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

H&SL Meeting 10/17 at 8:15 am in the MPR Room

Principal's Message

October Bobcat News

As you know, I truly believe in the importance of consistent attendance. Our Superintendent, Dr. Gunn Marie Hansen states: "When students miss too much school, regardless of the reason, they can fall behind academically and it is harder for them to keep up. Some absences are unavoidable for health reasons or other circumstances. Missing two days a month or 18 days a school year can harm your student's progress. Research about "chronic absences" (missing 10% of the school year for any reason-excused, unexcused, and out-of-school suspensions) shows that: Children chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade are much less likely to read at grade level by the end of 3rd grade."

Each and every day at Villa Park Elementary is packed full with rigorous learning opportunities. Our test scores demonstrate that we outscore others in the state. This is a reflection of how every school day and every minute of instruction counts. In addition to instructional minutes lost, each absence results in lost revenue for our school. Remember that going out of town when school is in session is considered and unexcused absence.

Upcoming Events:

October 2019

10/1-4 Art Masters Lesson

10/1 Anti Bullying Month

10/2 National Walk to School Day

Lockdown Drill

10/4 Bobcat Spirit Day Birthday Club

10/7-11 BOOK FAIR

Parent/Teacher Conference Week Minimum Day for Students all Week

10/11 Bobcat Spirit Day Fall Family Night

10/16 Fire Drill

10/17 H&SL Meeting

10/18 Bobcat Spirit Day Family Lunch Great American Shakeout Parent Mixer

10/21-25 RED RIBBON WEEK

10/21 Primary CAST

Imagination Machine Assembly

10/23 Fall Pictures Makeup BIKE RODEO 5th Grade Puber-TEA

10/25 Bobcat Spirit Day Teacher Treats (Hosted by 5th Grade) SOTM

Dads Club Poker Tournament

10/27 Dad's Club Workday

10/28 School Site Council Meeting

10/30 Bus Evacuation Drill

10/31 Halloween Fall Class Parties



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."



Continue Principal's Message

As a family, please plan all trips around the scheduled school breaks such as summer, fall, winter, and those long holiday weekends. Here are a few tips to help support regular attendance from Dr. Hans Hansen:

- *Make sure your child has a morning routine and regular bedtime.
- *Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- *Ensure your child goes to school every day unless they are truly sick.
- *Avoid scheduling vacations and doctor's appointments when school is in session.
- *Talk to teachers for advice if your child feels anxious about going to school.
- *Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call a family member, neighbor, or another parent to take your child to school.

This year we will continue to provide Saturday Enrichment Academy (SEA) to those students who have missed one or more days this school year. This is an opportunity to make up those lost instructional minutes in a fun and enriching way on a Saturday from 8:00-12:15. Our first SEA will be October 12. More information to follow.

I am looking forward to another great month filled with learning and fun!

Go Bobcats!

Dr. Sara Beggs

Principal, Villa Park Elementary

VPE H&SL President

October 2019

Happy fall, Bobcats!

October is here, and what a fun and busy month it will be! Lots of activities to enjoy, and so many volunteers to thank for making it all happen. VPE is a pretty cool place to be right now.

We had our first Home & School League meeting of the year a couple weeks ago. What a great turnout! Thanks to all those who were there! Despite the jam-packed agenda, the meeting was done in just 45 minutes. We know how to keep things moving! Please join us at the next one on Thursday, October 17. Siblings are always welcome, and the coffee and snacks are always tasty!

The annual Membership Drive contest has come to an end. Congratulations to Mrs. Miller's kindergarten class and Mrs. Williams's fifth grade class for having the highest percentage of families join the Home & School League! These winning classes will be rewarded with a bonus recess and ice cream party! If your family has not joined yet, there's still time. The contest is over, but new memberships are welcome all year long. Your membership matters! Big thanks to Jamie Harris for devoting so much time and effort to managing memberships!

Spirit Wear sales have also come to an end. Thank you, Mark Kuli, for outfitting VPE! Spirit wear orders will be sent home with students soon.

All systems are GO at VPE...fifth and sixth graders are enjoying VAPA (Visual And Performing Arts), and our H&SL-funded PE, Art Masters, and kinder through fourth music programs are all underway. After-school enrichment programs are also getting started. Thank you, Wendy McGrane, for making it happen. If you are interested in signing up, please pick up a form in the office for information on how to inquire about whether or not there is space for your student.

It's JOG-A-THON SEASON!!!!! Sponsorship forms are due OCTOBER 4, so if you want your business or family name to be featured on the t-shirts worn by 700-plus students, teachers, and volunteers, please get those turned in! Thank you Maria Griswold and Veronica Tarnofsky for putting on this big event!

