



BOBCAT NEWS

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

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Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2016-2017 School Year! I am honored to lead Villa Park Elementary, a community of learners seeking excellence in 21st century learning. We have an incredibly talented staff here at VPE who go above and beyond each day in providing exceptional learning opportunities and supporting each child's development. As I visit classrooms daily I might see students dressed to immerse themselves in a study of ancient Egyptians, collaborating to create multimedia presentations on ecosystems, practicing a presentation with classmates, or preparing for a musical concert.

Our data shows that our instructional strategies are working. In both state and local assessments we far outscore state and county averages and the percentage of our students reaching and exceeding proficiency targets continues to grow each year. In 2016 we were honored by the state of California as a Gold Ribbon School for our innovative practices using close reading of non-fiction text to foster real world reading skills. Villa Park Elementary is already an outstanding school, yet we continuously strive to improve. For 2016-2017 we are excited to increase our interventions for students facing challenges at school, increase technology access for primary students, and launch new programs such as AVID elementary at grade 6, and a school-wide STEM initiative.

Villa Park Elementary believes that learning is a team effort, and parent and community involvement is key to our success. We have a highly active Home and School League and Dad's Club. Both these parent organizations enrich our school community in a number of ways such as funding school-wide programs and campus improvements, organizing family fun events, and providing countless volunteer hours to support our students. We are also pleased to have the support of community groups such as The Villa Park Rotary Club and The Villa Park Women's League who contribute extra funds for teacher projects, STEM, and arts initiatives.

I welcome your input as we move

forward together to nurture our children so that they all may achieve their full potential. When you see me on campus or in the community, please take a moment to say hello. I am always eager to hear your thoughts, concerns, and suggestions; reach out to me via email rlittle@orangeusd.org or phone (714) 997-6281. To stay abreast of what's happening on campus, visit our website and follow us on Twitter @VPESchool. On behalf of the outstanding Villa Park Elementary staff, I wish you a wonderful school year.

Raeanne Lopez-Little
VPE Principal

Upcoming Events:

- 9/20: 6th Grade Outdoor Education Presentation 6:00pm
- 9/23: Fall School Pictures
- 9/25: Dad's Club Work Day 9:00am
- 9/27: ASE Classes Begin
- 9/28: College Spirit Shirt Day
- 9/29: Family STEM Night 6:00pm
- 10/5: Walk to School Day
- 10/7: Box Tops Collection Day
- 10/7: Fall Family Lunch
- 10/7: H&SL Parent Mixer 6:00pm
- 10/10-14: Minimum Day - Parent Teacher Conferences
- 10/10-14: Book Fair
- 10/12: 3rd Grade Bike Rodeo
- 10/14: Fall Family Night 6:00pm
- 10/17: SSC Meeting 2:00pm



President's Message

Dear Villa Park Elementary Families,
On behalf of the Villa Park Elementary Home & School League, I would like to extend a warm welcome to you all. I hope you enjoyed a relaxing summer and are looking forward to an exciting and successful year.

The Home & School League (H&SL) is the organized, non-profit parent group at VPE and was created in 1931 to "create a closer relationship between home and school." The league is not a PTA but its purpose and goals are similar: We are here for the children. VPE is dependent on the H&SL to maintain the excellent academic experience and student enrichment that attributes to our success. We need your continued support. Your contribution whether it is time, knowledge or resources makes

a huge difference. Take the first step! Join the H&SL by filling out the membership form on page 3 of the Bobcat News and return it to school with \$20.00 per family. By doing so, you will be listed in and receive our school directory. Your support during the school year continues to provide art and music enrichment, physical education, educational assemblies, technology advancement and much needed campus updates, just to name a few.

Our general meetings will continue to be held on the third Thursday of the month at 8:15 am, in the VPE multi-purpose room (MPR). Come join us for our October meeting on the 20th! Younger siblings are always welcome! This is a great way to find out about upcoming activities on campus throughout the school year. Most importantly, our principal, Mrs. Little gives updates on school

and district happenings and answers questions. Also, each month a grade level is highlighted where students present to members what they are currently learning in class.

