



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

H&SL Meeting  
January 17, 2019  
8:15 am

## Principal's Message

### The Importance of Social Emotional Learning in School

At VPE we understand the importance of educating the whole child. Social Emotional Learning is an important component of what we teach every day. Social Emotional Learning is the process through which children and adults acquire and effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions (CASEL, 2018). We know that students not only need academic achievement to do well in college and careers, they also need the skills necessary to collaborate as part of a team, problem solve, set individual goals, and take risks through

responsible decision making.

At VPE we view social emotional learning as a key component of preparing our students to be successful in learning and life. We strive to embed the components of Social Emotional Learning throughout the day and throughout all subjects. It is not just a program we teach, it is the way we teach.

Principal Beggs



Please remember that all students are guaranteed a "free public education". There are no mandatory fees, however there are suggested donations to cover cost of activities.



## Upcoming Events

December 2018

- 11/30-12/6: HOLIDAY SHOP is OPEN
- 12/3-12/7: 6th Grade Outdoor ED Trip
- 12/3: 4th Grade Field Trip
- 12/5: Holiday Spirit Day
- 12/6: Art Masters Lecture
- 12/7: Bobcat Spirit Day
- 12/10-12/14 Art Masters Lessons
- 12/12 Pajamas Spirit Day
- 12/13 Awards Ceremony  
Musical Theater Performance
- 12/14 Bobcat Spirit Day  
Holiday Class Parties  
Musical Theater Performance
- 12/17-1/4 Holiday Break (NO SCHOOL)

## H&S League President

Dear VPE families,

It is with great gratitude that I thank each and every one of you for your tremendous support of VPE. We are inching closer to our Turkey Trot goal as donations are still trickling in. Thank you for sending your emails and making those calls to relatives. It ALL matters and we are so very grateful. I'd like to thank Erin Flynn and Maria Griswold for bringing our Turkey Trot to life this year and their hours of planning and sizing each individual student for their very own t-shirt. We also had a DJ for the first time...that was fun! Thank you SomFun4U!

As we embark on December, our beloved Holiday Store tradition has started and students can find a unique treasure for each special person on their shopping list, if they desire. Again, thank you Erin Flynn and Maria Griswold for organizing our store this year along with the countless volunteers! If you haven't had a chance to volunteer for the holiday store, you should.

I'd also like to wish our 6<sup>th</sup> grade Bobcats a safe and exciting experience as they venture to Arrowhead Ranch for their week at Outdoor Ed.

As 2018 comes to an end, it is my hope that you all truly enjoy this time with family and friends. I wish you a blessed and joyful new year. See you soon in 2019!

Go Bobcats, Go!

*Michelle Gonzalez*

President

# THANK YOU, BOBCATS! THE 2018 TURKEY TROT JOG-A-THON WAS A BIG SUCCESS!

WHEN THE COMPETITION ENDED ON NOVEMBER 14th, WE HAD BROUGHT IN \$48,000! THAT NUMBER HAS CONTINUED TO GROW...AS OF THE END OF THE MONTH, WE HAVE BROUGHT IN OVER \$49,000!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

THE TURKEY TROT WAS SUPER FUN!

THANK YOU TO THE NELSON FAMILY FOR PROVIDING DJ SERVICE!

THANK YOU, TEACHERS, STAFF, AND PARENT VOLUNTEERS, FOR HELPING ON THE BIG DAY!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TOP-EARNING STUDENT!  
SECOND GRADER, CHRISTIAN ZUAZO, FROM MRS. STILWELL AND MRS.  
TOMBRELLO'S CLASS,  
BROUGHT IN \$1,100 AND WON AN IPAD MINI!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TOP-EARNING LOWER- AND UPPER-GRADE CLASSES!  
MRS. VALERIOTE'S 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE CLASS BROUGHT IN \$4,056.50!  
MRS. WILLIAMS'S 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CLASS BROUGHT IN \$3,370!  
BOTH CLASSES WILL BE REWARDED WITH A PIZZA PARTY!

