



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

H&SL Meeting  
April 18, 2019  
8:15 am

## Principal's Message

### April Bobcat News

#### VPE STEAM day

In March we held a wonderful Science Technology Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) at VPE with the support from our OUSD technology team. Students were engaged and eager to try new activities while learning through STEAM. Fourth graders were able to build Little Bits and explore with electric current. Third grade students used code with Ozobots. Fifth graders experimented with Stop Motion Video.

Kindergarten students used Scratch Jr. to code a farm scene on iPads. First graders coded with Beebots to practice math facts and spelling. Second graders used Lego We Do to build and code fans. Sixth graders visited Egyptian tombs and volcanoes using Virtual Reality glasses. To say that it was an exciting day is an understatement. We are looking forward to our VPE STEAM night for students and families on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### Principal Beggs



## Upcoming Events

### April 2019

- 4/9 Team Kids Leadership Meeting  
6th Grade Drug Awareness Presentation
- 4/11 SOTM
- 4/12 Birthday Club  
Bobcat Spirit Day  
Bobcat Carnival 4pm-8pm
- 4/15 CAST Primary #3
- 4/16 Team Kids Leadership Meeting
- 4/18 Home and School League Meeting  
CAST Upper #3  
Room 34 Biome Play- MPR
- 4/19 6th Grade Promotion Pictures  
Bobcat Spirit Day
- 4/22 School Site Council Meeting 2:30pm
- 4/23 Team Kids Leadership Meeting
- 4/24 COLOR by Grade Spirit Day  
STEAM Night
- 4/25 ELAC Meeting
- 4/26 Teacher Treats -Kinder  
Bobcat Spirit Day
- 4/29-5/3 Art Masters Lessons
- 4/30 Team Kids Leadership Meeting

Please remember that all students are guaranteed a "free public education". There are no mandatory fees, however there are suggested donations to cover cost of activities.

## VPE H&SL President

Dear Bobcat Families,

Spring Fever is upon us! I wish you all a safe and relaxing Spring Break, you deserve it! We are now embarking on the last trimester of the school year, wow! There is so much going on, but I feel like I say that every month. Here's to April, buckle up and get ready for some fun!

I'd like to thank Jordan Wu and our Dad's Club volunteers that lead our work day this past weekend! I'd like to also thank the moms that came and the students that helped. We accomplished so much! I hope you can get on campus to see some of the work, like our new sensory walk! We have truly talented individuals at VPE. Thank you for sharing your talents and time, it is so very much appreciated!

Carnival is almost here! Thank you, Kari Christie and your team, Darren Tolliver for organizing our silent auction and Mickey McGuire and Kristina Simons for helping to organize our classroom baskets! We hope you are able to attend our ***Country Fair*** carnival this year as it is one of the highlights of being a Bobcat.

Be on the look out for information regarding our Spring Donation Drive coming mid-April. We are in need of extra funds to go above and beyond what we already fundraise for. We would like to fund a large shade structure over the quad area. With successful fundraising this year and next, we believe we will be able to meet our goal and hopefully install the shade structure in the summer of 2020. Please help us by sending your emails!

If you actually read this, thank you! Don't forget, wine grab donations will be collected 4/9 in the morning at drop off, and 4 /10 in the afternoon at pick up or you can arrange a more convenient drop off time with me. Yes, I'll be out there with my pink sign!

Happy Spring!

*Michelle Gonzalez*

President





Sunday March 24, 2019, VPE had its biggest Workday yet! Dads, moms, and kids gave up their free Sunday, rolled up their sleeves, and worked together to make VPE look better than ever! With 36 parents and 20 kids, we divided into multiple teams and were able to complete 15 different projects.

When you drive down on Center Dr. from Villa Park Rd., you will be greeted by the VPE cups design on the fence. More cups will be added for "Bobcats" and its paws in the future. Walking onto campus right outside of the fence, parents and students now have 6 brand new benches (generously donated by 12 families) to sit on. A group of dads worked tirelessly to pull out all the weeds in the parents' pen area. In the future, Dad's Club will do some planting in this area. Passing through the office, our 100 year old VPE bell received a brand new coat of paint that will help to protect it from the weather. In just a couple more months, the Class of 2019 will ring the bell in celebration of their transition on to middle school. Mrs. Urbanski and Mrs. Tombrello/Mrs. Stilwell can draw and write positive messages to their students on the inside of their doors with chalk on their newly painted chalkboard painted doors. Their creativity will be endless; we can't wait to see what they come up with!