There is SO MUCH to enjoy this month...I'll list some highlights below, and please be sure to follow Villa Park Elementary H&SL on facebook and @VPESchool on twitter, and remember that our LIVE calendar on vpe-hsl.org is always up-to-date!

10/2 – International Walk to School Day! Walk from home, or walk with friends from one of our designated meeting points. Information is available in the office. Big thanks to Kim Barks Finamore for organizing this event!

10/7-11 – Fall in love with reading at the fall book fair! Thank you, Maria Griswold, for making it happen!

Continue H&SL Presidents Message

10/11 – Fall family night! Trunk or Treating, Chili Cook-off, games, crafts, food, and fun! Plus a movie under the stars! Thanks to Donna Czekalski, Dads Club, and Fifth Grade Fundraising for putting on this popular event!

10/14 – PledgeStar goes LIVE as we kick off our big TURKEY TROT jog-a-thon event! This is the time to pull out all the stops for VPE! The success of this fundraiser is what makes it possible for the Home & School League to do so much for our kids. Our goal is 100% PARTICIPATION in our online pledge system! Let's make it happen!!! HUGE thanks again to Maria and Veronica for all of their hard work!

10/18 – Parent Mixer at The Post! Hire a sitter and head to The Post to mix and mingle with VPE parents. Thank you, Susan Somerndike, for making it happen!

10/23 – Bike Rodeo! Third graders and any fourth through sixth graders who have not previously participated are invited to join. Thanks to Shelly Johnson and Ana Uriostegui for organizing this event!

10/27 – Dads Club Work Day! Thank you Bobcat Dads for all you do to help our campus be the best it can be!

THANK YOU, Bobcat Families, for making VPE such a special place. You are appreciated! If you're interested in getting more involved, please reach out to me. Volunteering at school is a truly rewarding experience! You will make a difference in our students' lives, and you will feel connected to this amazing community, all while setting an example for your own children on how important it is to give back!

Here's to a fabulous fall! Go Bobcats!

Sincerely, Erin Hynn





Hello Bobcat Dads!

Villa Park Elementary Dads club is off and running! In case you missed our last meeting in September, do not worry it's never too late to help out or attend one of our EPIC meetings. Our October meeting will be on Wednesday, October 16th at 6:30 pm. This meeting will be off campus at Chapman Crafted Beer in Old Town Orange on 123 N. Cypress St., there is a new Free City Parking Structure adjacent to it at the corner of Lemon and Chapman. This is an important meeting to come to as we will be fine tuning our Fall VPE work day details.

The first VPE campus work day will be Sunday, October 27th at 8am. This is a very important day for VPE as we call on all our Bobcat Dads to pick up a hammer, pain brush, shovel or broom to help our campus shine. Our amazing teaching staff here at VPE are putting together their versions of a 'Honey Do List' to help with classroom and campus needs. Come out and help us help our school. Come for the full day or come for a few hours, we will take any amount of time on this day that you can give us. Keep an eye out for emails with more details and needs as we get closer to the big day.

Here is a list of a few dads club dates to put on your calendar:

- October 16th, Wednesday Dads Club Mtg @ Chapman Crafted Beer
- October 25th, Friday Poker Night @ Villa Park City Hall
- October 27th, Sunday VPE Campus Work Day

We had an amazing turn out at our first meeting! It's great to see so many VPE dads involved and excited for the new year! If you haven't yet signed up for dads club do not fear all are welcome and sending me a quick email gets you on the list. We hope to see you all at a VPE-DC event soon!

Ryan Dierking
Dads Club President
vpedadsclub@gmail.com



Friday, October 25, 2019 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

It's Back!! 7th Bi-Annual Super Cool Time

Villa Park City Hall 17855 Santiago Blvd, Villa Park, CA 92861

\$25.00 Buy-In

Price includes tournament fee, adult "refreshments" & prizes

Let's be clear, this is a low-stakes poker tournament. It is not a fundraiser, rather an opportunity to play poker and hang with other dads from VPE. No problem if you never played before- this is your chance to learn and enjoy.



RSVP - ASAP!! Limited to the First 72 Players Mark@KustomImprints.com

(Please provide your child(s) name and grade too)

Download Form Here

Dear VPE Families:

The 2019 "Turkey Trot" Jog-A-Thon is fast approaching! On Friday, November 15, all VPE students will participate in our schoolwide TURKEY TROT event! With your support, we can make it our ONLY fundraiser of the year. 100% of the funds raised will directly benefit VPE students by providing a much-needed shade structure; and maintaining existing programs such as PE, K-4 music, Art Masters, assembly programs, and more!

