



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

H&SL Meeting

9/19/19

at 8:15 am in the MPR Room

## Principal's Message

### September Bobcat News

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! We started the year with our tradition of "Ringing in the School Year" with the Villa Park Elementary School Bell from our old school house. Mr. Carl Keller and Mr. John Hamilton who attended VPE in 1950 rang the bell with myself, three of our new kindergarten students (Margot, Brandt, Gage), and three sixth grade students (Emma, John, Sawyer). It was a great way to start the year and welcome our new bobcats!



## Upcoming Events

### September 2019

- 9/3 PE and K-4 Music program Begins
- 9/5 VAPA Program Begins
- 9/6 Bobcat Spirit Day  
Birthday Club
- 9/10 Miguel's JR Restaurant Day  
(5th Grade Fundraising)
- 9/11 Patriotic Spirit Day
- 9/13 Bobcat Spirit Day  
H&SL Memberships Due
- 9/19 8:15 am H&SL Meeting (MPR)
- 9/20 Fall Picture Day  
Fizzy Friday  
Spirit Wear Orders Due
- 9/25 Art Masters Lectures  
Dads Club Meeting
- 9/26 VPE Teachers take over The Pizza Press  
(5th Grade Fundraising)
- 9/27 Student of the Month Assembly  
Teacher Treats hosted by 6th Grade  
Bobcat Spirit Day
- 9/30-10-4 Art Masters Lessons

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

I am thrilled to start my second year as principal of Villa Park Elementary School. The staff at VPE is a group of dedicated professionals here to support all students to thrive in learning and life. We pride ourselves in going above and beyond each and every day. Our data shows that our instructional strategies are working. In both state and local assessments, we outscore state and county averages. Villa Park Elementary is already an outstanding school, yet we continuously strive to improve.

Villa Park Elementary believes that learning is a team effort, and parent and community involvement is key to our success. We have a highly active Home and School League and Dad's Club. Both these parent organizations enrich our school and community in a number of ways such as funding school wide programs and campus improvements, organizing fun family events, and providing countless volunteer hours to support our students. We are also pleased to have the support of community groups such as the Villa Park Rotary Club and the Villa Park Women's League who contribute extra funds for teacher projects, STEAM, and arts initiatives.

I have worked in Orange Unified School District in the field of education for sixteen years. Following nine years of teaching, I moved to the District Office as an Instructional coach supporting teachers and students in curriculum, instruction, and intervention. I then accepted an administrative position as Coordinator of Inclusive Schooling. I am thrilled to start my second year as principal for Villa Park Elementary and honored to carry on the rich traditions and rigorous learning environment in place at VPE.

I am also a proud mother of two beautiful girls Charlotte (6), and Caroline (4). During my free time we enjoy outdoor activities and spending time with my daughters, husband, and Great Dane Winston. As the VPE principal, you can expect that I will be visible, accessible, and collaborative. I am looking forward to working together as partners in learning. On behalf of our outstanding VPE staff, I wish you a wonderful school year.

Go Bobcats!

Dr. Sara Beggs

Principal, Villa Park Elementary

## VPE H&SL President

September 2019

Welcome back Bobcats!

It's been said that enthusiasm is contagious. It is my hope that I can share my enthusiasm about our amazing school with you during my time as the president of the Home & School League. Our VPE community is truly remarkable, and I am thankful to be a part of it!

As we start this new school year and settle into our routines, let's all make a conscious effort to be safe during drop-off and pick-up times. Please use crosswalks, cross in groups, and demonstrate patience and courtesy to those around you. It is our privilege and responsibility to set a good example for our kids!

Please remember to renew your Home & School League membership right away! This nonprofit parent group was established in 1931, and its objective is to maintain the connection between the home and the school, so that parents, teachers, and staff can work together to give VPE students the best educational experience possible. The H&SL provides art and music enrichment, technology upgrades, campus updates, PE, and educational assemblies. Parent support makes it happen! The H&SL is completely dependent on the direct contributions and fundraising efforts of the VPE community. Please join today, and know that you will make a noticeable difference for our students!