The most impressive and colorful project was the Sensory Walk and the Rock River between the second and third grade classrooms. Students will go through various obstacle courses like tip toes, wall push up, Bobcats crawl, hopscotch, etc. At the end of the course, they will get to enjoy the masterpiece of the Rock River. During Read Across America week, Mrs. Beggs read the book "Only One You" to every classroom. The message of this book is simple. There's only one you in this great big world. Make it a better place. After receiving this powerful message, each student hand painted a river rock with his/her own unique representation. Now, all these rocks are displayed in the Rock River.

These are just some of the highlights of the biggest Workday at VPE. So many parents and kids gave up their Sunday in order to make VPE a better place. Each and every volunteer should take a moment to enjoy their hard work. Big thanks to Mrs. Beggs, Mrs. Adray, and Mrs. Urbanski who also joined in on the fun and hard work of the Workday. They provided tremendous help and guidance on different projects.

Look out for future Dad's Club projects!

#### B e n c h

The Cisneros, Flynn, Gonzalez, Knudson, Krodell, Kuli, Lickl, Mistofsky, Smith, Vargas, Wheeler, and Wu Families

#### D o n o r s :

Big thanks to all these families for their Workday efforts: The Beggs, Cisneros, Dickey, Dierking, Facer, Finamore, Flynn, Foster, Fu, Garcia, Giacobbe, A. Gonzalez, M. Gonzalez, Malek, Meloche, Montes, Perez, Rivera, Tarnofsky, Tejeda, Tran, Trollinger, Urbanski, Wadner, Wellington, and Wu families!

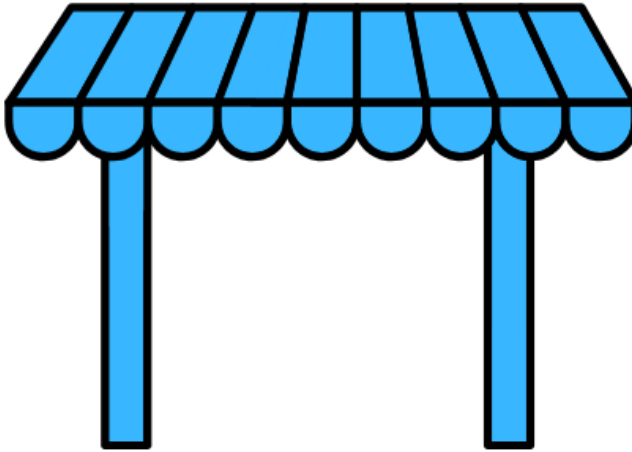
Another colorful lunch cart was delivered! Mr. J. Remmers and daughter, Elie, created a school crayon lunch cart for Mrs. Vasquez. Elie painted various colors and chalkboard paint on the sides allowing students to be creative. Big thanks to the Remmers family.



# BOBCAT NEWS







Villa Park Elementary  
Home & School League  
Spring 2019  
Donation Drive

We need your help! Contributions collected from this Donation Drive will directly fund PE, music, Art Masters, and A NEW SHADE STRUCTURE on the quad!

PLEDGESTAR GOES LIVE ON APRIL 15!  
REGISTER AT [PLEDGESTAR.COM/VILLAPARK](https://pledgestar.com/villapark)

DON'T MISS OUT!

Students who register and send 10 emails by April 19 will win a BONUS RECESS! Top-earning upper- and lower- grade classes will win a PIZZA PARTY!



CASH AND CHECK DONATIONS ARE WELCOME TOO!

### **VPE's Country Fair**

VPE's yearly carnival is almost here and set for Friday, April 12th, 2019 from 4:00pm-8:00pm. This year's theme is going to be COUNTRY FAIR! We are very excited to see everyone at the event! We will have lots of Games, Food, Silent Auction Items, Wine Grab and tons of fun for your friends and family!



# Back by popular demand at Carnival this year: *the wine grab!*

Don't miss the wine grab station at Carnival! Buy a cork and trade it in for a surprise bottle of vino at the end of the night!

**We need your help to make it fabulous!**

If you or someone you know can make a tax-deductible donation of bottles of wine to the VPE Home & School League, please let us know! Corks will be sold for \$20 each, so donated bottles should be appealing to shoppers in that price range. Donations will be accepted outside the MPR before the next H&SL meeting: Thursday, 3/21 at 8:00 a.m.

**\*\*NO Alcohol is allowed on campus ~ we are happy to arrange pick up\*\***

Please contact Michelle Gonzalez: [president@vpe-hsl.org](mailto:president@vpe-hsl.org)



IT'S A...