MORE PRIZES ARE ON THE WAY:

- HOMEWORK PASSES FOR STUDENTS WHO BROUGHT IN \$100+
- BONUS RECESS FOR STUDENTS WHO BROUGHT IN \$150+
- \$10 IN-N-OUT GIFT CARDS FOR STUDENTS WHO BROUGHT IN \$200+
- MEDAL RECOGNITION FOR THE STUDENTS IN EACH CLASS WITH THE HIGHEST LAP COUNTS!

WE HAVE AN AMAZING COMMUNITY HERE AT VPE!  
THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF IT!

GO BOBCATS!!!



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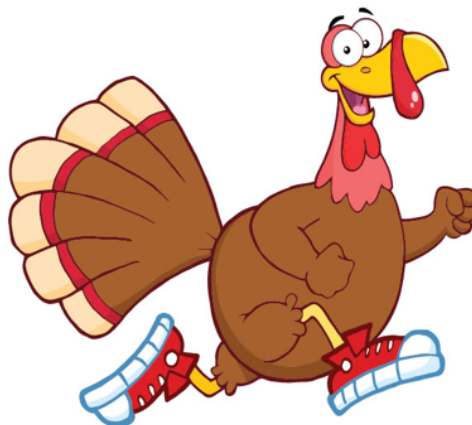
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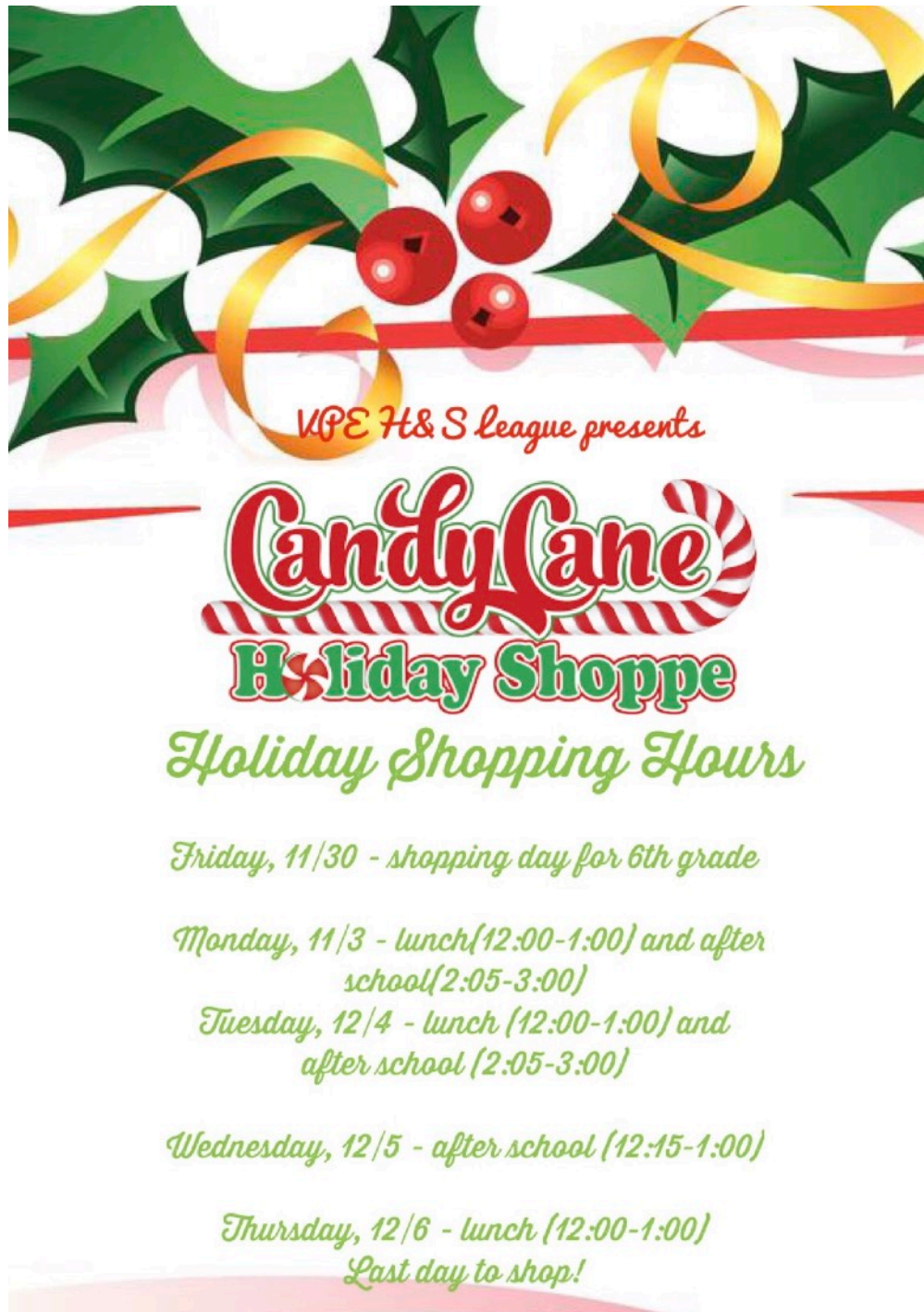
### WISHBONE

