help at the social events, also Lego Club needs parent volunteers and Teacher Appreciation could use additional parent help.

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