In order to achieve these goals, we are setting the bar HIGH... let's see if we can get to \$60K this year!!

We are bringing back the popular PledgeStar donation-collecting system again this year! This QUICK & EASY online program takes just a few minutes to set up. Family and friends can pay online with a credit card! PledgeStar goes live on **October 14**! Follow the simple registration steps at

www.PledgeStar.com/VillaPark

Of course, we still welcome cash and check donations too! Paper pledge forms will be coming home on October 18.

Interested in being an OFFICAL TURKEY TROT SPONSOR and having your business or family name printed on the back of the 2019 Jog-A-Thon participant t-shirts???? It's not too late!!! Please fill out the SPONSORSHIP FORM and return it to the front office no later than OCTOBER 4!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! LET'S MAKE THIS YEAR'S JOG-A-THON OUR MOST SUCCESSFUL ONE YET!



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YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR



Monday, October 7th - Friday, October 11th

Open After School & During Parent/Teacher Conferences

Monday ~Thursday: 12:15pm-3:00pm

Join us for Fall Family Night

Friday, October 11th from 5pm-7pm

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Artic Adventure Book Fair!

BOO Grams

Boo Grams are back! If your VPE student would like to send some grams to their classmates please complete the form and return it to school with the payment no later than Friday, October 25th.

<u>CLICK HERE</u> to download the flyer.

VILLA PARK ELEMENTARY BOO GRAMS

Send a BOO Gram & Spooky Treat to your friends, siblings, teachers & favorite staff member at VPE!

Cost: \$1.00 Each

Fill out the order form below and return to school with payment by <u>Friday</u>, <u>October 25th</u>.

BOO Grams will be delivered on October 31st.

Thank you for supporting VPE Class of 2021!









Fall Family Fun Night

October 11th, 2019

Come for a fun evening of activities, games & contests.

And stay for the movie.

Don't forget to pack a picnic dinner or pre-order pizza and help support 5th grade fundraising

Don't forget to bring a chair and a blanket and maybe bug spray (for those pesky mosquitoes)

> "Toy Story 4". (Rated PG) (Bring your flashlights for after the movie)

Trunk-or-Treat 4:30-5:30pm (Located in the VPE back parking lot) (\$1 per child) (This is a non-costume event)

Dad's Club Corn hole tournament & Pumpkin Kickball start at 5:00pm

Book Fair 5-7pm

Chili cook off contest 5-6:30pm (Tasting is \$5 per person)

Fall activities (Games, crafts) 5-7pm

Movie Starts at 7pm

5[™] Grade Is ordering up some yummy food, sweets, treats & drinks. Menu...

Don't forget to pre-order you pizza dinner and support 5th grade fundraising See attached order form to pre-order your dinner. (A limited amount of pizza will be available for purchase by the slice at Fall Family Night)

Additional items (100% goes to 5th grade fundraising)

Cotton Candy \$2 each Drink (Water & Soda) \$1 each Popcorn \$1 each

This is a VPE Home & School League Sponsored Event

CHILI COOK OFF

Our Annual Chili Cook Off is back for the 2nd year! If you would like to join our Chili Cook Off and show us what you got, complete and return this form to school no later than Friday, October 4th. We can't wait to see and taste everyones delicious Chili Recipes! <u>CLICK HERE</u> to download the Entry Form.

2ND Annual

VPE Chili Cook Off

Friday, October 11th, 2019 5-6:30pm

Come join us for our 2nd annual Chili Cook Off!

Enter your favorite concoction and compete against other secret recipes.

There will be lots of fun, excitement, and prizes for the BEST Chili.

Lets see if you can beat last year's winners.

CONTEST RULES

***Provide 1 large cro	ckpot of your secret reci	pe chili (Heated & ready	to serve by 5pm)
***Tasting cups, spoor	ns & napkins will be prov	rided by VPE-HSL	
***Don't forget a ladle	e or serving spoon		
***Votes will be tallied	d and the winner will be	announced before the n	novie at 7pm
**********	*******	********	acher by October 4th to compete.
Cook's Name:			
Cook's Email:			
Cook's Phone Number:	:		
Kind of Chili(Check al	l that apply)		
Beef	Chicken	No Beans	Vegan
Pork	Veggie	Other	Gluten Free
Turkey	Beans	Dairy	

***Any and all changes to your recipes ingredients must be made no less than 2 days prior.

If you plan on attending Family Fun Night on October 11th and would like to Pre-Order your meals for that evening, below is the Pre-Order form. Please complete it and turn in no later than Monday, October 7th. CLICK HERE to download the order form.