There are many ways to keep up to date on the events at school and in the community. Visit our website, www.vpe-hsl.org, like our Facebook page, Villa Park Elementary H&SL and follow us on twitter at VPEHome&SchoolLeague. We also continue to have a monthly edition of the Bobcat News that is sent electronically.

I invite everyone to become involved and invested in our awesome school community. Please feel free to contact me at any time at 949-636-9654 or president@vpe-hsl.org.

It's going to be a terrific year!

Julie Krodel
H&SL President



The 2016 Jog-A-Thon is fast approaching. On October 31st all Villa Park Elementary students will participate in our school wide Jog-A-Thon. We hope to make this our ONLY fundraiser this year so we are raising the bar for our VPE family. **Let's set our goal high and see if we can raise \$60K for our school!**

Since our annual Jog-A-Thon will be held on Halloween it only seems appropriate that our theme for this year's Jog-A-Thon be "Monster Dash." Each student will have the

opportunity to walk and/or run in an effort to raise money for their school. 100% of the money raised will be used to benefit each child at VPE by enhancing existing programs and providing enrichment to the kids.

Again this year is the opportunity to collect pledges through our POPULAR, EASY, ONLINE SYSTEM called "PledgeStar." You may register your child at: www.pledgestar.com/villapark. It takes just minutes to set up your child's own fundraising page. Your family and friends can even pay over the Internet with their credit card. PledgeStar will go live in September! If you prefer, you can still collect money and flat donations using the form that will come home with your student SEPTEMBER 19th. Every student will have an opportunity to win prizes AND the top performing student (total pledge dollars) will be awarded an IPAD MINI!!!

Interested in being a sponsor and having your business or family name printed on the back of the 2016 Jog-A-Thon participant t-shirts???? Please complete the form on Page 4 and return it to the front office no later than OCTOBER 3RD! Please make sure to check out our new form of sponsorship suited for businesses that would like to advertise their name and logo on our t-shirts...



VILLA PARK ELEMENTARY

Home & School League

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year! As we begin the new year, we would like to invite and encourage all VPE families to become Home and School League members.

WHAT DOES BEING A H&SL MEMBER DO FOR OUR SCHOOL YOU ASK?

MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM FACELIFT

RESTROOM IMPROVEMENTS

K-4 MUSIC ENRICHMENT

ART MASTERS

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The H&SL is passionate about making everyone proud to call VPE our school! Our fundraising efforts provide programs and improvements that benefit every student and person on our campus. By joining the Home and School League, you are supporting your child's education in ways that you can actually see. Your \$20 membership donation includes one (1) school directory with the names and phone numbers of other members, as well as class lists and other important information and 1 new and improved VPE window cling. Additional directories may be purchased for \$5.00 each. Directories and window clings are only available for Home and School League members. **In addition to joining the H&SL, we hope you will participate in our MEMBERSHIP DRIVE fundraiser by making an additional donation of \$25 or more. All donations are 100% tax deductible and, most importantly support VPE and our students.**

The VPE Home and School League meets the third Thursday of every month promptly at 8:15 a.m. in the MPR. Please join us! **Return the bottom portion of this form with your dues no later than September 30th.** Thank you in advance for your support. We look forward to another exciting and successful year.

Parent Information for Directory- Please print. Please include your e-mail address, as VPE is trying to go paperless.

Mother's/Guardian's Last Name

First Name

Phone #

Father's/Guardian's Last Name

First Name

Phone #

Address

E-mail

Student Information- Please print.

Last Name

First Name

Grade

Teacher/Room No.

