



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

H&SL Meeting

1/16

at 8:15 am in the MPR Room

Upcoming Events:

January 2020

1/13	First Day Back to School
1/15	Art Masters Lecture
1/16	H&SL Meeting 8:15 am
	CV Music for 4th-6th Grade
1/17	Birthday Club
	Bobcat Spirit Day
	4th Grade VAPA Introduction
1/22	Crazy Hair Day
	Fire Drill
1/23	6th Grade Visit to CV
1/24	Bobcat Spirit Day
	Street Beats Assembly
	5th Grade VAPA Showcase
1/27-31	Art Masters Lessons
1/27-29	3rd Grade Gate Testing
1/27	School Site Council
1/30	ELAC
1/31	Teacher Treats (Hosted by 3rd Grade)
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Principal's Message

December-January Bobcat News

Using Growth Mindset Language

Report Card time is here again and we are quickly approaching a 2020. As a district and a school site we work to foster a growth mindset in our students. The growth mindset and how our children's lifetime success is closely linked to their ability to tie their struggles, effort, and perseverance to their ultimate success. When you receive your children's report cards, or review their grades and progress on the parent portal, your response can help your children shape a growth mindset.

It is always best to begin a discussion of the report card and progress when you have some calm, quiet time to reflect with your child. Choose your words wisely, the key is to focus your child on how their actions and efforts, and not inherent ability or factors outside of their control, most influence their outcome. Try phrases such as these:

Con't Principal's Message

To respond to positive grades:

- You got excellent grades in _____. tell me about what you did to earn those.
- Wow, you must have been working very hard in _____ to earn a _____. Your hard work paid off.
- Aren't you glad that we studied so hard every week in _____? Look what you accomplished!
- You have really improved in _____. Remember when that was so hard for you, and now you _____.
- You have come a long way in _____. What do you think made the difference?
- I know you were determined to get _____ this trimester. I am really proud that you stuck with it and accomplished your goal.
- You are doing so well, I wonder what challenge you can set for yourself next trimester?

To respond to disappointing grades to spite good effort:

- I see how hard you are working in _____. It's been really challenging this year. I know you're making progress. Just keep at it and you'll get there.
- I know you were working for a higher grade in _____. Let's think about what else might help.
- I know it's frustrating when you are working hard and not seeing the results. Why don't we talk to your teacher to get some ideas that could help?
- This was a hard trimester for you because of _____. Next trimester we can _____.

To respond to disappointing grades when work completion and effort has been a problem

- It's hard to see that you are not earning the grades I know you could if you put in a little more time and effort. Let's come up with a plan to help you improve next trimester.
- What do you think you could have done differently this trimester to get a different result in _____?
- I have seen you do a really great job in _____ when you focus. What do you think is getting in the way? What can we do about it?
- I know you can improve at _____ if you set your mind to it. Let's set a goal together for next trimester.

Remember your children's elementary grades, while important, do not make or break their future. When you teach your children to reflect honestly and calmly on how their efforts have shaped their results, and how to respond to success and struggle, you are teaching them lessons that will serve them through college, career, and beyond.

VPE H&SL President

December 2019/January 2020

I hope everyone had a Happy Holidays!

The 2019 Turkey Trot was a BIG success—we raised over \$50,000! Thank you to Maria Griswold and Veronica Tarnofsky for making it happen! Thanks also to our generous sponsors and the entire VPE community for your donations! And thank you to the countless volunteers who dedicated their time and energy to helping the day run smoothly. Drum roll please...we are getting a shade structure over the quad! Installation is scheduled for late January. Thank you, Bobcats! Together we can do great things!

We kicked off December with a festive VPE tradition: the holiday store. Students shopped in the MPR, then wrapped their treasures to take home for their loved ones. Thank you to Michelle Tao, Beth Riley, and all of the volunteers who helped. The kids loved it!

The following week, 6th graders headed up the mountain for Outdoor Ed. This science camp experience is a time-honored rite of passage for VPE students. As the parent of a 6th grader, I am truly grateful to our teachers and faculty for supporting this program, and to our dedicated fundraising team for giving the students ample opportunities to raise money to fund it. Thank you!

The December joy continues with holiday parties on the 20th. Thank you to Kari Christie and Heather Cassara for your guidance, and to all of the room parents and volunteers for giving the students fun celebrations on the last day of school before the break.

If you haven't already done so, please support the Villa Park Home and School League on Amazon Smile, and register your Ralphs Rewards card to support Villa Park Elementary. Last-minute shopping and post-holiday sales can help earn free money for our school!

