



VRES PTA Newsletter 8/10/17

Summer News from VRES

Back to School Events:

Can you believe that school begins in less than 3 weeks?!?!? Hopefully everyone has had a wonderful summer, and you are ready for the new school year to begin. Below please find information on the Back to School Events:

* **Welcome Walk:** the ever popular Welcome Walk is back! Teachers will be going to each and every student's house and will introduce themselves to your child with a SHORT front door visit! Want to make your time extra special for the teachers? How about welcoming them with some sidewalk chalk messages, a glass of lemonade, or a cookie for the road?!? No matter what, you will love meeting your teachers in this special manner. **The Welcome Walk is on Thursday, August 24th from 9:15-12:00.** Contact the office for more information.

* **Classroom Visit:** please plan to come to school on August 24th at 4:45 to visit your new classroom. Teachers will be in their classrooms from 4:45-5:30 for students to visit the room and bring in their school supplies. If you purchased school supplies through the school, those will be in your child's classroom.

* **Welcome Back Picnic:** After you've visited your new classroom head out to the blacktop area for a Welcome Back Picnic! **The picnic will run from 5:00-7:00 on August 24th.** You can bring a picnic dinner and a dessert to share!!! We will have a food truck on hand with some great meal options: Chix n Stix will have meals starting at \$8 if you'd prefer not to bring your dinner. Pacific Twist will also be on hand with Shaved Ice! They will be sold for \$2.25, and will have several delicious flavors to choose from.

In addition to the food, Bach to Rock will be with us again making sure we have some great music, and we'll have face painting and tattoos for all of the kids!

We hope to see you on the 24th for this fun event!! Please contact Amber Dominick with any questions at walter.amber@gmail.com

A Few More Volunteers Needed!

FUNDRAISING CHAIRS ARE ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW!!! As we look ahead to the 2017-2018 school year it is more important than ever to have parents willing to commit to helping out Virginia Run Elementary. One way to do this is to chair a Fundraising Committee. One of our biggest fundraisers of this year will be our Fall Fundraiser. The Chair and Co-Chair

will work with our Fundraising VP, Kari Lowery, to get the fundraising information out to families, collect the order forms, input the information, and distribute the products.

The Holiday Shoppe coordinator will work to set up the event, work with the Girl Scout troops that work the event, and will send home information to families regarding Holiday Shoppe.

Fundraising Committees:

Fall Fundraiser: Chair & Co-Chair Needed

Holiday Shoppe: Chair & Co-Chair Needed

Education & Services Committees:

Science Quest: Chair & Co-Chair Needed

Yoga Club: 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.

Youth Service Hours!

Is your Middle School or High School student in need of Service Hours? If so, we can help! The PTA will be putting together the first Wednesday Envelopes of the year, and we can use help stuffing all of those envelopes... **we will be working on Wednesday, August 23rd from 9:00-11:00 in the VRES gym.** If you have a teen who is able to help out please let Johannah Evans know: johannahevens@yahoo.com



Summer Bookmobile

The VRES Summer Bookmobile has one more week to go! VRES Staff will be in Chantilly with FREE BOOKS, that are available to All Students!!! Please come to the Meadows of Chantilly Clubhouse (4200 Airline Parkway, Chantilly) to get some great books to read at home this summer!!

One last Date: August 16th

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Many thanks to our teachers who have volunteered to make this possible, and for your help with fundraising: the money for this program came from YOU!!

VRES Summer Reading

... Speaking of Reading, don't forget about the VRES Summer Book Bingo Reading Program! Students are encouraged to read Every Day and this is a great way to help make that fun and to

keep track of what they have read! [Click Here](#) for the Bingo Card and all of the information! Your completed Bingo Cards will be due September 1st.

Rising Kindergarten Play Date

Do you have a Rising Kindergartener or a neighbor with a Rising Kindergartener? If so please help us spread the word about our Kindergarten Play Date!! We will have one more play date that will happen on the Kindergarten playground (beside Pleasant Valley Road) on August 19th (10:00-11:30 am). The PTA will provide waters and popsicles so please text your RSVP to Lori Ulrich at [703-201-9251](tel:703-201-9251) so that we can plan accordingly. Hope to see you there!

Important Dates

8/23/17 - Service Hours for Teens! 9:00-11:00; VRES Gym
8/24/17 - Welcome Walk - 9:15-12:00 at YOUR FRONT DOOR
8/24/17 - Classroom Visits - 4:45-5:30 VRES
8/24/17 - Welcome Back Picnic - 5:00-7:00 VRES Blacktop Area
8/28/17 - First Day of School!!!
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

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!