H&SL Family Membership \$20(includes 1 directory + 1 window cling) \$ _____

Additional Directories \$5 Each\$ _____

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FUNDRAISER (\$25, \$50, \$75, \$100)\$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Our organization is a registered non-profit, tax ID # 23-7271436



Villa Park Elementary Jog-A-Thon SPONSORSHIP FORM “MONSTER DASH!”

All Villa Park Elementary students will participate in our school wide Jog-A-Thon on Monday, October 31st. The theme for this year's Jog-A-Thon is “Monster Dash.” Each student will have the opportunity to walk and/or run in an effort to raise money for their school. 100% of the money raised will be used to benefit each child at VPE by enhancing existing programs and providing enrichment to the kids.

Your support is needed! Please help support the 2016 VPE Home & School League Jog-A-Thon. Four levels of sponsorship are available for financial donations. Keeping with our 2016 Jog-A-Thon theme the four levels of sponsorships are:

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“WICKED WITCH” CORPORATE SPONSOR - \$500

- Sponsor banner displayed along Villa Park Elementary school fence **FEATURING** company LOGO
- Name and LOGO on back of Jog-A-Thon participant t-shirts
- Name and LOGO recognition in VPE Bobcat News

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“ZOMBIE” SPONSOR - \$300

- Sponsor banner displayed along Villa Park Elementary school fence
- Prominent placement on back of Jog-A-Thon participant t-shirts
- Special “Zombie” recognition in VPE Bobcat News

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“FRANKENSTEIN” SPONSOR - \$200

- Name on back of Jog-A-Thon participant t-shirts
- Special “Frankenstein” recognition in VPE Bobcat News

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“DRACULA” SPONSOR - \$100

- Name on back of Jog-A-Thon participant t-shirts

Important: Sponsorships do not count towards student pledge benchmarks for fundraising incentives & prizes.

Family/Company Name: _____ Contact Name: _____
(Name as you want it to appear on t-shirt)

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: (____) _____ Email: _____

Student Name/Grade/Teacher:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

To appear on T-Shirts, sponsorships must be received by OCTOBER 3RD.

Please make checks payable to VPE Home & School League.

VPE Home & School League is a 501 c(3) non-profit organization. Our tax identification number is #23-7271436

Please mail or drop off form with donation to:

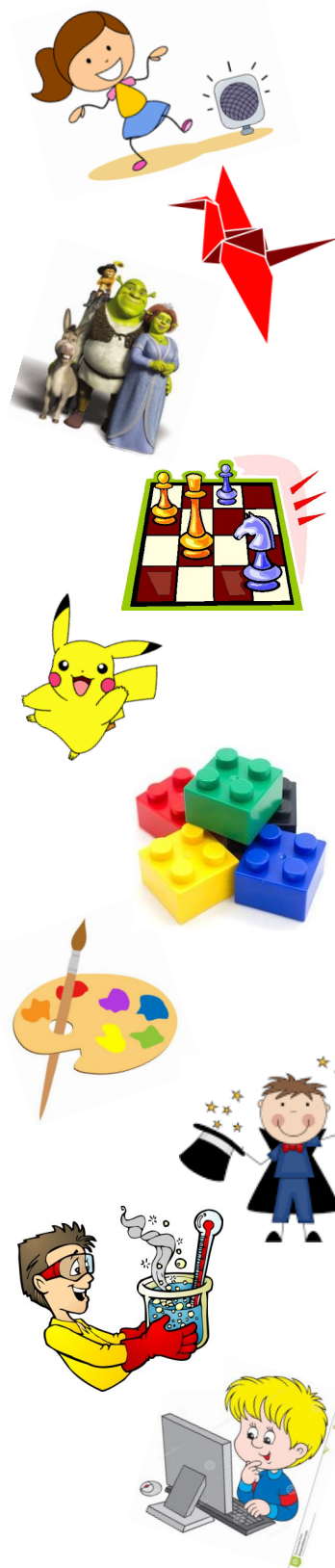
Villa Park Elementary, Attention: 2016 Jog-A-Thon

