



BOBCAT NEWS

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

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Villa Park Elementary Emergency Overview for Parents

By Mrs. Little

With recent fires, earthquakes, and lock downs in the news, parents often wonder about the plans Villa Park Elementary makes and practices for emergencies. Every March, in consultation with local law and fire authorities, our School Site Council reviews and approves our Comprehensive School Safety Plan. Throughout the year we conduct drills and update plans as needed to ensure readiness.

Three types of drills are practiced regularly

Fire danger on campus- all students go to blacktop line up positions immediately, all students are accounted for. Students do not re-enter building until given all clear.

Earthquake-all duck and cover (this is practiced inside and outside). When shaking has stopped, students evacuate to black top and all students are accounted for. If conditions warrant, students are moved to evacuation locations on the grass in buddy teams of upper and lower grade students. Site teams are deployed to search the campus and provide support to students. Supplies are maintained on campus in the event students needed to stay for an extended period.

Shelter in place- (formally called soft lockdown) instruction may continue as usual, no students allowed in or outside room until the all clear is called. This may be called when there is a danger in the community or hazardous conditions outside.

Lockdown- all students move away from doors and windows and crouch in a hiding place in room. Lights are off and doors are closed and locked. Students outside move to nearest room on announcement. Designated rooms are available during lunch time to shelter students; this is also practiced. Team sweeps campus if possible. Students accounted for by staff internal messaging system. In a true lockdown doors remain locked until police or administrator come to rooms. Law enforcement does consult with the staff to help guide these procedures.

Parent Communication

The School Messenger system can be activated via mobile to inform parents of the situation and whether students will remain at school, can be picked up on campus, or will be evacuated to another site and can be picked up there. There is a designation that this is an emergency message. Please be sure you are receiving these messages.

Student Pick up Procedures during an emergency

Staff will have emergency cards- only people on emergency cards can take students.

- The person taking the student will sign the students(s) out
- Staff will ask for ID if the person picking up the child is unknown to the staff.
- Students may be unable to get belongings.

- Radios and runners will be used to get students, **parents may not come on campus to retrieve students.**
- **Reunification may be halted if evacuation off site is necessary and ready. Parents asked to follow buses to evacuation site to pick up children.**

Parents will be advised of check out location. We have plans for three scenarios:

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Upcoming Events:

- 11/9: Birthday Club
 11/10: **No School**—Veteran's Day
 11/13-17: Art Masters Lessons
 11/15: 5th Grade City Days 11:30am
 Chipotle Fundraiser 4-8p
 11/16: H&SL Meeting 8:15am
 Science on the Go
 11/17: Minimum Day—Trimester End
 6th Grade City Days 11:30am
 Bobcat Spirit Day
 Science on the Go
 Holiday Skate Fundraiser 3:30
 11/20-24: **No School**—Thanksgiving
 11/29: Neon Spirit Day
 11/30: 6th Gr. Outdoor Ed Meeting
 12/1: Birthday Club
 Bobcat Spirit Day
 Student of the Month
 12/4-8: 6th Grade Outdoor Ed
 12/6: College Spirit Day
 12/8: 5th Grade Water Assembly
 Bobcat Spirit Day
 12/11-15: Holiday Shoppe
 12/13: Pajama Day
 12/14: Tentative Holiday Concert
 12/15: Trimester Awards
 Bobcat Spirit Day
 Pinocchio Jr. Performance 7pm
 12/18-1/5: **No School**—Winter Break
 1/8: School Resumes



Principal's Message

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- **Check out as usual in the office**
- voluntary early release- no imminent danger
- **Check out at back gate off Lincoln Parking lot-** students evacuated from the school buildings, safe to be outside. (ex. major earthquake)
- **Check out from front parent waiting area near MPR off Center Street-** students safe in buildings but moved to centralized locations to prepare for likely off site evacuation.