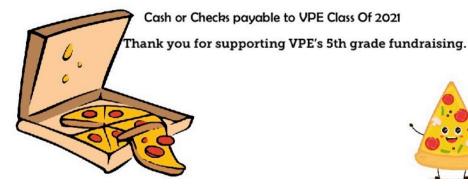


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Please turn in order forms and payments to your teacher or to the office by Monday, October 7th,

Pizza	Quantity	Price\$\$\$	Total
Cheese Slice Combo *1 drink (assorted drinks available) *1 bag of chips		X \$5 per slice	
Pepperoni Slice Combo *1 drink (assorted drinks available) *1bag of chips		X \$5 per slice	
Whole Cheese Pizza Family Dinner *4 Drinks (assorted drinks available) *4 Bags of Chips		X \$25 whole "10" pizza	
Whole Pepperoni Pizza Family Dinner *4 Drinks (assorted drinks available) *4 Bags of Chips		X \$25 Whole "10" pizza	

^{*}Pre-order to ensure that your family will have pizza at the event. A limited amount of pizza will be available for purchase by the slice at Fall Family Night.





Bobcat Picture day

Fall picture Make Up Day will be held Wednesday, October 23rd

Art Masters

Students recently were introduced to the art of the ancient Americas. Students viewed slides of mysterious artifacts and monuments, like the "Feathered Serpent Pyramid," and listened to authentic Maya music. Students learned how art created long ago tells about past civilizations and thus provides a point of contact between people living now and those who lived thousands of years ago. Inspired by this ancient art, students will create their own icons using colors and patterns found in the art of the Aztecs, Mayas, and Incas.



News from the Front Office



Welcome Back Bobcats! Let's start the year off right and make sure that ALL lunchboxes, water bottles, sweaters, jackets, or any other item that might get left behind has a **STUDENTS NAME** on it. We love to reunite our kiddos with their personal belongings, but it is very hard if they are not labeled. Please help us keep the lost and found items to a minimum by marking your belongings. THANK YOU!



Hey 3rd grade parents!!!

The month of October your students will be learning all about bike safety that will all lead up to our annual "right of passage" **BIKE RODEO**!!!

Bike rodeo will be hosted by our very own Deputy Miranda from the Sheriff Department here at our school on October 23 at 8:15am on the black top. The students will be doing an obstacle course and will be guided by our Sheriff Department.

This event is for **3rd graders**, but if you are a parent of a **4th-6th grade** student that would be interested in participating, or that would like to ride their bicycle to school, this event is open to them as well.

Flyers will be going home with your student with more detailed information, so be on the look-out!

There will also be some extra copies at the front office.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this amazing and fun event please feel free to contact Shelly Johnson or myself, Ana Uriostequi @

shellyi11@yahoo.com or anakuriostequi@gmail.com

Download the Permission Slip **HERE**

VILLA PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BICYCLE RODEO WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2019

With the help of the Orange County Sheriff's Department, Villa Park Elementary's Annual Bicycle Rodeo will take place on

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2019 AT 8:15 AM

This is for all <u>3rd graders and 4th-6th graders</u> who have not participated in the past.

If you have any questions, please contact **Ana Uriostegui** or **Shelly Johnson** at anakuriostegui@gmail.com or shellyj11@yahoo.com

All students must turn the below permission slip in order to participate.

PLEASE RETURN BY OCTOBER 18, 2019

PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE	
I have reviewed the above with my child and he/she school.	has permission to ride his/her bike to
Name of student	
Parent Signature	Telephone Number
Date	Teacher/ Room Number

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 reregister 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



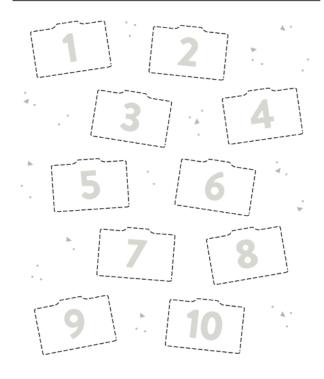
- DO NOT include scan totals in your submissions.
 Box Tops scans are automatically credited to your school's account.
- ▶ Remove this half of the page before submitting.



CLIP & SCAN



CLIP: If your package has a traditional Box Tops clip, cut it off and attach it below. Each clip is worth $10\mathfrak{c}$ 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:



NO MORE	CLIPPING
BOX TOPS IDUCATION	SCAN YOUR RECEIPT SEE HOW AT BTFE.COM

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 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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