10551 Center Drive, Villa Park, CA 92861



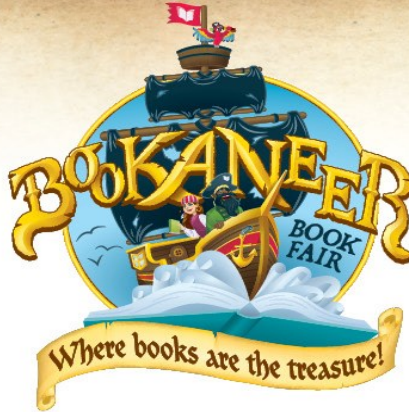
After School Enrichment

Day	Classes Offered
<u>Tuesdays</u> Beginning Sept 27th	<p>Fine Art - Cartooning (1st – 6th grade) Have fun drawing some of your favorite characters in this class where you'll learn how to shade, color & design your artwork, so you can use your imagination to create cute & crazy creatures of your own.</p> <p>The Magic Club (1st – 6th grade) Students will learn 1-2 magic tricks each week & craft some of their own magic gear. Children will develop motor skills, teamwork, & enhance performance skills.</p> <p>Coding for Kids Jr - Pixar Edition (2nd-3rd grade) These classes teach you everything from creating amazing arcade games like Snake and Tetris, to making beautiful animations with code!</p> <p>Mad Science (1st – 6th grade) Children will learn science with all new exciting hands-on classes! With names like; Rocket Science, Sun & Stars, Dry Ice, Space Travel & Alien Slime. This class is sure to spark imaginative learning!</p>
<u>Wednesdays</u> Beginning Sept 28th	<p>Lego – Crazy Carnival (2nd - 6th grade) This class will get students working with LEGO®s while teaching a variety of engineering topics. Students discover gears, pulleys & more.</p> <p>Origami (1st – 6th grade) Children will learn the Japanese art of origami along with a different aspect of Japanese culture each week! Modular & Action origami include jumping frogs, transforming ninja stars, magic circles, 3D swans, Pikachu, angry birds, and much more! Every student will take home what they make.</p> <p>Dance (1st – 6th grade) Students will learn age appropriate basic cheer routines, jazz technique and choreography. No tumbling or stunting. On the last day of class, students will perform the routine they have learned for family and friends!</p>
<u>Thursdays</u> Beginning Sept 29th	<p>Chess (1st – 6th grade) Chess increases IQ and teaches children to think deeply, problem solve, gain confidence, develop patience, and strategize and plan! This wonderful program is designed to fit the needs of all skill levels.</p> <p>Coding for Kids - (4th--6th grade) These classes teach you everything from creating amazing arcade games like Snake and Tetris, to making beautiful animations with code!</p> <p>Musical Theater – SHREK JR. (1st-6th grade) Beauty is in the eye of the ogre in Shrek the Musical JR., based on the Oscar-winning Film & Broadway musical. It's a "big bright beautiful world" as everyone's favorite ogre, Shrek, leads a cast of fairytale characters on an adventure you'll never forget! Learn to act & sing in this fun action-packed show filled with lots of roles for a talented cast at VPE.</p>



Questions / Forms

- If you have questions, please contact the VPE H&SL ASE Coordinator at ASE@vpe-hsl.org.
- ASE class information and program registration flyers can also be found at the VPE H&SL web site: www.VPE-HSL.org under the (ASE) heading.



Dear VPE Parents and Families:

Reading for pleasure unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Here's what you can do to help children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading:

- Set the example. Let children see you read.
- Have a collection of books in your home. Update this collection routinely to keep pace with changing tastes and reading skills.
- **Support our school's Book Fair. Allow your children to choose their own books to read.**

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

Book Fair dates: **Monday, October 10th~Friday, October 14th** (Parent/Teacher Conference Week)

Shopping hours: **After School 12:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Special activities: **Visit the Book Fair during Fall Family Night from 6pm to 8pm, Fri. Oct. 14th**

If you are unable to attend the Fair in person, we invite you to visit our online Book Fair at **scholastic.com/fair**.