Looking ahead to 2020, because it will be here in a flash...

New After School Enrichment opportunities will be coming in this January. Thank you, Wendy McGrane, for making it happen!

I am seeking volunteers interested in serving on the 2020 H&SL Nominating Committee to help form the slate of H&SL executive board officers for the 2020-21 school year. Please email me at president@vpe-hsl.org if you are interested in volunteering, or would like more information.

The next Home and School League meeting will take place on Thursday, January 16 at 8:15 a.m. in the MPR. Please mark your calendar! In addition to the coffee and snacks, friends and fun, we get reports on campus news directly from students and the principal, as well as updates on H&SL events. Little ones are welcome! Don't miss it!

Peace and joy to you and yours this holiday season! It can be a stressful time of year, for sure! It's my wish that we are all able to slow down and enjoy time with family and friends so we can enter the new year feeling grounded and refreshed. Cheers to 2020! Enjoy the break!

Go Bobcats! Sincerely,

Erin Flynn

VPE-H&SL President





Hello Bobcat Dads!

What a year 2019 has been for the VPE Dads Club!

Dads club has been very busy so far this school year. Our events have included:

- Campus beautification day
 - Helping our teachers with projects in their rooms
 - Washing and painting lunch tables
 - 5th grade garden boxes
 - Patching and sealing the roofs of the storage containers
 - New enclosed bulletin board on the office wall facing the quad
 - Mural repair and sensory walk upgrades
- Poker night (Over 80 dads!)
- Mustache Workshop (5th and 6th grade boys)
- Support for Fall Family Night

We are not slowing down in 2020 as we have A LOT of events coming up this school year.

- 2nd Poker Night
- VPE Softball Tournament (vs. neighboring Elementary Schools Dads Clubs)
- Carnival
- Spring Campus Beautification Day
- Camp Bobcat
- And much more!

Mark your calendars for the next Dads Club Meeting:

Thursday January 16, 6:30pm
at Chapman Crafted Beer in Old Town Orange

A HUGE thank you to everyone that has picked up a paint brush, broom, shovel, hammer or attended a meeting or event this year! This is an amazing community here at VPE and I'm **THANKFUL** for everything we have done and **EXCITED** for all the events coming to VPE in 2020. Keep an eye out for future emails with more information. We hope to see you all at a VPE-DC event soon!

I wish you all the best holiday season. See you in 2020!

Ryan Dierking

Dad's Club President

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PS. We post a lot of photos and information on our Facebook group '**VPE Dads Club**'. Follow us to stay up to date on everything going on.



After School Enrichment Classes

Our after school enrichment programs are back, please feel free to check out all the information and flyers on our website at www.vpe-hsl.org under the Parents Tab then click After School Enrichment Tab.

Winter 2020 After School Enrichment Classes

The Villa Park Elementary Home & School League (VPE H&SL) is pleased to offer the following fun and educational after school enrichment (ASE) programs for 1st through 6th graders. Don't delay.... sign up today!

Day	Class
<u>Mondays</u> Beginning January 27	<p>Golf Squad (1st – 6th grade) Learn to play golf with a golf industry professional. All class essentials are provided (Golf Squad Handbooks, training equipment, ALL golf clubs, etc.). Each student receives Golf Squad Handbooks and Golf Squad visor to keep.</p> <p>Mad Science (1st – 6th grade) In this class, we'll have fun with science, you will learn about science in a fun hands on way.</p> <p>Fashion Camp - Create. Design. Sew. (2nd – 6th grade) Fashion camp is a creative learning program centered around fashion design & sewing!</p>
<u>Wednesdays</u> Beginning January 29	<p>Young Rembrandt Drawing Class (1st – 6th grade) Have fun drawing some of your favorite characters in this class.</p>
<u>Thursdays</u> Beginning January 30	<p>Chess (NEW LESSONS) (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>Dance Hip Hop (1st-6th grade) Students will learn various styles of dance. They will learn age appropriate basic hip hop technique and choreography. On the last day of class, students will perform the routine they have learned for family and friends!</p>

Art Masters

Art Master Students will be introduced to contemporary American realism through the art of Joseph Raffael. Students will view slides of his beautiful water colors and will be inspired to create their own multimedia works of art based on forms favored by Raffael. Everyone will love working with the water soluble colored pencils which will further enhance the experience.

Villa Park Elementary School Will be hosting a **CLOTHING and TEXTILE DRIVE**

January 27 - February 7, 2020- before or after school!
February 8, 2020- 7:30 am to 11:00 am!



