



# BOBCAT NEWS

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

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## Happy Reading

### Principal's Message:

October is Bullying Prevention Month!  
By Mrs. Little

This October, Villa Park Elementary will be observing National Bullying Prevention Month. Throughout the month, we will be participating in school wide activities, including visits by the principal and counselor, Mrs. Keiser, to the classrooms and motivational spirit activities.

#### Friendship Week: October 10th

Students are encouraged to make a new friend at school by including someone they don't know well in their work or play.

#### Kindness Week: October 17th

Every student is challenged to say or do something kind for someone at school each day, and encourage others to do the same.

#### Unity Day: October 19th

Staff and students are encouraged to wear orange to show their support for bullying prevention. [www.pacer.org/bullying/nbpm/unity-day.asp](http://www.pacer.org/bullying/nbpm/unity-day.asp)

#### Compliments Week-October 24th

Each student is challenged to give a compliment to at least one other person at school each day.

### Bullying Prevention Education Efforts at VPE

Each year Villa Park engages in several educational programs throughout the school year to help students learn positive social skills, and to recognize and respond to bullying. Students are taught that bullying generally falls into four areas and that all of these actions are unacceptable at all school activities:

- Physical—such as hitting or pushing
- Verbal—such as insults or taunts whether spoken or written
- Social—such as deliberately excluding or intimidating
- Cyber—such as embarrassing or mean texts or online posts.

Three things distinguish bullying from routine conflict:

- It is repeated over time
- It is intended to hurt or intimidate the victim
- It generally involves an imbalance of power, either physical or social

If a student should feel bullied at school.

- They are instructed to leave the situation whenever possible (rather than escalating the situation) and report the bullying promptly to an adult.

Most often students will report to a teacher or supervisor, but students may report to any staff member, including the principal, who they may ask to see at any time. Students may also write a written note to the teacher or principal to report the situation.

- It is helpful if students clearly state they feel bullied:

*I feel bullied by \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.*

Another student, parent, or staff member may also report the concern.

Whenever a bullying report is made it will be promptly investigated by the principal and parents of all involved students will be informed. Based on the investigation appropriate consequences and monitoring will be put in place to discourage future occurrences.

- In our education we also discuss the importance of not being a passive “bystander”, but helping students to leave the situation and report the bullying. This is called being an “up stander”
- Annually as a part of their digital citizenship curriculum at school, students also complete a module on cyber bullying.

Please talk to your children about National Bullying Prevention week and the things that we can do to help make Villa Park and safe and caring community for all!

## Upcoming Events:

- 10/10-14: Minimum Day - Parent Teacher Conferences
- 10/10-14: Book Fair
- 10/11: Dads Club Meeting 6:30pm
- 10/12: 3rd Grade Bike Rodeo
- 10/14: Fall Family Night 6:00pm
- 10/17: SSC Meeting 2:30pm
- 10/19: Wahoo's Fundraiser
- 10/20: H&SL Meeting 8:15am
- 10/24-28: Red Ribbon Week
- 10/24: Make-Up School Pictures
- 10/25: 5th Grade Mother-Daughter Tea 6:00pm
- 10/26: College Spirit Day
- 10/31: Jog-A-Thon  
Fall Class Parties
- 11/1: NO SCHOOL



The 2016 Jog-A-Thon is fast approaching. On October 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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 is LIVE!

If you prefer, you can still collect money and flat donations using the form that came home with your student or is enclosed in this issue of the BobCat News. Every student will have an opportunity to win prizes AND the top performing student (total pledge dollars) will be awarded an IPAD MINI!!!

## President's Message

Happy Fall VPE Students and Families,

I would like to give huge Bobcat thanks to the following people for dedicating their time to making VPE the best place to be!

-Kari Christie, Kristina Simons and Monique McArthur, I so appreciate all you did to pull off the Back to School tea. It's a great ice breaker on the first day of school and allows parents to see what we do all year and sign up to participate if they would like.

-Mark Kuli and the Dads' Club members for sweating it out on a Sunday to beautify our campus, thank you all!

-Kim and Allen Finamore thank you for another successful walk to school day. It was a bright, sunny, fun morning for all of the students and families who participated. Your work behind the scenes is appreciated! Thank you also to the parent volunteers who ensured everyone's safety on the busy streets.

