



BOBCAT NEWS

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

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Happy Reading

Principal's Message

Avoiding the Summer Slump By Mrs. Little

Did you know that children who do not practice reading and math skills over the summer break can lose as much as two months of the progress gains made during the school year? Happily, these losses can be avoided with a few simple steps.

Be a Bookworm!

Six books to summer success:

Research shows that reading just six books during the summer may keep a struggling reader from regressing.

Visit the library: Visiting the library is a fun and free way to keep reading motivation strong. The Orange County Library System even has a special Summer Reading Challenge that can motivate your student.

You can register online at <http://ocpl.readingbydesign.org>

Keep reading aloud: Reading aloud benefits children through their teens! One benefit is that you can read books your child can't, so she will build listening comprehension skills with grade-level and above books. Reading

the same book can also stimulate rich family discussion.

Go Multimedia: Read newspapers, magazines, comics, and online sources. For example have your child follow a recipe online

<http://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/packages/recipes-for-kids/cooking-with-kids>

Or complete a STEM activity <http://thestemlaboratory.com/stem-activities-for-kids/>

Use our district digital resources: Many online digital resources such as Lexia, and Discovery remain available to students during the summer months. Have your student check out the www.orangeusd.org dashboard to see what's available.

What about Math?

Go Digital: There are many free or low cost online programs to practice math skills. The Quantile math challenge works with the Math Inventory "MI" assessment score we use at school to provide daily simple family challenges for students. It's free for parents to sign up! <https://www.quantiles.com/content/summer-math-challenge/> Splash math practices basic skills and allows K-5 parents to sign up for free <https://www.splashmath.com/> Prodigy math has an engaging game like platform that has been popular with our older students.

<https://www.prodigygame.com/>

Get Shopping (and budgeting!) -

Shopping is a great opportunity to practice all types of math computation. Planning and budgeting is even better. You can even turn this into a financial responsibility lesson by helping children plan how to earn money for a special treat or outing.

What about writing?

Write old fashioned notes to family members and friends. Special pens paper, or a family mailbox can make this a real treat.

Practice typing with email- Mrs. Little would love an email from your students about their summer. I'd even be happy to reply! rlittle@orangeusd.org

Create a family story- Here's a fun idea to motivate your students. Have one family member begin a story, and continue passing the story to different family members who can add their own twist. You never know where the story will end up!

There are so many ways to keep the learning going in fun and creative ways. We look forward to seeing all of our students back in the summer enriched and ready to soar!

Upcoming Events

- 6/7: College Spirit Day
- 6/7: 3rd Grade Field Trip—Shipley Nature Center
- 6/9: Student of the Month
- 6/9: Kinder Recognition 11:00am
- 6/9: Camp Bobcat 4:30pm
- 6/12: 6th Grade Disneyland Trip
- 6/13: Lip Sync 8:00am
- 6/14: Semester Awards
- 6/15: Field Day
- 6/15: 6th Grade Graduation 8:15am
- 6/15: Minimum Day—Last Day of School
- 8/23: First Day of School

President's Message

As we approach the end of another school year, I like to take a moment to thank this wonderful school for the opportunity to volunteer as the Home and School League president for the past two years. It has been with great pride and honor that I have represented our fabulous VPE community. Our staff, volunteers, and families form an unstoppable team and provide an exceptional, nurturing learning environment for our children.

I am humbled by a growing group of parent volunteers who work tirelessly to make it all happen. I feel privileged to have been supported by the best team I could've ever asked for. They each provided a piece to the puzzle and between them formed a beautiful masterpiece that touched us all. I cannot thank them enough and will welcome the opportunity to work with each of them any chance I get.

I am delighted to pass the torch on to our new team and president, Michelle Gonzalez. VPE is very fortunate to be moving forward with such a dedicated, organized and qualified volunteer leading the future of the Bobcats! I know she will receive the same tremendous amount of support that I have for the last two years.

I would like to encourage anyone and everyone to get involved in the Home and School League. You will not regret it!

I wish you all a relaxing and restful summer with family and friends.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

- Julie Krodel

Historic Buildings

In March of 2017, OUSD Board of Trustees voted their approval to remove the two abandoned historic buildings in the middle of campus. The demolition is scheduled to take place during the 2017 summer break, so no students are affected. Once the buildings are removed, construction will then begin on a improved campus quad. The District hired landscape architect firm PBK Architects to design this new, large space. While the architectural rendering tells most of the story, there are a few important things to note ...