The Wu Family • Shea Gonzalez & Family • Amaya & Aysha Patel • Kendall & Makenzie Cahill • The Rangwala Family  
Corban Garofolo • The Licki Family • The Kendall Family • The Falk Family • The Cislo Family  
Ariston, Jessrene & Samara DL • The Maisano Family • The Blue Door in Fullerton • The Handorf Family  
The Fallon Family • The Liu Family • Bagel Me



## Candy Cane Holiday Shoppe

Our Holiday shop is back! Come by and bring your student for some fun shopping time! The store is open from Friday, November 30th thru Thursday, December 6th. See store hours below and help your child get their Christmas Shopping done!



## CandyCane Holiday Shoppe

**Making memories  
that last a lifetime.**



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Dear Parents,

The Holidays are near, and as a special service for your students, the school is offering **The Candy Cane Holiday Shoppe™**. Children will have the opportunity to pick out their own inexpensive, high quality gifts for family and friends during school hours. **The Candy Cane Holiday Shoppe™** will be set up in the school and will be run by the parent and grandparent volunteers. The gifts are priced within a child's budget, with most priced under \$5.00. Before the Holiday Shoppe opens, your child will bring home a special Budget Envelope...allowing you and your child to decide together how much can be spent on each person. **The Candy Cane Holiday Shoppe™** is designed to be safe, child-centered environment where children can learn how to budget and spend wisely, while they also experience "the joy of giving."

Don't want to send cash with your child? You can buy a voucher online to send in with your child to use in The Candy Cane Holiday Shoppe. Visit [CandyCaneHolidayShopper.com](http://CandyCaneHolidayShopper.com) to purchase.

Estimados Padres,

Los días festivos se acercan...Y como un servicio especial, la escuela de su niño/a estará ofreciendo la tienda de golosinas llamada "**The Candy Cane Holiday Shoppe™**." Los niños tendrán la oportunidad de escoger un regalo barato pero de alta calidad para todos los miembros de su familia y amistades, durante el horario escolar. La tienda "**The Candy Cane Holiday Shoppe™**" será ubicada en su escuela muy pronto

y será atendida por padres, abuelos y voluntarios. Los regalos han sido marcados con precios que se ajustan al presupuesto de un niño, por lo cual muchos cuestan menos de \$5.00. Antes de que la tienda abra, enviaremos a casa un sobre especial para el presupuesto; esto les ayudara a decidir cuánto dinero su niño/a puede gastar en cada regalo. La tienda esta diseñada con un ambiente seguro y donde ellos pueden aprender hacer presupuestos y compras inteligentemente, y a la vez experimentar la alegría de dar.