We look forward to seeing you and your family unlock a treasure of adventure at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit VPE's Library.





5th Grade Outdoor Ed Fundraiser

Beginning **Monday, September 19th**, the 5th Grade students at VPE will be selling Mixed Bags. Proceeds from the fundraiser help offset the cost for students to attend Outdoor Education during their 6th Grade year.

Contact your favorite 5th Grader to place an order!!! Don't know any 5th Graders???...You can access the fundraiser through www.vpe-hsl.org and the proceeds will be distributed among the students.

Thank you for your support!!!!

Free Money



Mark your calendars! VPE's first free money collection date is **Friday, October 7**. Please send all Box tops and Labels for Education to your child's classroom. Collection sheets are available for download on the vpe-hsl.org website.

Register your Ralphs rewards card online at Ralphs.com and designate Villa Park Elementary as the school you would like to support. Each time you grocery shop and swipe your card, VPE automatically starts earning money. If you have designated VPE in the past, please take the time to re-register; cards need to be registered each school year.



Villa Park Elementary - 2016-17 Spirit Wear



**Order Deadline
Friday - 9/30/16**

All Items Online Too!

- Product photos & details
- Pay by credit card
- Orders delivered to classroom

www.SpiritWearWebStore.com

Item Type	Item Color (Please circle choice)	Item Size (Please circle choice)	Quantity (Please enter)	Price	Total (Please enter)
100% Cotton Tee - Printed Design	Navy Heather - Sport Gray - White	Youth Sm Youth Med. Youth Lrg. Adult Sm Adult Med. Adult Lg. Adult XL Adult XXL		x \$10.00 =	
Girls / Juniors Crew Tee Printed Design	Navy - Heather Gray - White	Girls Med. Girls Lrg. Juniors Small Juniors Med. Juniors Lg. Juniors XL Juniors XXL		x \$12.00 =	
Colorblock Tee - Printed Design	Gray Body / Navy Sleeves	Youth Sm Youth Med. Youth Lrg. Adult Sm Adult Med. Adult Lg. Adult XL Adult XXL		x \$15.00 =	
Printed Pullover Hoodie - Printed Design	Navy Heather - Heather Grey	Youth Sm Youth Med. Youth Lrg. Adult Sm Adult Med. Adult Lg. Adult XL Adult XXL		x \$20.00 =	
Girls / Juniors Fit Tee - RHINESTONE FILL	Navy - Heather Gray - White	Girls Med. Girls Lrg. Juniors Small Juniors Med. Juniors Lg. Juniors XL Juniors XXL		x \$15.00 =	
Ladies V-Neck - RHINESTONE FILL	Navy - Heather Gray - White	Ladies Small Ladies Med. Ladies Lg. Ladies XL Ladies XXL		x \$20.00 =	
Applique Pullover Hoodie - BOBCATS	Black w/ Royal Blue CamoHex Accent	Youth Med. Youth Lrg. Adult Small Adult Med. Adult Lg. Adult XL Adult XXL		x \$30.00 =	
Applique Zipper Hoodie - BOBCATS	Black - Deep Royal	Youth Med. Youth Lrg. Adult Small Adult Med. Adult Lg. Adult XL Adult XXL		x \$25.00 =	

Parent Name:	Email:	Phone #
Child Name:	Teacher:	Room #

Return this order form & payment to teacher by the deadline: **Friday, September 30, 2016**

More product details online @ www.SpiritWearWebStore.com

Total = \$

Make checks payable to
VPE Home & School League



HELP WANTED

Rewarding positions on the VPE H&SL Board. Excellent opportunity to get involved in your child's education and meet other parents. Flexible hours. No experience required and many positions are shared.

