



BOBCAT NEWS

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

Home & School League Meeting
Thurs, April 19 at 8:15am

Principal's Message

Blowing Up Math Myths By Mrs. Little

*"I'll just never be good at math!",
"she's a math brain; she always gets
it right".*

*"He's the best in math, he's always
the first one done!"*

More than any other subject we cling to these fixed mindset misconceptions about math. Recent research shows us that we've got it all wrong.

Myth #1: Some people are just not good at math"

Many people believe math is innate," says [Nicole Joseph](#), assistant professor of mathematics education at Vanderbilt University in [Math Myths: Researchers Debunk Common Misconceptions](#) "They believe math is reserved for an elite group of students, and either you can do it or you can't. People will say they are not a 'math person,' when they would never talk that way about not being able to read." "Every student is capable of doing mathematics," Joseph says. "But not every student learns the same way."

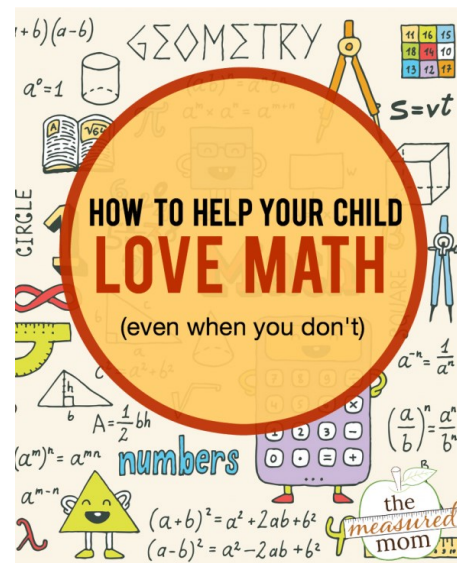
Myth #2: Math is about getting it right!

Says Jo Boaler, Stanford Researcher, in [Setting Up Positive Norms in Math Class](#). Research shows that when students make mistakes, synapses fire and brains grow. Brain activity is particularly strong in individuals with a growth mindset. It is good to make mistakes. Students need to learn to embrace mistakes as learning opportunities.

Myth #3 Math fluency is all about speed and memorization.

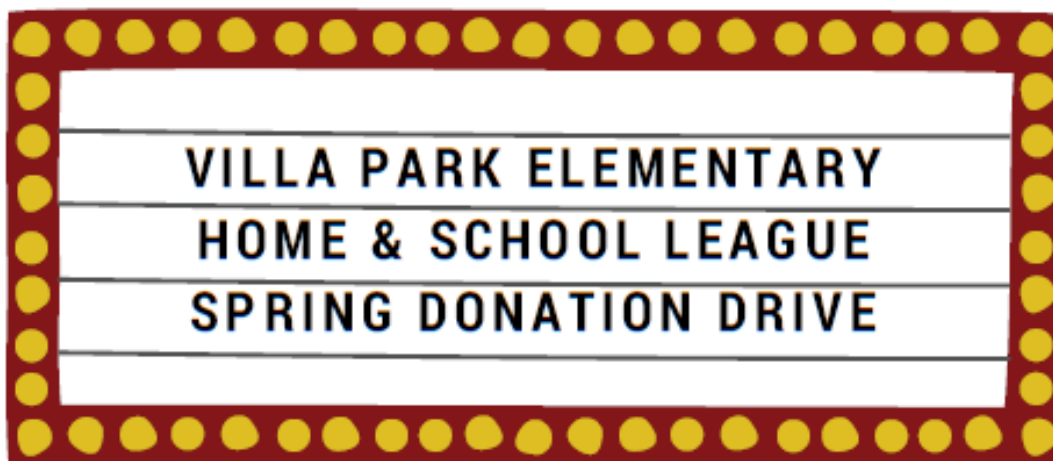
[Paulina Jonušaitė](#), confesses in her article [Are All Famous Mathematicians Capable of Doing Fast Calculations?](#) "Mathematics is a science of structure and relationships. Calculations are a very small part of it...A running joke among me and my colleagues is that we are better at solving differential equations by hand than calculating the change we should receive at the store." However many of our students begin to think of themselves as poor mathematicians because they are not the fastest at mastering math facts.