Great gifts that are  
\$10 and under for  
kids to give to their  
mom, dad, siblings,  
grandparents,  
aunts, uncles and  
special friends!

Please see the back of this letter for complete details  
including dates, times and location.

For more information visit  
[CandyCaneHolidayShopper.com](http://CandyCaneHolidayShopper.com)

PARLECHS



VPE H&SL and Dads Club sponsored our 1st **Mustache Workshop** on Thursday 11/29/18. This workshop was intended for 5th grade boys, but 6th grade boys were invited since they didn't have the opportunity to participate last year. It was a great success with 28 dads and their sons.

Here are some highlights:

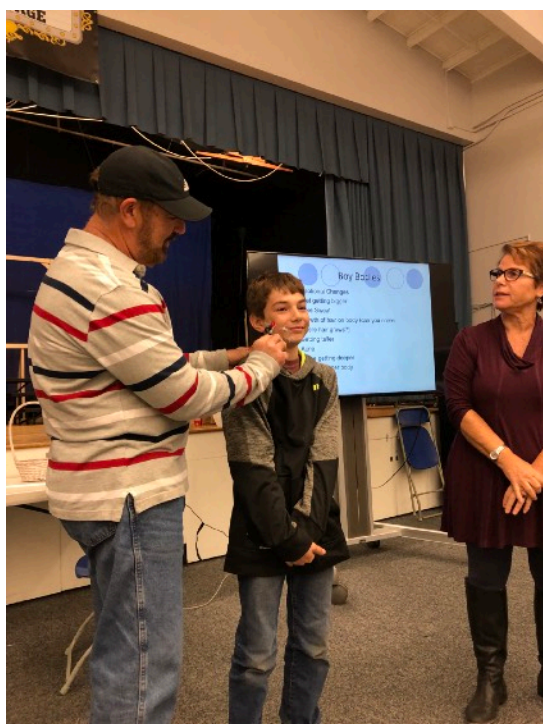
- Many dads were sporting their styles of mustache and sons also wore their own version of mustache.
- Boys learned about their basic physical and emotional changes during puberty and how to establish good hygiene habits.
- Dads shared their own puberty experience with their son.
- The facilitator, Leslie, shared few tricks on how to deal with pimples and stressed the importance never pop the pimples. She told the boys, their moms will know best using the proper products on pimples!
- Dads demonstrated the proper techniques on shaving their mustache and beard.

Overall, the Mustache Workshop provided a safe, comfortable, "open-forum" like experience of sharing between dads and sons. Hopefully, it sets the stage for those conversations to continue at home.

Thank you to all who participated!

# MUSTACHE WORKSHOP

VPE DC



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## **ART MASTERS**

Art Master of the Month Alexander Calder

Students will be introduced to the mobiles and stables of the great 20th century American artist, Alexander Calder on Thursday, December 6. Students will view slides of Calder's colorful abstract art that included examples of small mobiles as well as monumental sculptures. Students will then be able to use wire and construction paper to create their own stables and standing mobiles.

## **After School Enrichment Programs**

Be on the look out for the sign ups for the upcoming After School Enrichment Programs, we have some new ones coming!  
They will start on January 28, 2019