H&SL members have access to the online school directory, and are invited to monthly meetings, held on the third Thursday of each month in the MPR at 8:15 a.m. Your membership also comes with a special VPE Bobcats car decal!

The first H&SL meeting of the year will take place on September 19. Younger siblings are always welcome! Please join us for news on upcoming activities, a report from Principal Beggs, and a visit from students with a presentation on current events in the classroom. Coffee, snacks, and camaraderie are just a bonus!

Be sure to follow Villa Park Elementary H&SL on facebook, @VPESchool on twitter, and visit [vpe-hsl.org](http://vpe-hsl.org) to stay up-to-date with all things VPE!

Here's to a wonderful year! Go Bobcats!

Sincerely,

*Erin Flynn*

VPE-H&SL President



**2019-2020**

Built in 1956 on the original 1883 campus, Villa Park Elementary is one of Orange County's oldest elementary schools. Even with the tremendous improvements OUSD has accomplished the past couple years, many of the school areas remain worn out. Our VPE Dads' Club was formed 13 years ago to take on the task repairing, replacing and making the most of all our ever-aging facilities.

**VPE Dads Get It Done!**

The Dads' Club has completed scores of work projects. Repainting classrooms, making Library, Computer Lab and MPR upgrades, plus improving campus landscaping and playground areas. We also have raised thousands of dollars for needed classroom technology and other school improvements through Camp Bobcat, our fun annual year-end campus campout. Dads' Club members are active on-campus volunteers, too. VPE has a fantastic tradition of not just Moms, but also DADS! (Insert grunting noise here) helping inside the classroom and with our campus activities throughout the year.

**Your Time Commitment - Not Much**

Can't make a meeting here or there? – no problem. Have career and other volunteer commitments that limits your time at VPE? - we can work with you. We'll take your assistance regardless of much or how little you can contribute. If you can fit in a couple volunteer hours this school year, you will help our school and have some fun too.

I look forward to this new 2019-2020 school year and joining our legion of VPE Dads.

Ryan Dierking  
2019-2021 VPE Dads' Club President  
VPEdadsClub@gmail.com

**Important Dates**

**First Meeting**  
**Wednesday, Sept. 25th**  
**6:30pm - MPR @ VPE**



**Poker Tournament**  
**Friday, Oct. 25th**  
**7-11 pm - Villa Park City Hall**  
(Low stakes - \$25.00 buy-in / perfect for poker beginners!)



**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.

**Over \$500  
in Prizes**

+



*Winner also gets  
the coveted  
champion tee  
for their child!*

**RSVP - ASAP!! Limited to the First 72 Players**

**Mark@KustomImprints.com**

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

[Download Form Here](#)

# H&SL Membership

Don't Forget to get your forms filled out and turned in to become a member of our Home & School League. Forms are due no later than September 13th.

[Download Form Here](#)



## Your Family Membership Matters!

Did you know your donation directly affects all VPE students? The money we collect from membership dues is crucial and necessary in order for the school to continue to provide our students diverse enrichment.

**Here is a sample of what is funded by the Home & School League**

<i>Shade Structure / Phase 1</i>	<b>\$47,000</b>	<i>Technology Upgrades</i>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<i>K - 6 PE Program</i>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<i>Educational Assemblies</i>	<b>\$8,500</b>
<i>K - 4 Music Program</i>	<b>\$6,000</b>	<i>Teacher Supply Stipends</i>	<b>\$6,750</b>
<i>Art Masters</i>	<b>\$6,000</b>		



**ICE CREAM PARTY!!**

### Help Your Child's Class Win!

The VPE class\* that has the most memberships by Sept. 13th will receive a bonus recess + super ice cream party!

*\*One upper & one lower grade winner*

**Buy your membership online...**

Register online at:  
[vpehsl.membershiptoolkit.com](http://vpehsl.membershiptoolkit.com)

Just enter in your family information, you will receive an email with login credentials. Then use the store to pay the \$20 Home & School League membership fee.