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Upcoming Events:

- 4/11: College Shirt Spirit Day
- 4/13: Birthday Club
Bobcat Spirit Day
Student of the Month
School Carnival 4:00-8:00pm
- 4/19: H&SL Meeting 8:15am
- 4/20: Family Lunch - 11:30am
Art Masters Lecture
Bobcat Spirit Day
- 4/23-27: Art Masters Lessons
- 4/25: Color By Grade Spirit Day
- 4/26: Coffee w/the Principal 8am
- 4/27: Bobcat Spirit Day
STEM Challenge
Teacher Treats - Kinder
- 5/2: Kinder Field Trip - Tanaka 8am
- 5/4: Birthday Club
Bobcat Spirit Day
Student of the Month
- 5/7-5/18: SBAC Testing
- 5/7-5/11: Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5/9: College Spirit Day
- 5/11: Bobcat Spirit Day
- 5/16: Patriotic Spirit Day
- 5/17: H&SL Meeting 8:15am



We need your help!
Contributions collected from this
donation drive will directly fund
PE, Music, Art Masters, and
a NEW MARQUEE!



PLEDGESTAR IS NOW LIVE!
REGISTER AT
PLEDGESTAR.COM/VILLAPARK



It only takes a few minutes,
and it makes donating SO easy!
DON'T MISS OUT!
Students who register and send
10 emails by April 13 will win a
BONUS RECESS!
Top earning upper and
lower grade classes will win a
PIZZA PARTY!

CASH AND CHECK DONATIONS ARE WELCOME TOO! (SEE REVERSE)



5th Grade Fundraising



4/18 Los Cabos Restaurant Night



5/11 Holiday Skate Party



5/22 Wahoo's Restaurant Night



5/5 Clothes for a Cause

Please support 5th grade by clearing out those closets and donating used clothes, shoes, stuffed animals, towels, gloves, hats, purses, belts or drapes to our clothing drive!

Items can be dropped off at VPE on Saturday, May 5th from 7:30 am to 11:30 am. If you need to get rid of items sooner, please contact Melissa Dickey for pick up or alternative drop off date! busterandcharlie@sbcglobal.net



Active Rideshop will be selling men's, women's and children's socks at the VPE carnival for **\$7 CASH** per pair.

All funds raised will benefit 5th grade fundraising! Be sure to stop by their tent and pick up a pair, or two of cool socks!



Join us for a delicious way to Raise Money!!!!

Date: Wednesday, April 18

Time: 11 am to close

Address: 843 N. Tustin St., Orange

Enjoy a delicious meal with friends and family while raising money for **VPE 5th grade!**

With each flyer presented, Los Cabos will donate 20% during the hours of 11 am to 3 pm, and 15% during the hours of 3 pm to close.



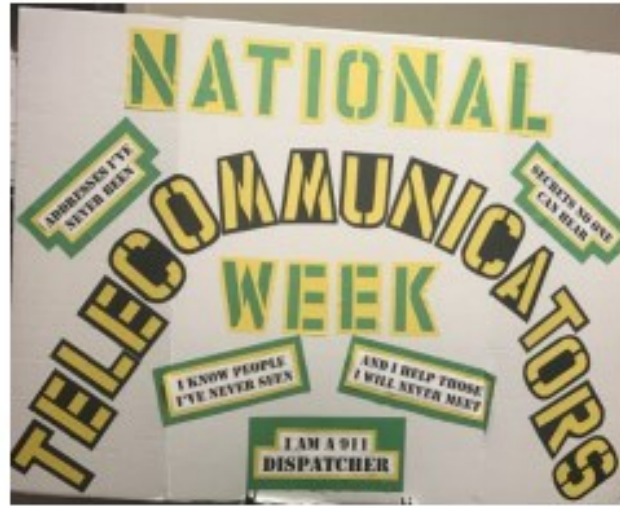
VPE 5TH GRADE FUNDRAISER

Cost is \$20
Discounts run
until 2/28/2019!



Contact Erin Tighe erintighe@gmail.com

THE 5TH GRADERS REALLY APPRECIATE ALL THE FUNDRAISING SUPPORT!