## *wine grab!*

Back by popular demand at Carnival this year!  
Drop \$20 in the till & take a cork to exchange  
for a surprise bottle of wine!





**Restaurant Day**

This month's Restaurant Day will be held at Wahoo's! Please join us in supporting our school, remember all proceeds go directly back to VPE. Restaurant Day will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 between the hours of 10:30am-9pm. Be sure to show the flyer below to make sure we receive the credit.

A downloadable flyer will be available on our website [www.vpe-hsl.org](http://www.vpe-hsl.org) if you would like to print it out.

Please bring this flyer to support  
**Villa Park Elementary Class of 2020**  
**Wednesday April 17, 2019**

Valid for dine in and take out orders. 10:30 am - 9:00 pm



**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 Class of 2020**

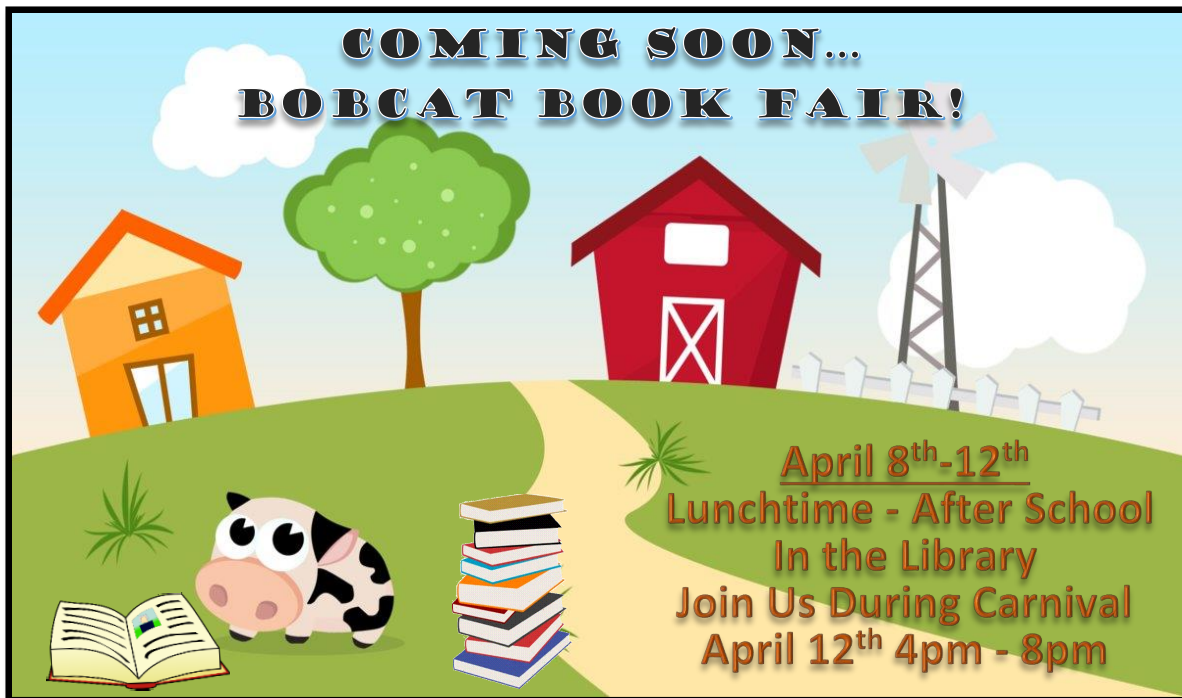
Flyers will only be accepted during time of promotion only at the location mentioned above. No flyers may be distributed in or around any Wahoo's location at anytime.

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



**Bobcat Book Fair**

Our Book Fair is back! This is a great time to stock up on reading material for the kiddos to keep them engaged in reading during their much anticipated Summer Vacation! The Book Fair is open April 8th-12th during Lunch and After School. In addition it will also be open during our Carnival on Friday, April 12th from 4pm-8pm so come on in and Join Us!



VPE Yearbooks are now for sale, don't wait and order yours today! Order online at [www.lifetouch.com](http://www.lifetouch.com) and enter the yearbook ID mentioned below on the flyer.

**ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY**

Order Early! Softcover price goes up to \$30 on March 30th!

<b>PRICE:</b>	<b>DEADLINE:</b>
\$25 Softcover \$35 Hardcover	<b>April 22nd</b>
<b>ORDER ONLINE AT:</b>	
<a href="https://ybpay.lifetouch.com">https://ybpay.lifetouch.com</a>	
Yearbook ID Code: 4199519	

### News from the Front Office

PARENTS.....