- Our concrete outdoor auditorium is getting bigger! School events like Graduation, Open House, Winter Concert and Lip Sync will have more space for parent & grandparent viewing.
- The new quad has been designed to improve the drainage problems. There is new grading and the addition of a dry well to help relieve the excessive runoff water from rains.
- The school bell will be removed from the old building and used for a monument located just to the east side of the stage area.
- A large, oval concrete pad will be added toward the south end. This will initially be just concrete, but in the future we hope to fundraise and add on a shade structure + tables and make this a usable activity area for a pull-out classroom and other uses..
- There will be the addition of new fencing and gates in-between the office & MPR. This space will be used for parents to gather and socialize just before pick-up or as they are waiting during the 15 minutes stretch of time between lower and upper grade dismissals.

The OUSD's schedule timeline has all historic building abatement & demolition activities taking place during the 2017 summer break. It is expected that quad improvements will not be completed until early October. We are excited for these new changes and the open space in our quad area.

Great things are in store for the 2017-18 school year!

Villa Park Elementary - Quad Improvements





CAMP BOBCAT 2017

Sleep in your own tent, right on the VPE playground!

Friday, June 9, 2017

Check-In starts at 4:30 P.M.

Event Fee: \$30.00* (Per family) **Pay by May 31st and it's only \$25.00!*
Included is all Camp Bobcat activities, individual souvenir photo, evening entertainment, free movie, popcorn & pancake breakfast in the morning.

Dinner \$5.00 (Per person) **Optional*
Burgers, hot dogs and other yummy food options for the family.

Campout T-Shirt- \$10.00 **Optional*
100% Cotton T-Shirt with 2017 Camp Bobcat design



Even if you cannot camp overnight, please join us for our final school year event!

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT VPE FACILITIES!

For more info contact the VPE Dads' Club! **Mark D. Kull** dadsclub@vpe-hsl.org
(714) 323-6247

**** NEW PAYMENT OPTIONS**** Pay for Camp Bobcat online or with a smartphone or with this order form.



- Pay by smart phone with the VPE Home & School League / MySchoolAnywhere App
- Go to www.vpe-hsl.org and make purchases with the VPE Home & School League online store
- If using this paper form, just return payment & form to teacher before deadline!

\$25.00 discount deadline is Wednesday, May 31st, 2017

Final sign-up deadline is Wednesday, June 7th, 2017

Parent Name

Child's Name (s)

Dad's Email Phone

Event Fee	Dinner(s)	T-Shirts (Youth & Adult Sizes)	Total																
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SPIKETOWN 2017

SUMMER VOLLEYBALL CAMP

This camp is for **incoming 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th graders** (grade in August 2017), and is designed to create interest in girls' volleyball and teach the basic fundamentals of the game. The kids will be taught how to pass, set, and hit volleyballs by the Villa Park High School Girls' Varsity Volleyball team, and will be divided into groups based on experience.

July 10-13 and July 17-20, Monday-Thursday

10:00am - 12:00pm.

Villa Park High School Gym

Cost: \$80 for a one-week session or \$150 for 2 weeks (includes t-shirt)

Please fill out the registration below, and make checks payable to
VPHS Girls Volleyball

Mail bottom of this form and check to:
Michelle James (VPHS Girls Volleyball)
747 E. Palmdale Avenue
Orange, CA 92865



QUESTIONS? www.vphsgirlsvolleyball.com or email vphsgirlsvolleyball@gmail.com

Please Print:

Camper's Name _____

Dates Attending (circle one): Week 1 (July 10-13) / Week 2 (July 17-20) / BOTH weeks

Parent's Name _____ Parent's email _____

August 2017 grade level _____ Date of Birth _____

Home Phone Number _____ Emergency Phone Number _____

Address _____



Fireworks Vouchers

Cerro Villa Middle School will have their annual TNT Firework both this year from June 28th to July 4th. The booth will be located in the back parking lot of VPHS near the track. VPE is fortunate to have the opportunity to fill 17 shifts at the booth and share in the booth profits. We are also selling TNT Firework product vouchers that can be redeemed as cash at the firework stand. For every \$20 firework voucher we sell, VPH&SL will receive \$10. We will be selling these vouchers at Camp Bobcat on June 9th. The last day to purchase these vouchers is June 22nd. Anyone interested in volunteering to fill one of our booth shifts, please email me@moniquemcarthur.com. Working the booth is a lot of fun and an easy way to raise money for our H&SL.

Parent Portal



Do you have online access through the Parent Portal??

For the 2017/2018 school year, you will be able to complete the beginning of the year paperwork online through the Parent Portal.

The parent portal is accessible through the Orange USD website at <https://ps.orangeusd.org/LoginParent?page=default.aspx>



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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