VPE Bobcats Thanks 911 Dispatchers

During the final week of March, Villa Park Bobcats showed their appreciation for those who valiantly man our county 911 Emergency lines. These folks ensure there is always someone available to direct appropriate services to those in need. Students made cards and letters that were delivered by our School Resource Officer Brian Benzie. Thanks to all the students who showed their gratitude!





Dads Club Update



Aladdin Musical Stage Set

The VPE Dads' creative talents were on full display for the set design of the Literacy On Stage performance of Aladdin. This student musical was a hit and special thanks to Alfred Gonzalez & Jack Jessen (not to mention super-moms Sarah Tannis & Elaine Kuli) for their awesome work on the set design and props.



The New Lunch Carts Keep Rolling Out

Two more lunch carts were placed into classrooms this month. Mrs. Roland's class got a new cart with extraordinary paint work from Nicole Trollinger and her two sons Nick & Sam Peardon. It's a duo-college cart with the Chapman Panther on one side and an Cal Berkley Bear on the other. Check out the photos – and WOW- *What a piece of art!* Mrs. Krever's class also got a new "Blinged Out" pink & black lunch cart courtesy of Delaney & Jack Jessen. *Oh- so very cool- Great work Jessens!*



Camp Bobcat – June 1

Get those sleeping bags and tents ready for Camp Bobcat – coming the Friday after Memorial Day weekend. It's one of the best event's of the year on campus so make sure it's on your calendar. For those who want to sponsor and / or supply a Raffle Prize, please see our solicitation letter. We need your help to make it a best Camp Bobcat Ever. Contact Mike Urbanski / Camp Bobcat Chair - Mike.urbanski@yahoo.com



Villa Park Elementary
VPE DC
Dads' Club



VPE Family-

On Friday, June 1st, the Villa Park Elementary School Dads' Club will host our annual overnight camp out. Dads and kids get to set up a tent right on the playground and enjoy a night away from home, in the outdoor surroundings of their schoolyard. Camp Bobcat has wonderful entertainment throughout the night, great food and a pancake breakfast in the morning. The students and their dads always love this event to finish off the school year!

The Dads' Club has also utilized Camp Bobcat as our main fundraiser where all proceeds from camp fees, food sales, & raffle tickets are used to improve Villa Park Elementary. In the past, we have purchased computers, LCD projectors, SMART boards as well as fund some sorely needed facilities upgrades around our aging campus.

To help make the 2018 Camp Bobcat a success, WE NEED YOU! We are asking for sponsors to underwrite the food and activity costs as well as in-kind donations that we will use for raffle prizes. All donations are tax deductible and each donor will be recognized in our distributed literature and during the event.

If you are interested in sponsoring this event in any small way or if you can donate a prize for the raffle, please contact me either by phone or email. Thank you in advance for your support of Camp Bobcat!

Sincerely,

Mike Urbanski

Camp Bobcat Chair

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Principal's Message

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So what can we do to avoid our students falling victim to these math myths?

- Avoid using fixed mindset language when speaking about math.
- Help your students to celebrate persistence and learn from mistakes.
- Look for opportunities to use mathematics in everyday life, cooking, budgeting etc.
- Encourage multiple approaches to math problems including various strategies for calculating, visual or real life modeling, and talking through problem solving strategies.

For more idea, check out:

[How to Get Your Kids to Love Math](#)

Art Masters Students Meet Mark Chagall



Art Master students will complete a unit on Mark Chagall

Chagall is compared to Picasso, a prime example of a modern artist who mastered multiple media, including painting in both oil and gouache, watercolor, murals, ceramics, etching, drawing, theater and costume design, and stained-glass work.

Free Money

Support the Villa Park Elementary Home and School League
by shopping at



When you shop on [amazon.smile.com](https://www.amazon.smile.com), select **Villa Park Home and School League** as your charitable organization. Amazon will donate .5% of the price of eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the Home and School League.

AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same Amazon Prime benefits.

Start your shopping at [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) to support our school.



BOX TOPS UPDATE


Our free money coordinator Sandy wants you to know Villa Park Elementary surpassed our Box Tops for Education free money goal!

We collected a total of \$1083.90. Thank you to everyone!

COME TO OUR

BOOK FAIR!