Please check the lost and found next time you are on campus. We have TONS of jackets, lunch bags and water bottles just waiting to be reunited with their loved ones. Also, please try and write your name on these items so they can be returned before they have to spend weeks waiting for you to find them. Thank you!

### Art Masters News

Students will be introduced to Renaissance art through slides and stories about the legendary artist, Leonardo de Vinci. Students then will use their experiences with “right brain drawing” techniques to create a drawing from life in the manner of the great master himself

### Camp Bobcat

Get your tents ready! Camp Bobcat 2019 is back! Prepare yourself to have some fun on June 7th. More information will follow as we get closer to the date. We hope that you all will plan to come out for a night of FUN!

***Get your tent & kids  
ready for June 7th***





## It's time for Lip Sync at VPE!

Lip Sync is a long standing tradition at VPE, which invites students from grades 1–6 to form a group, choose a song, and perform in a concert in front of the other students. The performances include lip sync technique, costumes, and props/back drop. The performance will be professionally videotaped.

Below you will find the rules and criteria required to participate in this activity. ***PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!***

- A parent from each group **MUST** attend an informational lip sync meeting on ***Thursday, April 11th at 1:15pm*** in the Teachers Lounge. At that time, you will be given the necessary forms to complete as well as the deadlines.
- A permission slip permitting the student to participate in lip sync **MUST** be signed and turned into the school office.
- When choosing your music, please keep in mind that it **MUST** be appropriate for a school environment with young children. Music is subject to review and offensive songs may be rejected, *even if edited*. If you have questions about certain lyrics, please let us know. The duration of the songs must be *three minutes or less*. ***Music and lyrics must be submitted for approval by Wednesday, May 1st. Groups with music and lyrics that have NOT been approved by this date will not be allowed to perform. This is a firm date!***
- There must be at least **two** members in each group, and no adult or teacher may be allowed in a student's group.
- No gymnastics.
- No throwing things into the audience.
- No practicing is allowed on VPE's campus until after the bell rings at 2:20pm. Parents must sign in through the office before entering campus. On-campus practices are not sanctioned or supervised by the school, so parents must either be present or make arrangements for their child to be supervised while on campus.
- No practicing is allowed on VPE's campus until **AFTER 3:30pm** , unless you are out on the grass or black top, away from the buildings.
- The performances will start with the first graders and continue in grade order. The sixth graders will perform last, with the order chosen through a lottery system. *No special accommodations or changes to the performance date/order will be made.*

- This year there is only one performance. The performance date is ***Tuesday, June 11th at 8:15 am.***

We look forward to all of the performances and know that it will be a fun experience for our kids! If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you!

Donna Czekalski

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The H&SL needs your help! We are looking for volunteers to help continue our tradition of parent involvement in our school community. **The following positions are open.** Please contact Michelle Gonzalez at [president@vpe-hsl.org](mailto:president@vpe-hsl.org) if you have an interest in becoming more involved with VPE!

#### **EXEC BOARD**

Treasurer (1 person, 2 year commitment) Must have an understanding of how to create a budget, money handling procedures and accounting.

#### **GENERAL BOARD**

- Field Day Coordinator (2 people)
- Firework Booth/Voucher Coordinator



### **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!**



Do you have a child that will be 5 years old by September 1, 2019? Then they are ready to be a Bobcat! Please go online and register your incoming kindergarten student as soon as possible to help us plan for the 2019-2020 school year. If you have any questions, please feel free to stop by the office or give us a call 714-997-6281.



# **2019-20 School Year Pertussis (Whooping Cough) Immunization and Varicella Requirements**

**All 7<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Students will need to  
Provide Proof of a  
Pertussis Booster and 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Varicella vaccine.**



On July 1, 2011, California Assembly Bill 354 requires that all 7<sup>th</sup> grade students entering school for the 2019-20 school year will be required to provide proof of a Tdap (Pertussis) booster. This may be met by receiving this booster on or after your child's 7th birthday.

Starting July 1 2019 all children will require

**Protect your child now!  
Call your doctor or health department and get  
your child immunized!  
Bring proof of to the VPE Health Office ASAP!**

### Box Tops

Let's get those Box Tops in as they are a great help to our school. Here is the form that you can use to turn them in on. Simply follow this link to print out as many copies as you may need! We need your help!!!

<https://www.boxtops4education.com/about/collection-sheets>



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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.



## 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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