Off Site Evacuation-

- Buses will be sent for students. Staff will ride with students. Campus will be searched and all students accounted for.
- Parents will be notified of evacuation destination and will reunify there. Primary location- Villa Park High, secondary-Cerro Villa, third - district office.
- Reunification procedures will be as above.
- Medications will travel with students to the evacuation location
- Students will be cared for as long as needed at evacuation site

Presidents Message

Wow, what a whirlwind October was...we are finally transitioning into some cozy fall weather just in time for November. As usual, I have many thanks to give to many of our amazing and generous parent volunteers. I hope you had time to enjoy some of our fall events with family and friends.

Walk to School Day: Thank you Kim and Allan Finamore for organizing our annual golden shoe event. Love to see all the families and friends walking together, lead by their winning artwork.

Fall Family Fun Night: Donna Czekalski and Mark Kuli and his Dad's Club always put on a great event. We featured Cat in the Hat after a great corn hole tournament and yummy burgers and dogs cooked up by our Dad's Club.

Book Fair: Thank you Mickey McGuire and sister Nicole Trollinger for an awesome display during our Wild West Book Fair! Thankfully we were able to extend the book fair a few days due to having to close because of the local fires. Thank you for being flexible!

5th Grade Teacher Treats: Thank you to 5th grade room parents and

your generous donations so that we may provide a special breakfast and lunch once a month for our teachers and staff.

Parent Mixer: Wow, what a crazy night topped off with a last minute location change. Doesn't get more exciting than that. Erin Flynn wins the cool cat award...gracefully handling the predicament. Thank you Rockwell's for taking us and our VPE crew in last minute.

Jog-a-Thon: Last but certainly not least...our ONE AND ONLY (we hope) fundraiser of the year. Julie Stoico has the event down to a science and once again went off without a hitch. Thank you, Julie!

THANK YOU TO ALL VPE FAMILIES FOR SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS AND SCHOOL AND REALLY MAKING THIS JOG A THON A SUCCESS! We only have preliminary numbers, pledges are still coming in. We will be able to announce a final number in about two weeks.

It is your generous time and effort that makes VPE such an amazing place for our students. My hope is that you have a restful November and a great Thanksgiving break!

Warmly,
Michelle Gonzalez

Morning Drop-off Reminders

For parents walking students on campus:

- Students must wait in line with their own class, regardless of whether parent is waiting with the child.
- Parents should say their goodbyes and exit when they hear to warning bell at 7:59.

For Car Drop off

- Do not drop children off early, there is no supervision provided for students before 7:45 AM.
- Allow extra time, traffic does move slowly and students are marked tardy after 8:00 AM.
- Students should only exit cars at a sidewalk or on the school side of a vehicle.

Thank you for your help to keep students safe, build independence and maximize instructional time.





Dads Club

The awesome VP Dads did lots of campus work on our first Dads' Club work day on Oct 22nd. Colin Smith, Jordan Wu, Steve Harris, Jason Perry, Norm McGrane, Richard O'Neil, Chris Kim, Perry Tarnofsky, Manuel Cisneros, Victor Flynn and Mark Kuli sweated it out that very hot Sunday.

We got this done...

- Repainted the USA Map on the Blacktop
- Hung new Volleyball nets
- Hung New Soccer Nets
- Attached new banner decals on the ball wall
- Added a couple bulletin boards to the Stillwell /Tombrello classroom
- Clean off some tape in 4th grade classroom windows.

More projects & work days will be planned soon. Please be in touch if you want to be a part of our next Dads' Club work day.

Mark D. Kuli

dadsclub@vpe-h&sl.org



Thank you to the following volunteers that helped to make VPE's Fall Book Fair so successful! Your continued support and dedication are so important to our school and are appreciated the whole year through!

Veronica Tarnofsky, Nicole Trollinger,
Kathy Davis, Holly von Ting, Julie Krodel,
Heather Gorsuch, Raquel Marquez,
Maria Griswold, Lisa Tran, Alicia Gonzalez,
Julie Gentile, Kristina Simons, Susan Lozano,
Jamie Harris, Monique McArthur,
and Michelle Gonzalez



5th Grade Fundraising

Save the dates....