SAVE THE DATE!!
MAY 29TH ~ JUNE 1ST
JOIN US IN THE LIBRARY
LUNCHTIME AND AFTER SCHOOL.
HELP SUPPORT VPE'S LIBRARY
AND GET YOUR SUMMER READING
VISIT US DURING OPEN HOUSE
AND CAMP BOBCAT TOO!!



SCHOLASTIC



Presidents Message

Third and final trimester of the school year is underway! I hope each and every one of you had a relaxing, fun and enjoyable spring break!

I'd like to thank Jacqueline Sobral for her time and efforts handling our Bobcat News, website and social media over the past two years. She is now handing the torch over to Jen Palumbo who has graciously accepted the task! Jen has already made some great updates to the site and social media pages. Please check them out! Thank you Jacqueline and Jen!

We are gearing up for our annual carnival AGAIN, this time on April 13th, and training for the annual Foundation Games.

Thank you to Kari Christie and her team of volunteers for their tireless efforts putting this year's 50's theme carnival together for our entire school community. We watched and watched the weather but ultimately decided we would need to

reschedule. We can't wait to sock-hop with you all on Friday, April 13th. We do need your help to make our silent auction wonderful! If you have something in mind or know someone who would like to donate an item to our silent auction please let us know. Sporting event tickets, vacation rentals, amusement park tickets, special services, etc. Please contact Julie Krodel at juliekrodel@gmail.com to arrange silent auction details.

Thank you coach Sarah Jarrell and her track helpers for getting our track athletes ready for competition. We will be defending our 1st place title on April 21st at the 13th annual Foundation Games held at Fred Kelly Stadium. Coach Jarrell is an energizer bunny, teaching PE as well as organizing before school training sessions twice a week and Saturday guess-your-time trail runs for the entire family. All athletes are registered and ready to compete!

Our silent fundraiser...The Spring Donation Drive begins April 9th-30th.

This effort will allow us to go above and beyond the programs our H&SL currently supports, like Art Masters and K-4 music. This Silent Fundraiser will help fund our PE program, new marquee and/or benches in the parent waiting area and potential bathroom and campus safety improvements.

Please register at: www.pledgestar.com/villa-park

Students who send 10 emails by April 13th will qualify for a BONUS RECESS!!

Again, as always I want to thank each and every one of our Bobcat families for all that you do to make VPE a special community. Without you and your support, ideas and time spent volunteering, our students would not be where they are today. YOU are important to VPE.

Thank you!

GO BOBCATS!
Michelle Gonzalez

Nominees for Home and School League Executive Board

The Nominating Committee for the 2018-2019 school year met and presented the following slate of officers at the Home and School League meeting on Thursday, March 15, 2018.

President: Michelle Gonzalez

1st VP Ways & Means: Erin Flynn & Maria Griswold

2nd VP Programs: Bridgit Harness & Monique McArthur

3rd VP Room Moms: Mickey McGuire & Kari Christie

4th VP Dad's Club: Jordan Wu

Secretary: Kristina Simons

Treasurer: Jennifer Cisneros

Parliamentarian: Julie Krodel

We will be voting on this slate of officers at the VPE Open House on Tuesday, May 29th. Nominations will also be taken from the floor. Thank you to these great volunteers! We would also like to thank our Nominating Committee: Mrs. Little, Michelle Gonzalez, Michelle Tao, Veronica Tarnofsky, and Julie Krodel.



Please remember that every school day counts. Students who are ill should stay home to help protect the health of all children. However, we do ask that families limit personal absences so that students do not miss out on valuable learning opportunities. Teachers and staff take time to prepare engaging activities for your children each day that will lead to their success.

The classroom with the highest percentage of attendance at each grade level will be recognized and rewarded at our monthly student of the month assembly. These students are invited to eat lunch and enjoy music on the quad. For the month of March that was:

- Kinder: Mrs. Miller
- First: Mrs. Valeriotte
- Second: Mrs. Granger
- Third: Mrs. Houlihan
- Fourth: Mrs. Roland
- Fifth: Mrs. Pak
- Sixth: Mrs. Patel

On time attendance is important too! Gates open at 7:45 and kids should be in line by 8:00 AM. Every minute of learning counts! Also teachers appreciate advance notice if your child is going to be leaving early. In that way they can have your child prepared with the work they need. Thank you for your cooperation.



Contact Us

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To report absences, please call operation concern at 714-538-9710

- 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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