**Get the Smartphone App!**



**Or pay with this order form...**

Mother / Father Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Teacher(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Villa Park Elementary Home & School League is a registered non-profit Tax ID # 23-7271436

**H&SL Family Membership** (Online directory access + 1 window cling) **\$20.00**  
**Membership Drive Fundraiser** (Donate an extra \$25, \$50, \$75, \$100 or more) **\$**  
 Please make checks payable to: **VPE H&SL Total Enclosed** **\$**

## 5th Grade News!

### MIXED BAG DESIGNS

by

BOON SUPPLY

WE'RE RAISING MONEY FOR VPE CLASS OF 2021, AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!

#### Shop 3 Ways!



Shop online at  
**boonsupply.com/20055**

Orders will ship directly to the purchaser's home.



Text **20055** to  
888-886-0998

Orders will ship directly to the purchaser's home.



Fill out an order form

Be sure to **collect \$1/item for shipping and \$1/item for tax & admin.** Due to **student's teacher or office by 09/30.** Make checks payable to **VPE Class of 2021.**

**Catalog orders must be turned in by September 30, 2019.**

**\*If you have a favorite 5th Grader that you would like to receive credit for your order to put toward their fundraising account, please indicate their name on your order form!**

Questions? Contact: Maria Griswold at [mauied03@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mauied03@sbcglobal.net)

## Restaurant Night 5th Grade Fundraiser

**COMMUNITY SUPPORT EVENT  
HOSTED BY**



The team at Miguel's Jr. is proud to host a Community Support Event to benefit

Please join us during breakfast, lunch or dinner for legendary food, fun and fundraising.

Miguel's Jr. will donate 25% of your pre-tax food and beverage purchase to benefit