November 15 from 4-8pm Chipotle
November 17 from 3:30-5:30 Holiday Skate

November 13-30 Cash for Shooz

Clear out those closets and donate your gently used or new shoes! Your donations will support 5th grade science camp fundraising, as well as, developing nations where the shoes will be sent. Look for a collection box in front of the school office.

Attendance Matters

During the holiday season it's tempting to pull students out of school early for vacations and special activities. Please remember that every school day counts. Teachers and staff take time to prepare engaging activities for your children each day that will lead to their success. Don't miss out on the opportunities each day at school presents! Every School Day Counts! All students with fewer than three absences and on time attendance will be recognized at our trimester assemblies. 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. For the month of October that was:

Kinder: Mrs. Regan

First: Mrs. Valeriotte

Second: Mrs. Tombrello & Mrs. Stillwell

Third: Mrs. Houlihan

Fourth: Williams

Fifth: Parrish

Sixth: Krever



Remember, 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.



Fall Fiesta Wrap-Up

A great time was had by all at the annual Fall Fiesta Parent Mixer on Friday, October 27th! A last-minute change had VPE parents mixing and mingling at The Post at Rockwell's in the Villa Park Town Center. BIG thanks to Rockwell's, and the Skeffington and Wheeler families, for making our parents' night out possible!

The highlight of the evening was the gift basket raffle--thanks to your generous donations and clever creations, we earned over \$2,000 for our school! These are the lucky winners of the fabulous baskets:

Spa Day (donated by kindergarten) – Laurie Skeffington
 Lego Basket (donated by 1st grade) – Johnny Waltermeyer
 Lottery Basket (donated by 2nd grade) – Michelle Bridges
 Holiday Basket (donated by 3rd grade) – Mrs. Kendall
 Gift Card Piñata (donated by 4th grade) – The Simons Family
 Cash Witch (donated by 5th grade) – Stacy McCamey
 Date Night (donated by 6th grade) – The Lickl Family
 Spirit Wear Basket (donated by Kustom Imprints) – The Harness Family
 Teacher Basket (donated by H&SL) – Mrs. Johnson courtesy of The Zuazo Family

Thank you, volunteers! Without you it would be impossible: Susan Lozano, Wendy McGrane, Christina Cerioni, Michelle Gonzalez, Tracy Bradley, Mr. Chris, Alicia Morgan, Jen Matson, Alicia Gonzalez, Denise Lampley, Ana Uriostegui, and Mark Kuli.

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

Art Master of the Month

Georgia O'Keeffe 1887-1986

On Friday, November 3 students were acquainted with the art of Georgia O'Keeffe through slides and stories depicting her life and her love for the American Southwest. Her desert and botanical paintings introduced the use of tints and shades and the elements of scale to students. During the week of November 13 students will then paint beautiful watercolors directly inspired by O'Keeffe's art!

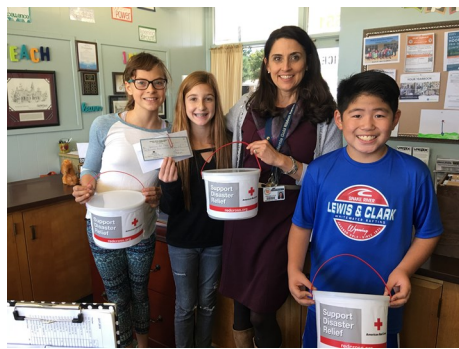


To Good For Drugs



All students in 1st through 6th grade receive a program of instruction on drug education and the effects of the use of tobacco. Excellent Elementary School utilizes Too Good for Drugs (TGFD) as the prevention program that is designed to reduce students' intention to use alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs, while promoting prosocial attitudes, skills, and behaviors. The program seeks to build the self-confidence of students so they are better able to make healthy choices and achieve success. Promoting positive, prosocial attitudes and fostering healthy relationships is a running theme throughout the program's curriculum. Overall, TGFD seeks to develop positive peer norms; appropriate attitudes toward alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drug use; knowledge of the negative consequences of alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drug use; and finally the knowledge of the benefits of living a drug-free lifestyle.