-Erin Flynn and Melissa Dickey thank you for putting together a terrific parent mixer at Moreno's. A great time was had by all who attended. The venue was a hit, as were the grade level raffle baskets. Thanks ladies.

-Alissa Cartwright thanks to you also for a safe and successful bicycle rodeo. The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders love this "rite-of-passage" and look forward to it each year. Thanks for making it fun.

As you can see, we've had a busy couple of months! This is what makes the VPE environment such a cool, fun, positive place to learn. I'm looking forward to the months ahead.

Julie Krodel  
H&SL President

## School Picture Make-Up Day



Was your student absent on picture day or do they need to re-take their pictures?

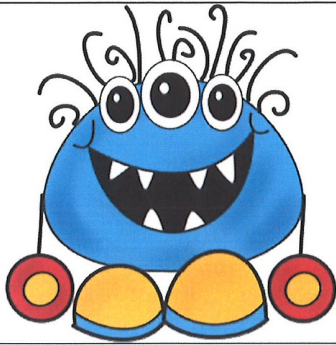
School Picture Make-Up Day is scheduled for **Monday, October 24.**

## 5th Grade Mother-Daughter Tea

Save the date for our Birds and Bees Tea on **Tuesday, October 25th.**

Please arrive at 6:00pm for light refreshments and our presentation will begin promptly at 6:30pm!





Villa Park Elementary School  
Jog-A-Thon  
October 31st, 2016  
**"MONSTER DASH!"**  
**STUDENT PLEDGE SHEET**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Use our EASY ONLINE SYSTEM to participate. Follow the simple registration steps - 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. A thank you note from your child will automatically be sent to those who donate online. **It's fun, give it a try!**

Register at: [www.pledgestar.com/villapark](http://www.pledgestar.com/villapark)

Or if you prefer, you can collect money and record the names and donation amounts below:

Donor's Name	Phone No.	Flat Donation	Collected ✓
TOTAL PLEDGE AMOUNTS: \$			


**RETURN PLEDGE FORM BY: OCTOBER 31ST**

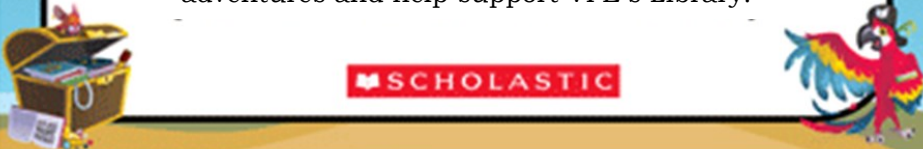
All donations are for a "flat" amount and are not calculated on a per lap basis. All flat donations must be collected and turned in prior to the event. Parents, please make checks payable to VPE Home & School League. Your pledge is tax-deductible. Tax ID #23-7271436

## Fall Family Night

**YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR BOOK FAIR  
FAMILY EVENT!**

**MONDAY OCT. 10TH - FRIDAY, OCT. 14TH**  
Open During the Week of Parent/Teacher Conferences  
**\*After School: 12:15pm-3:00pm\***  
**Join us for Fall Family Night from 6pm-8pm**  
Come and stock up on some new treasures full of adventures and help support VPE's Library!





Join us **Friday, October 14** for a fun filled family night. Grab your family, chairs and blankets and come have fun!

5:30pm— Dad's Club Presents Dinner and Corn Hole/Bean Bag Tournament

7:00pm— H&SL Presents a movie under the stars (PG rated)



## Fall Fiesta Parent Mixer

A great time was had by all at the annual Fall Fiesta Parent Mixer on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>! VPE parents mixed and mingled at Moreno's Restaurant on Chapman in Orange. The highlight of the evening was the gift basket raffle--thanks to your generous donations and clever creations, we earned close to \$3,000 for our school! These are the lucky winners of the fabulous baskets:

- Family Fun Night (donated by kindergarten) – Moreno's server
- Chef's Basket (donated by 1<sup>st</sup> grade) – Mr. Sydnor
- Adventure Basket (donated by 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) – Angela Walsh
- Chase your Dreams Lotto Basket (donated by 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) – Sandy Kaneko
- Winter Wonderland (donated by 4<sup>th</sup> grade) – The Kuli Family
- Gift Card Tree (donated by 5<sup>th</sup> grade) – Heather Colomac
- Money for Mummy (donated by 6<sup>th</sup> grade) – Sarah Jarrell
- Teacher Basket (donated by H&SL) – Mrs. Fujitani
- Spirit Wear Basket (donated by Kustom Imprints) – Mr. Sydnor

Special thanks to Moreno's for hosting our event, and to the volunteers who helped everything run smoothly: Kari Christie, Melissa Dickey, Erin Flynn, Victor Flynn, Megan Friederich, Michelle Gonzalez, Joelle Jessen, Julie Krodel, Mark Kuli, Susan Lozano, Jen Matson, Wendy McGrane, Alicia Morgan, Francine Sawyer, Jeffrey Simons, and Kristina Simons.

**And THANK YOU to the amazing VPE families who made it all happen!**



## 3rd Grade Bike Rodeo - Oct 12



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!

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



When you shop on [amazon.smile.com](https://www.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.

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

## September Attendance Awards

**Every day of attendance counts!!**

**Kindergarten-** Mrs. Miller 96.09% daily attendance

**First Grade-** Mrs. Valeriotte 98.53% daily attendance

**Second Grade-** Mrs. Urbanski-Stillwell 99.59% daily attendance

**Third Grade-** Mrs. Fujitani- 99.44% daily attendance

**Fourth Grade-** Mrs. Glasky-99.07% daily attendance

**Fifth Grade-** Mrs. Pak-99.43% daily attendance

**Sixth Grade-** Mrs. Krever 98.36% daily attendance

The next class awards will be given on November 4<sup>th</sup>

## Walk to School Day Success

80% of the student body walked to school on Wednesday, October 5 for International Walk to School Day! The Golden Shoe Contest were Mrs. Miller's kindergarten class and Mrs. Rogers 4th grade class.



## 5th Grade Outdoor Ed Fundraising

**Mixed Bags**—Thank you to everyone that supported our 5th Grade Mixed Bag Fundraiser! Thank you for helping send our 5th Graders to Outdoor Ed next year!

**Boo Grams**—The 5th Graders will be selling “Boo Grams” this month. Look for flyers coming home in backpacks!

**Wahoo’s Fundraiser**—Join us at Wahoo’s in Orange on Wednesday, October 19. Wahoo’s will donate 20% of all proceeds to the 5th Grade Outdoor Education Fund. We hope to see you there!

Please bring this flyer to support  
**Villa Park Elementary School**  
**Wednesday October 19, 2016**

**VILLA PARK**  
**ELEMENTARY**  
Home & School League



**234 W Chapman Ave**  
**Orange, CA 92866**  
**(714) 289-1579**

Wahoo's will donate 20% of your entire purchase to help support

**Villa Park Elementary School**

Flyers will only be accepted during time of promotion only at the location mentioned above. No flyers may be distributed in or around any Wahoo’s location at anytime.

[wahoos.com](http://wahoos.com)

## Dad's Club Work Day

On one hot September Sunday, quite a few of our VPE dads assembled for a weekend work day around the campus. A huge list of projects was tackled including sanding and repainting over 20 lunch tables, replacing a bench for the Kindergarten, replacing backpack hooks, landscaping work and addressing a several safety concerns around the campus. **We got it done !**

**Super thanks to these DC All-Stars for their work day contributions...**

Ahmed Badr, Manuel Cisneros, Robert Diaz, Victor Flynn, Alfred Gonzalez , Eric Handorf, Kevin Huang, Jack Jessen, Houssam Kassem, Chris Kim, Terry Larson, Eric Malek, Rob Meloche, David Mistofsky, Collin Smith, Perry Tarnofsky, Mike Urbanski, Ken Watson & Jordan Wu

Villa Park Elementary is actually 60 years old and even though over 600 students annually attend it, there has never been any serious campus renovations. The VPE Dads' Club was formed 10 years ago to get our dads involved and take on these types of needed improvements. This weekend work day was just one of many VPE-DC events and we hope you join us for the next meeting on Tuesday, October 11 - 6:30 at the MPR.