International Walk to School Day

It's Cool to  
Walk to School  
join us

October 2nd, 2019

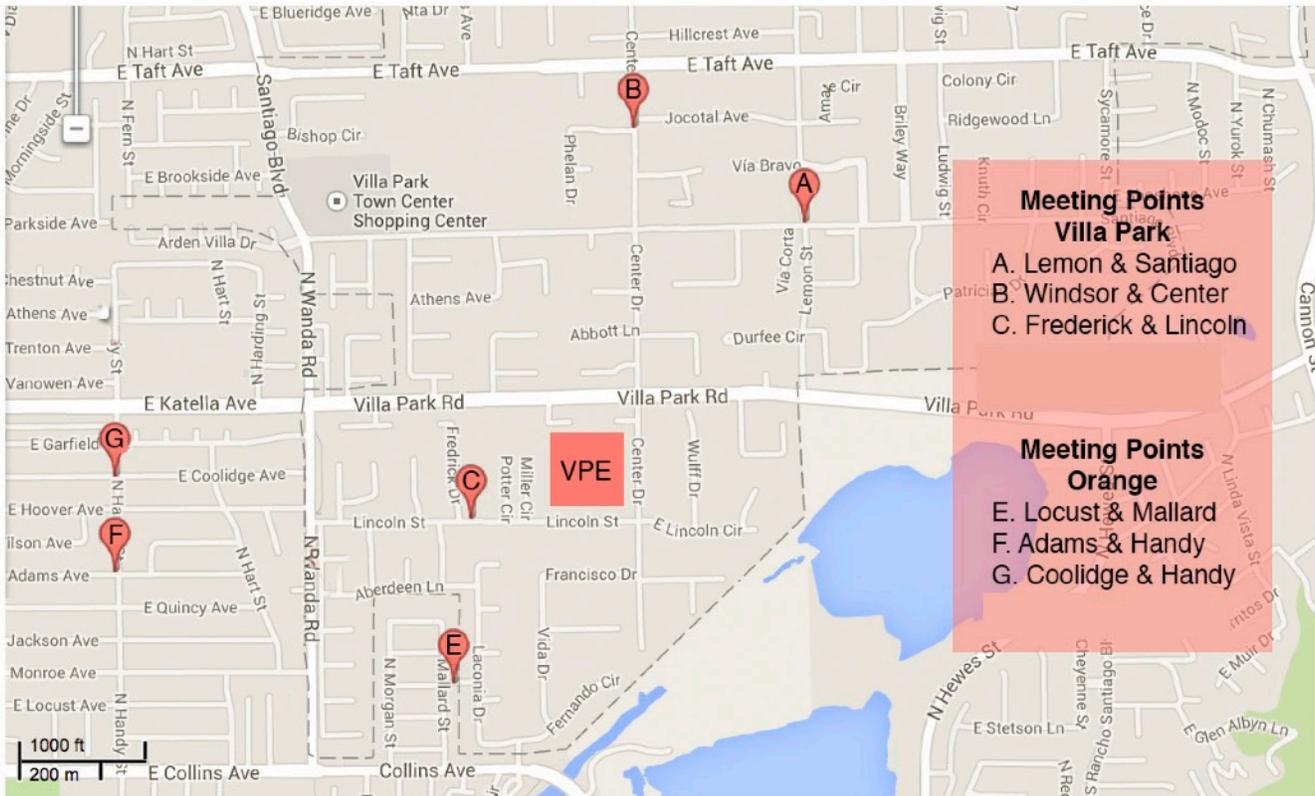
Dear VPE Parents,

International Walk-To-School day is coming up! On Wednesday October 2nd set your alarm clocks a little bit earlier and join in with other parents, students and staff for our walk to school event. Again this year we will be awarding the classroom with the highest level of participants the "Golden Shoe Award" and trophy. So come out and support your classroom! If you live too far to safely walk all the way to school, please consider driving to your closest meeting point and parking so you and your child can participate in the event. Additionally each participating child will receive a small bottled water and snack upon arrival at the school. We hope to see you there.



**VILLA PARK**  
**ELEMENTARY**

International Walk to School Day  
**It's Cool to  
Walk to School!**  
Join us  
October 2nd, 2019



VPE Families, Please join in the fun! If you live too far to walk to school or just want to have a great time walking with other students and families in our community, please drive to your nearest "Meeting Point" October 2nd, 7:30AM sharp to participate.



## 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!

## Information about School Absences

### Health Related Absences

The health and well-being of each child attending our school is very important to us. Although we emphasize good attendance for all students, we recognize children do get sick. Keeping ill children at home helps prevent the spread of disease and is essential for our students with impaired immune- systems. Please talk to your student about positive prevention techniques such as hand washing, coughing into the elbow, and refraining from sharing food and drink. If your child has a major or chronic health concern, please call the school and ask to speak with our school nurse so that we may support your child's needs at school. Doctor's notes are always welcome to document a medical absence and safe return to school. The following district guidelines can be helpful when determining if a child is well enough to attend school:

<b>Signs and Symptoms</b>	<b>Healthy &amp; Ready to Attend School</b>
Fever: 100 degrees or higher	No fever for 24 hours and child feels well again.
Runny nose with thick or colored secretions	No drainage for 24 hours and child feels well again
Diarrhea / Vomiting	No diarrhea and /or vomiting for 24 hours. Child feels well again and is able to eat.
Persistent ear ache and / or drainage; significant Sore throat and/or difficulty swallowing	Seek medical advice to determine if medication is needed. Child may return after 24 hours of prescribed medication and feels well again.
Redness of the eyes or eyelids, watery eyes, and/or discharge	Seek medical advice. Prescribed medication has been started and symptoms relieved. Or, a written medical release stating the child is not contagious.
Unusual spots, rashes, or oozing areas not associated with injury	Seek medical advice. A written medical release stating the child is not contagious is required.

# **6<sup>th</sup> Graders**

## **2020-21 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 2020-21 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.



In addition starting July 1 2019 all children will require a 2<sup>nd</sup> Varicella vaccine to enter

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

## Bobcat Picture day

Fall Picture Day is scheduled for  
Friday, September 20th

Make up Picture Day will be held  
Wednesday, October 23rd

## After School Enrichment Programs

Coming Soon... After School  
Programs! Be looking for the sign  
ups for the classes coming soon!

### 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/)

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



Thank you for helping! Clipped Box Tops are each worth 10¢ for your child's school. Bonus certificates should not be attached to this sheet - please submit them separately. To see more ways to earn cash for your child's school, go to [BTFE.com](https://www.btfec.com). See more collection sheets at [BTFE.com/collectionsheets](https://www.btfec.com/collectionsheets).

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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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