If you have questions about the program in a specific grade, please contact your child's teacher. He/she will be happy to discuss Too Good for Drugs with you.



Be a Change Maker...

...to impact the lives of those affected by natural disasters.

VPE will be sending a check to the American Red Cross in the amount of \$1,387.13. The Student Council wants to thank all the Bobcats who generously donated to help families that have been impacted by fires, floods, earthquakes and hurricanes. We are very proud of our VPE Bobcats!

Jog-A-Thon Wrap-Up

Thank you to everyone that came out and supported our students on October 31st as they ran in our "Spooky Sprint" at our school wide Jog-A-Thon. It was a great event for everyone, but like every event it takes a team of volunteers to make it successful.

With that said, I'd like to thank our ROOM PARENTS for their help and assistance gathering volunteers, donations and more importantly for working the event. MONIQUE MCARTHUR was absolutely amazing as she took charge of the popsicle station. A special thank you to those families who donated all of the water for the Jog-A-Thon event. Thank you to DONNA CZEKALSKI for donating the props – they added the perfect touch to the event and SHELLEY LICKL for making that early morning call time to drop off the balloons. Last but not least. Thank you to MARK KULI for helping print our banners and for our shirts. As usual, PERFECTION!

Lastly, thank you to all our 2017 Jog-A-Thon sponsors:

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THE CERIONI-MURRAY FAMILY

As we wrap up the event and total last minute pledges we are pleased to announce that we have raised close to \$53,000! These funds will help ensure that the Home & School League can continue to fund programs, activities and technology upgrades that benefit each student at Villa Park Elementary. This total is truly amazing so I thank each and every one of you for getting your children excited about the run, encouraging them to do their best and collect pledges for their school!

The top performing student and winner of the IPAD MINI, raising \$965, was Christian Zuazo! The top performing class who will receive a class party was Ms. Donna Johnson's class. Collectively they raised \$4,229.00 – Congratulations to ALL! Top lap runners will be announced soon at one of our morning assemblies.

In the meantime, thank you to all who participated and to the MANY volunteers that brought another great Jog-A-Thon to Villa Park Elementary!

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LCAP SURVEY!



Your Opinion Counts!
¡Encuesta LCAP!
¡Su Opinión Cuenta!



Help us continue to refine programs, services, and
improve student achievement through our
Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) process.

Ayúdenos a continuar refinando programas, servicios y
mejorando el logro estudiantil a través de nuestro
Plan de Control Local y Rendición de Cuentas (LCAP).

Take the survey now through January 12, 2018

Tome la encuesta ahora hasta el 12 de enero de 2018



Please use the link or Quick Response
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the survey today!

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Link/Enlace:

<http://bbyt.es/start/8M7NW>



Orange USD is collecting anonymous responses from parents, teachers, principals, and students to allow them to provide input on the LCAP. Become a critical partner engaged in providing an outstanding 21st century education for all students. OUSD truly wants to hear from you on this survey as these results will guide the (LCAP) for the 2017-2018 school year.

Orange USD está conduciendo una encuesta para recolectar respuestas anónimas de padres, maestros, directores de escuelas y estudiantes para permitirles aportar sus opiniones en el LCAP. Convertirse en socios esenciales comprometidos en brindar una educación sobresaliente para todos los estudiantes. OUSD realmente desea escuchar de usted en esta encuesta ya que estos resultados guiarán el LCAP para el año escolar 2017-2018.