ACCEPTED ITEMS:

CLOTHING new and gently used.
SHOES paired only.
TOWELS, STUFFED ANIMALS,
HATS, DRAPES, PURSES,
BELTS...

All items must be dry and clean.

WE CANNOT TAKE:

Glass, breakables,
electronics, bedding,
pet beds, bed pillows,
carpeting, uniforms, hotel
linens, fabric scraps and
samples, or items previously
for sale at a thrift store.



Contact with questions:

If you have any questions, please contact- Melissa- busterandcharlie@sbcglobal.net

Additional Notes:

Please drop off donations at 10551 Center Dr., Villa Park. Thank you for supporting 5th grade fundraising!



2019-2020 Yearbooks

Yearbooks for the current school year 2019-20 are up for sale now. Don't forget to get yours ordered at www.jostens.com

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2019-2020 YEARBOOKS ON
SALE NOW!**

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News from the Front Office



Please be sure to check the Lost and Found outside the gate on the cart to see if any of your child's items might have been left behind, Thank you!



Fall/Winter OUSD Parent and Family Engagement Workshops

5 Part Series: College and Beyond and Child Safety

The Orange Unified School District, Department of Accountability, Equity, and Engagement is pleased to offer the OUSD Fall/Winter Parent & Family Engagement Workshops. The institute's objectives are to provide parents with information and tools on how to prepare their student for college and career and keep their children safe in a 21st century environment.



Modules	Presenter (s)	Audience	Description	Date/Time/Location
Session 1: Navigating OUSD Parent Portal and Online Resources	OUSD Paul Flores	Parents of K-12 Grade Students	This workshop will share with parents how to access the OUSD Parent Portal. It will provide families with the tools and understanding of navigating student assessment results, grades, schedules, and learning resources.	November 19, 2019 6:00-7:30 Orange Unified District Boardrooms
Session 2: Pathways to College & Career	OUSD Beth Rodenbucher	Parents of 4-10 Grade Students But, ALL Families are Welcome!	Come and find out how OUSD prepares your student for college and career with the many career pathways available at our high schools!	December 5, 2019 6:00-7:30 Orange Unified District Boardrooms
Session 3: Bullying and Cyberbullying	WTLC Tania Trujillo & Morelia Rodriguez	Parents of K-12 Grade Students	During this workshops families will understand the severity and prevalence of cyberbullying and bullying. It will provide families proactive steps they can take to help prevent and protect their students from becoming targets of bullying.	January 17, 2020 9:00-10:30 Orange Unified District Boardrooms
Session 4: Preventing youth vaping, drug, tobacco and alcohol use	OCDE Michael Chavez	Parents of K-12 Grade Students	This one-hour workshop is designed to provide an overview of current drug trends, risks, and protective factors, as well as equip parents with the knowledge, skills, and strategies to identify and prevent youth drug use.	January 28, 2020 9:00-10:30 Orange Unified District Boardrooms
Session 5: Getting into College & Financial Aid	OUSD Beth Rodenbucher	Parents of 6-12 Grade Students But, ALL Families are Welcome!	Preparing your student for college can be difficult to navigate. This workshop will provide families with an overview of the timeline and process of applying to college as well as an introduction to the various types of financial aid available.	January 30, 2020 6:00-7:30 Orange Unified District Boardrooms

Free Money for our School

Dear Villa Park Families,

VPE will be participating in a few programs that will help earn "free money" for our school. We encourage you to take a look at the opportunities listed below and starting earning free money for VPE today! Thank you in advance for taking the time to help out Villa Park Home and School League!

1. **Amazon Smile** - When you shop on smile.amazon.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. Also, you can now shop Amazon Smile using a smart phone app. Just go to smile.amazon.com in your phone's browser and log into your account. In the phone's menu bar at the top right, select "Add to home screen", and an Amazon Smile app will appear on your home screen. Start your shopping at smile.amazon.com to support our school!
2. **Box Tops for Education** - This year Box Tops is starting to transition away from the traditional Box Tops clippings to a digital app which allows families to scan store receipts to instantly earn money for our school. We encourage you to continue to turn in traditional clipped Box Tops, as well as start using the new receipt scanning app. Please see the attached flyer for instructions on how to download the new mobile app. Our first collection deadline for traditional clipped box tops is **Friday, October 11th**.
3. **Ralphs** - Register your Ralphs Rewards Card online at www.ralphs.com, and select VPE's organization - RU102. Once registered, swipe your Ralphs Rewards Card and a percentage of your purchases will be donated to the Home and School League. Please note if you already registered your card in the past, you may need to re-register - so please log back on and make sure that you are still earning for VPE!

