



VRES PTA Newsletter 8/29/17

What's going on at VRES?

Vote Today!!!

Did you know that there is an Election today? FCPS has an election for a School Board At-Large Seat. Please make sure to take an active part in our children's education and go out and VOTE TODAY!!! More information on the candidates can be found [here](#)

Keep Virginia Run Great - Volunteer!!!

Help us keep VRES the amazing school that it is!!! No one person can run all of the events, programs and fundraisers that we offer... so we are still looking for some volunteers:

Fundraising Committees:

Fall Fundraiser: Chair Needed

Holiday Shoppe: Chair & Co-Chair Needed - THIS EVENT WILL NOT HAPPEN WITHOUT VOLUNTEERS!!!! This is always a great event, but we need your help to make it happen

Spring Auction: Chair & Co-Chair Needed - This is a new event that will include a wine & beer tasting at an offsite location

Education & Services Committees:

Science Quest: Chair & Co-Chair Needed

Please let Johannah Evans know if you are interested in helping out with any of these positions: johannahevens@yahoo.com or [703-266-0369](tel:703-266-0369). Thank you in advance for your willingness to volunteer! We appreciate all that you do for VRES.

Welcome Walk in the News

Did you catch the news last Thursday night? If not, [here](#) is the link to check out the news story that Channel 4 did about the Welcome Walk!

Back to School Night

Back to School Night is next Thursday, September 7th. Come meet your child's teacher, purchase Spirit Wear and learn more about ways to help out at VRES!!! Classroom presentations will be at 7:00 and at 7:45.

New Parent Coffee

Welcome all New Families to VRES!!! We hope that you will have a wonderful experience at Virginia Run Elementary and would like to invite you to a New Parent Coffee. All new parents

(and non school-age children) are welcome to join us for coffee and doughnuts on Friday, September 8th. We'll meet in the cafeteria from 9:15-10:15. This is a great opportunity to meet our Principal, Mrs. Edwards and Vice Principal, Mr. Skerker. Hope to see you there!

Important Dates

9/7/17 - Back to School Night - 7:00-8:30 VRES
9/8/17 - New Parent Coffee - 9:15-10:15 am VRES Cafeteria
9/22/17 - Student Holiday (School Planning Day)
10/9/17 - No School (Columbus Day)
10/11/17 - PTA General Membership Meeting 7:00-8:30
10/27/17 - Fall Ball 6:30-9:00

Earn VRES Grocery Rewards

Do you shop at Harris Teeter? If so, please link your VIC card to Virginia Run to help earn money for our school. This is an annual process, so even if you were awesome enough to sign up last year, you need to sign up again for the upcoming school year. You can do this online or in-store. Our TIE number is 7011. Or better yet, send your last name and VIC number or associated phone number to Rose Seraphin at rosemarie.seraphin@gmail.com and she will do it for you. If we can increase our number of links by 25%, our school can win \$100! Ask your friends and family to link their cards too!

Food Pantry Delivery

Many of our children do not finish their lunch at school, and unopened foods are thrown away on a daily basis. We are excited to be able to provide leftover, unopened dairy products, as well as whole bananas, baked chips, popcorn and graham crackers from our kids' lunches, to the WFCM Food Pantry! In order to do this, we need to have volunteers pick up the food from a designated refrigerator in the school cafeteria at 9:15am, and deliver them immediately to WFCM's Food Pantry in Chantilly - a short drive from our school. The pick ups/drop offs will be on Monday and Thursday each week.

Please [Click Here](#) to sign up on the Food Pantry Sign Up Genius. Once you sign up, detailed instructions will be sent to you via email.

WHS Bulldog Dance Clinic

The Westfield High School Dance Team is once again hosting their Dance Clinic. The clinic will be on Sunday, September 17th from 8:45-1:00. The cost is \$55 for the clinic. [Click Here](#) for more information and to download the registration form.

VRES Could Win...

One of our Board Members came across these great contests that we can all take part in:

* Win a Book Fair and Literacy Event for your school from Scholastic: <http://www.scholastic.com/bookfairsweeps/> (one time entry per person, ends 9/29/17)

* Lysol 1 million box tops giveaway: www.lysol.com/BoxTops (daily entry possible, ends 9/29/17)

Please take a minute and vote for our school to win!! Thanks for your support!

Yearbook Wants Your Pictures!

Please send pictures from the Welcome Walk, Back to School Picnic and First Day of School to Robin Osterhout at robin.osterhout@gmail.com. If sending from a cell phone please use

the option to send in large format or actual size so that the picture quality will be good enough to use in the yearbook. Contact Robin Osterhout with any questions at [703-815-9230](tel:703-815-9230) or email.

No Longer at VRES?

If you will no longer have a student at VRES for the 2017-2018 school year and you would like to opt out of these newsletters please reply and let us know: we will remove you from the mailing list. Thanks!