## **6th Grade News**

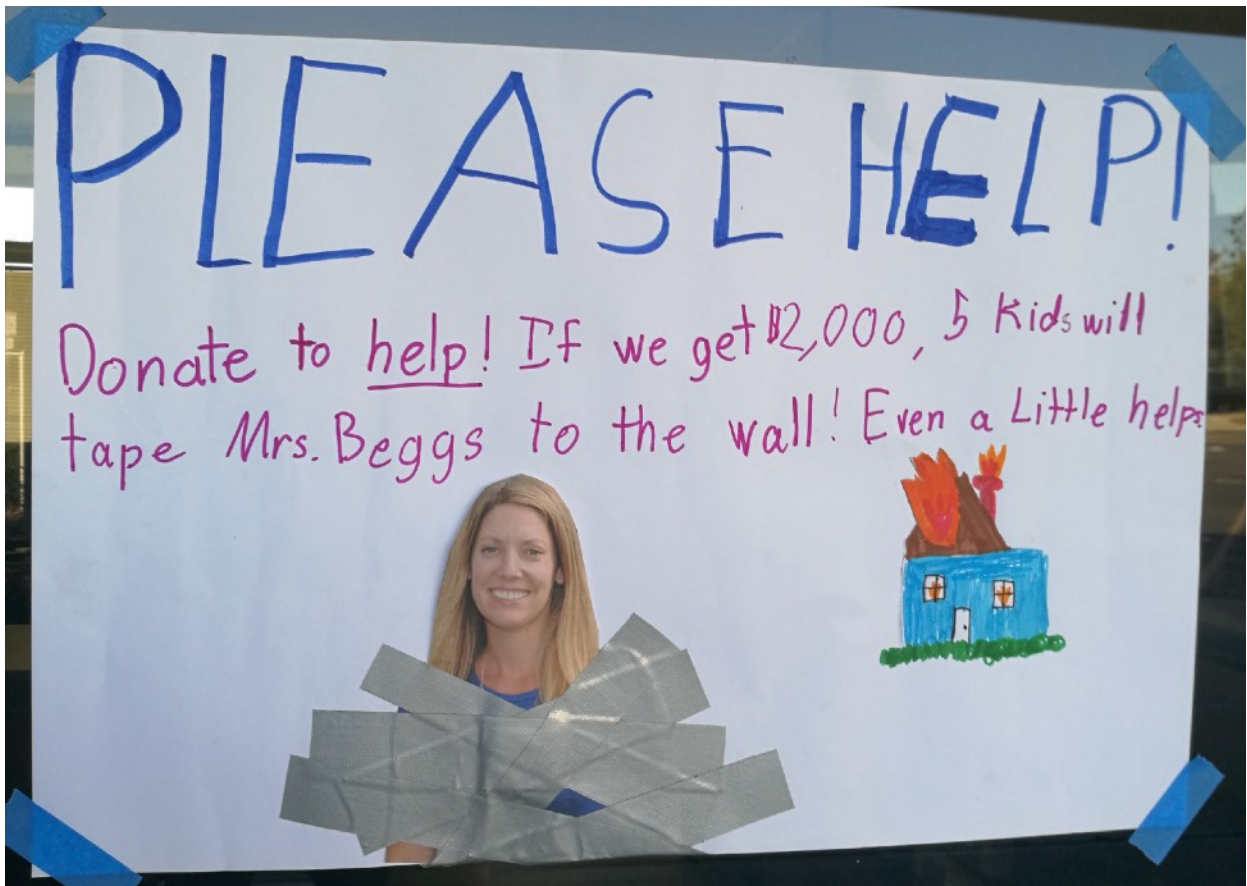
### **Attention 6th Grade Parents!**

Your fundraising committee is busy planning this year's events, including outdoor science camp (December 3-7), Disneyland and Graduation activities. If you would like to make a donation to fully fund your child's spending account please make your checks payable to "VPE Class of 2019" and please turn them in to your child's teacher. Balance information was passed out at Back to School Night... but if you have any questions or still need it, please don't hesitate to reach out to Melissa Dickey at [busterandcharlie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:busterandcharlie@sbcglobal.net)

Thank you and we are looking forward to a Great Year!

### From Principal Beggs

There is still time to donate to the students who lost their homes and school in the recent devastating Paradise fire. Our goal is to raise \$2,000. If we reach our that goal, five names of students who donated will be pulled out of a hat and those students will be able to help DUCT TAPE Mrs. Beggs to the wall. The last day we will accept donations will be Wednesday December 12th.



## 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 with in 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



### 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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