We appreciate all of your support!

Best,
Villa Park Home & School League

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



When you shop on 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 to support our school.

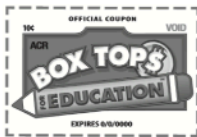


COORDINATORS:

Looking for a way to track Box Tops receipt scans at your school during this program transition? Get families excited about scanning for your school with the attached Clip & Scan collection sheet.

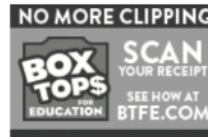
Families can use the right half of the page to record the dates of each receipt scan, along with the amount they've earned for your school. While individual and schoolwide Box Tops mobile app earnings are tracked electronically at BTFE.com, this collection sheet will be on the honor system. The left half of the page can be used to collect traditional Box Tops clips, just like a normal collection sheet.

TRADITIONAL CLIPS ON THIS SIDE



- ▶ Must be submitted to count toward your earnings totals.
- ▶ Only submit this half of the collection sheet.

SCAN TOTALS ON THIS SIDE



- ▶ DO NOT include scan totals in your submissions. Box Tops scans are automatically credited to your school's account.
- ▶ Remove this half of the page before submitting.

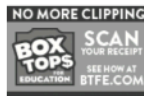


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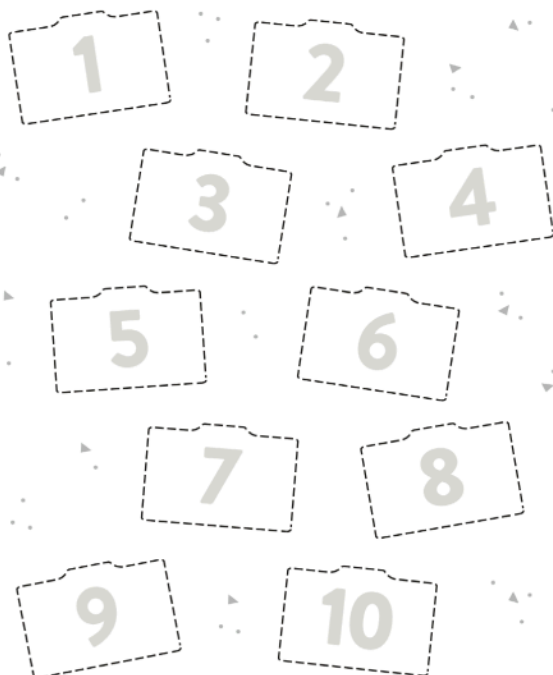


CLIP: If your package has a traditional Box Tops clip, cut it off and attach it below. Each clip is worth 10¢ for your child's school. Please be sure each clip has a valid expiration date.

THE ALL-NEW BOX TOPS IS HERE!
DOWNLOAD THE APP:



SCAN: If you see this label, use the new Box Tops app to scan your store receipt within 14 days of purchase. The app will find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your school's earnings online. No clipping required! Tell us your scan date and earnings below.



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Safety for our Students, Parents and Staff!

Be Safe at Morning Drop Off and Afternoon Pick Up!

It is our intention and hope that all students and families arrive safe on campus. Please, please use caution and patience in the morning and afternoon. Please use the crosswalks at all times and avoid darting across Center Dr. and Lincoln Ave. Even drivers paying attention cannot see you or a young student suddenly running across the street. Please set a good example for your children, be courteous to other drivers and those using the crosswalk.

Morning Drop Off: 7:45 to 8:00 am

- Please DO NOT drop off early— especially in the back. Students are not supervised.
- Allow more time than you think you will need, traffic and parking do move slowly
- There is less traffic at 7:45am, so please plan and leave a few minutes earlier.
- Please check your parking spot, DO NOT park in stalls marked “STAFF”
- DO NOT park where curbs are painted red or within 30 feet of a stop sign.

Dismissal 2:05 (K-3), 2:20 (4-6), Wednesdays all students dismissed at 12:15 pm

- Clarify your pickup location with your student(s)
- Post your name visibly in the front window for front lot drive up Older siblings should meet younger siblings
- Please be courteous and DO NOT cut in front of the drive up lane if there is cars already lined up waiting
- Please DO NOT ask your child to wait off campus
- Supervised Pick Up ends at 2:35

As a reminder, all students have a guarantee of a free public education. As a school site we will only ask for suggested donations when it comes to covering costs of any VPE school supplies and field trips."



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 concerns 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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President: Erin Flynn president@vpe-hsl.org



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