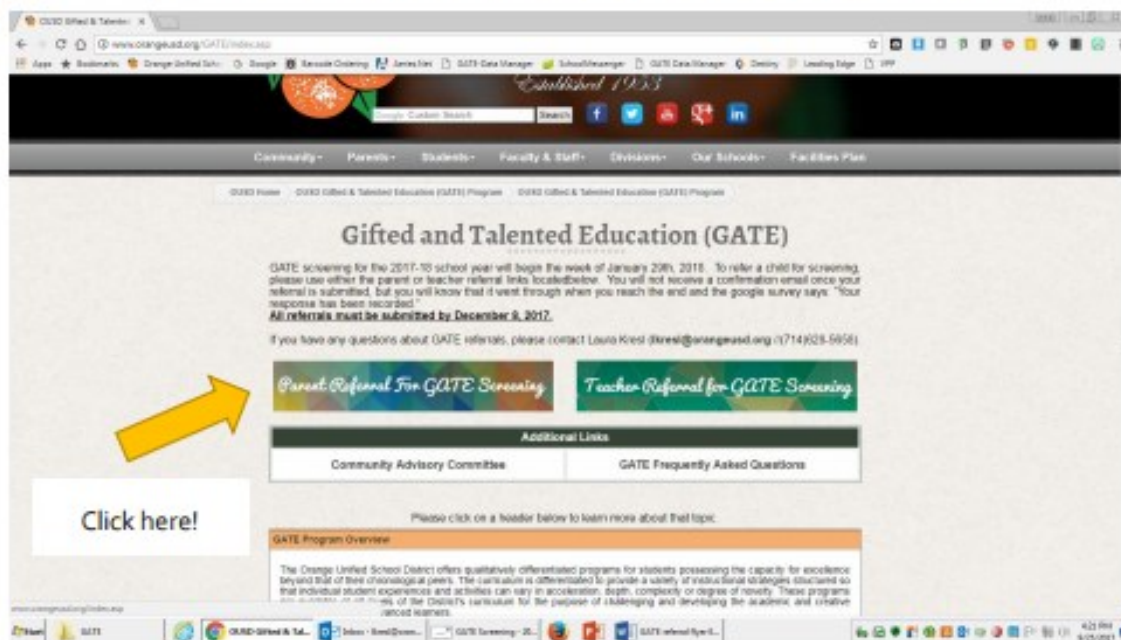
2017-18 GATE SCREENING REFERRAL INFORMATION

WHEN CAN I REFER MY CHILD TO BE SCREENED FOR GATE IDENTIFICATION?

The 2017-18 referral window is now open. All referrals must be submitted by December 8, 2017.

HOW DO I REFER MY CHILD FOR GATE SCREENING?

If you would like to have your child screened for GATE identification, you will need to submit your online referral form. The link to the referral form is located on the GATE tab under Educational Services of the Orange Unified Curriculum & Instruction page as shown below. (<http://www.orangeusd.org/GATE/index.asp>)



WHEN WILL THE GATE SCREENING ASSESSMENT BE ADMINISTERED?

GATE screening will begin at the end of January 2018 and will conclude by the end of February 2018. Curriculum & Instruction GATE assessors will go out to the school sites to assess students during the school day.

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OUSD Parent Engagement Institute

There is still one parent workshop in OUSD's Session on preventing bullying.

Session 3:

Bullying Prevention

Alycia Capone

(Director of Advancement, WTLC)

K-12 Parents

This workshop will allow parents to understand the prevalence and seriousness of bullying, as well as provide parents with tools to use with their child to prevent and stop bullying.

November 15, 2017
6:00 P.M.-7:30 P.M.
District Office
Board Room 1 & 3

After School Enrichment—Musical Theater Performance

Friday, December 15 at 7:00pm



The Musical Theater After School Enrichment Program, directed by Literacy Onstage, will be performing on Friday, December 15 at 7:00pm in the MPR. Come enjoy the show and support our student performers.



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 714-538-9710

- 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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