For more information regarding the VPE Dads' Club, Contact President - Mark D. Kuli at [dadsclub@vpe-hsl.org](mailto:dadsclub@vpe-hsl.org).



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22 lunch tables sanded & painted

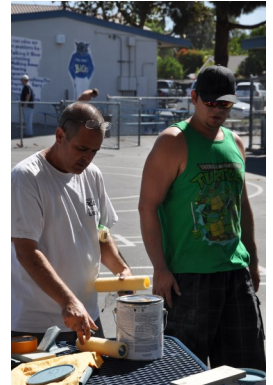


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New top for Kindergarten bench



### Orange Unified School District 2016-17 Elementary Monitoring Student Fees, Donations, and Fundraising Guidelines Compliance

Section 5 of Article IX of the State of California Constitution guarantees students a “free public education.” The State Supreme Court concluded in the 1984 case of Hartzell v. Connell, “that all educational activities carried on by public school districts, extra-curricular as well as curricula, must be without cost to the students who participate in such activities.” This same ruling found that “mandatory fees for participating in such extra-curricular activities as drama, music, and athletic competition were illegal under the State Constitution.” Furthermore, they also rejected the argument that “fees could be charged so long as the district waived fees for students who were financially unable to pay.” Recent proposed legislation includes reimbursement with interest for any illegally-collected fees as well as a district sanction.

We are extremely fortunate to have such generous Villa Park families who donate supplies, funds and time in order to provide so many wonderful programs and activities for our students. Thank you.



## 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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## Just the Facts on Measure S

More information available at [www.careforousd.org](http://www.careforousd.org)



### OUSD Schools Are a Great Source of Community Pride

- OUSD is performing at high academic levels with improved test scores on statewide exams in each of the last 7 years
- OUSD has four award-winning comprehensive high schools (Canyon, El Modena, Orange and Villa Park) serving approximately 8,600 students
- Each school offers a college preparatory curriculum and a wide variety of innovative extracurricular programs that prepare students to succeed in college and 21st Century careers
- OUSD's comprehensive high schools have a 96% graduation rate and have been recognized countywide, statewide, and nationally for various programs, awards, and outstanding performance

### Aging Classrooms and Facilities

- OUSD's high schools were built between 45 and 64 years ago and are not equipped for 21st Century teaching and learning
- A team of architects, construction managers and engineers recently completed assessments of each high school and identified urgent repairs and upgrades to plumbing, leaky roofs, and school security, fire alarms, and seismic safety systems
- To ensure students develop the needed skills to succeed in the 21st Century economy and have a solid background in science, math and technology, upgrades to science labs, career-training facilities and instructional technology are also needed

### Board of Education Voted to Place a Bond on the November 2016 Ballot

- **Measure S** will cost approx. \$29 per \$100,000 of assessed property value (not market value) annually, or about \$108 per year for the average residence
- **Measure S** will help the District qualify for state matching funds of up to \$60 million

### Specifically, Measure S Provides Locally Controlled Funds to:

- Update classrooms and labs to accommodate the career and technology education classes that prepare students for college and well-paying jobs in fields such as health science, engineering, technology and skilled trades
- Repair or replace leaky roofs, old rusty plumbing and faulty electrical systems where needed
- Update instructional technology in the classroom for improved student learning in core subjects such as math and science
- Retrofit older school buildings to protect against the effects of earthquakes and reduce the risk of damage or injury during natural disasters
- Update classrooms, science labs, career-training facilities, libraries and computer systems to keep pace with modern technology
- Modernize aging science labs and equipment

### Fiscal Accountability Provisions Required by Law

- **Measure S** would require a clear system of accountability to ensure funds are spent only on voter-approved projects
- All money raised by **Measure S** will stay in the District to support students and cannot be taken by the State or used for other purposes
- A specific project list details how funds will be used
- An independent Citizens' Oversight Committee and annual audits will help ensure funds are spent properly
- None of the funds raised can be used for administrators' and teachers' salaries or benefits
- **Measure S** requires the District to set aside funds for ongoing maintenance to protect taxpayers' investment
- **Measure S** is written to ensure that each of the four high schools receive an equal share

Reviewed by Legal Counsel, August 2016