Legislation Coalition Representative (LegCo) - attend a monthly meeting at the district office to be informed of bills and propositions that affect funding in our schools and report those findings to the members of the H&SL in the monthly meetings.

Auction Chairperson/Committee - Our auction was small but mighty last year! We can keep it that way or go with a few more items. We would like to place it in someone's hands that would be willing to work at getting donations, preparing items, and running the auction at our Carnival on March 17th.

Lip Sync Committee - Looking for a small group of individuals to work with Julia Peterson to take on Lip Sync this coming Spring and in future years. Lip Sync is a favorite activity among VPE students and families.

Contract Julie Krodel for additional information.
president@vpe-hsl.org or 949-636-9654

3rd Grade Bike Rodeo



With the help of the Orange County Sheriffs department, Villa Park Elementary's annual bicycle rodeo will take place at 8:15am on **Wednesday, October 12.**

This event is for 3rd Graders and any 4th-6th Graders who have not participated in the past. Students bring their bike and wear their helmet; they will be tested on bicycle safety. Each student will be issued a certificate of completion and a Villa Park Elementary license plate.

Hope you can attend this exciting event!

Dads Club Work Day

Our first on-campus workday is Sunday, September 25th from 9 am to 12 pm.

We are loaded with several work projects, so please come if and when you can.

No special skills necessary - if you have two hands - we can use you!



Every VPE Dad that does attend our workday will receive a free super-cool VPE-DC T-shirt. If you have any questions regarding the Dads' Club, please contact Mark D. Kuli at dadsclub@vpe-hsl.org



GATE Screening

The Office of Curriculum and Instruction is currently beginning the GATE screening and identification process for the 2016-2017 school year. This school year OUSD will facilitate universal screening of all 3rd grade students for the GATE Program. Parents who do not want their child tested may fill out an option out form, which can be obtained from the classroom teacher or the GATE office. Students in second grade and 4th-6th grade may be referred for GATE testing by parents or teachers. Screening will take place in January and February of 2017. Identification results will be mailed home by mid-April, 2016.

Identification for GATE involves a review of multiple criteria including

- SAI score on the district selected cognitive abilities test
- Student achievement records
- Lexile/Quantile scores
- Student Profile of Gifted Characteristics filled out by classroom teacher

Parents have the option for students that qualify for GATE Identification to have them attend the assigned GATE magnet school or to remain at their home schools and receive enrichment in the regular classroom. **Please note that students qualifying in grades 5 and 6 are often waitlisted for magnet programs.**

If a parent wishes to refer a student for consideration, please submit a Referral form online, which can be found on the OUSD GATE website, www.orangeusd.org/gate or contact the GATE office at 714-628-5451. **All parent referrals must be submitted to the GATE office no later than December 2, 2016.**



Contact Us

The Bobcat News is the monthly publication for families and students of Villa Park Elementary from the VPE H&SL, the non-profit parent group for our school.

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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President: Julie Krodel president@vpe-hsl.org

Newsletter Editor: Jacqueline Sobral webmaster@vpe-hsl.org



Did you know that our rate of student attendance is considered by the state as a marker of our school success? This is because research shows that high attendance rates correlate with higher student achievement. Please help us to maximize your child's success by eliminating non-essential absences.

- Schedule vacations during school holidays- avoid extending holiday weekends with “extra days” that your child will have to miss school.
- Help your child to stay healthy by encouraging healthy habits including a consistent bedtime and hand washing.
- If your child seems anxious about school, please help him or her to work with the teacher and or principal to resolve the issues rather than avoiding school. This teaches a valuable lesson to your child about how to approach difficulty.

With your help, we can help all of our students to do their best at school each day!



Your input is very important as we make decisions about programs procedures that affect your students' future. Please make your voice heard by completing Orange Unified's Community Technology Survey. Go to the Orange Unified website, www.orangeusd.org, click on the icon shown here and scroll down to our school name.

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