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Principal's Message

February Bobcat News

School Safety and Emergency Procedures

School safety for our students, staff and VPE community is the most important responsibility here at Villa Park Elementary. As we continue to reflect on our lockdown that took place at various OUSD schools including VPE in December, one area we believe we could improve in, is the sharing of emergency procedures with our families. In this article I would like to share information on how we practice for possible lockdowns, what types of situations would constitute a lockdown versus a shelter in place, how I will communicate with teachers and staff in the classroom as well as how we will communicate with parents.

First, we practice for all types of school emergencies. Our VPE students practice for fire, earthquake, and lockdown emergencies during various times of day. Scheduled drills occur during class time, recess, assemblies, you name it. We have an extensive plan in place for all levels of emergency. In regards to our lockdown and shelter in place procedures there are two levels of lockdown when there is a possible threat on campus. We will call an immediate lockdown whenever there is a possible threat on campus or to our campus.

On December 7th, 2018 we called an immediate lockdown, called the police, and notified the district we

were on lockdown. The lockdown was communicated through our campus wide PA system. When a lockdown is announced, lock blocks are immediately removed, the lights are turned off, and students move to a safe location away from visible windows. Students know not to open the door for anyone. In December, the lockdown was lifted to a shelter in place once the police arrived and deemed the campus not to be under immediate threat. During a shelter in place students and staff continue with instruction as usual however, they are to remain in locked classrooms and may not leave for any reason. If parents want to pick up their child during a shelter in place we are not able to release until the shelter in place has been lifted. This is for the safety of all children.

During emergencies the school uses the school messenger system to communicate with families. As soon as it is possible and safe I will notify parents we are sheltering in place. Please know that your children are safe at school as we have practiced for emergencies as well as received training on what to do in all types and levels of emergency.

I am also pleased to share that we have been able to purchase, through our School Plan for Student Achievement, a new set of walkie-talkies for all teachers and classrooms. This will assist with our ability to communicate effectively and efficiently during emergencies. If you ever have questions regarding our lockdown or shelter in place procedures please feel free to contact me.

Principal Beggs



Upcoming Events

February 2019

- 2/7 Spring Pictures
Gate Testing (3rd Grade)
5th Grade Field Trip-Nixon Library
4th Grade Field Trip-Irvine Park
- 2/8 Bobcat Spirit Day
- 2/12 Gate testing (6th Grade)
- 2/13 Boxtops Collection Day
Gate testing (4th & 5th Grade)
ELPAC Testing
- 2/14 Valentines Day (Class Parties)
- 2/15 NO SCHOOL
- 2/18 NO SCHOOL
- 2/19 Patriotic Music Performance (k-4)
- 2/21 H&S League Meeting (8:15 am)
5th Grade Field Trip - SAC
- 2/22 Teacher Treats (2nd Grade)
Imagination Machine Assembly
Bobcat Spirit Day
- 2/25-3/1 Read Across America Week
Student Rock River Project
- 2/25 School Site Council Meeting
- 2/26 McTeacher Night
- 2/27 Look Alike Spirit Day

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

VPE H&SL President

February is here, that means lots of preparation happening for our spring events. Please keep an eye out for information and the need to gather items for our Silent Auction. Thank you, Darren Tolliver for heading up our Silent Auction this year. With that said, you guessed it...it's almost carnival time. Mark your calendars for this year's Carnival that will take place on Friday April 12. In addition, the entire school will be painting rocks in coordination with Read Across America Week which is being organized by Kim Barks-Finamore. There are many things to look forward to this spring, don't miss out!

As always, I like to thank each and every family for their support of our VPE community. We are currently planning for next year and I encourage you to become involved with our H&SL. If you have an interest, we do have openings on our general and executive boards. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me, president@vpe-hsl.org.

Don't forget to keep collecting those box tops and shopping Amazon Smile... every little bit helps!

Please join us at our next H&SL meeting taking place Thursday, February 21st 8:15am-9:15am in the MPR. We always have a grade level presentation, principal's report and lots of great information to keep you in the loop! Siblings are always welcome, coffee and breakfast treats are served. Hope to see you there!

Warmly,

Michelle Gonzalez

President





Another lunch cart was delivered this month! Mrs. Miller received her beach theme cart. This cart was built and painted by four dads and their kids (Cary Facer, Julian Giacobbe, Andre Ausseresses, and Chris Kim). Special technique was used for painting the waves. What great teamwork they portrayed!





Raise! Hold! Fold! I check! These were the words we heard throughout the Dads Club Poker Night on Friday, February 1, 2019. We had a great turnout with 43 dads from VPE, Serrano, and Nohl Canyon that brought their poker face. Mark Kuli went over the basic rules on having fun, socializing, and winning. He kept all the players entertained and provided breaks for pizza. We enjoyed playful banter and doing what dads do best - poking fun at each other! The Villa Park City Hall had never heard this much laughter. Mark provided a total of 8 prizes ranging from an ice chest cooler with drinks to a Lenovo laptop. The prize every dad was going after was the child-size T-Shirt touting "MY DAD BEAT YOUR DAD AT POKER!" At 11 pm, an "All-In" strategy revealed the Fall 2018 Dads Club Poker winner, Mike Urbanski. Other VPE Dads that made it to the top 8 were Dave White (7th place), Nathan Houtz (5th place), and Manuel Cisneros (4th place). Thanks to all attended!



VPE Only One You Student Rock River Project

In coordination with Read Across America Week (February 25th-March 1st), Villa Park Elementary students will read the book "Only One You" by Linda Kranz. Each student will then paint a personal and unique river rock to be placed in a dry rock river on campus. The book teaches the children the importance of being yourself, sharing of intergenerational wisdom and making the world a better place by appreciating what is around us.

During the month of February, if you or your business would like to place a tax free donation towards this project, VPE is a registered 501(c)(3), ID # 23-7271436.

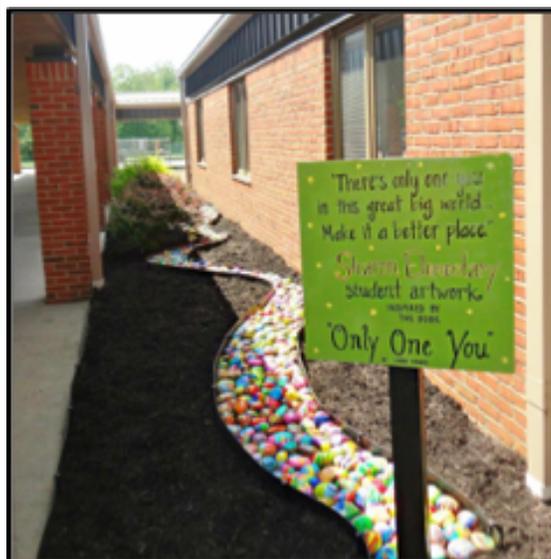
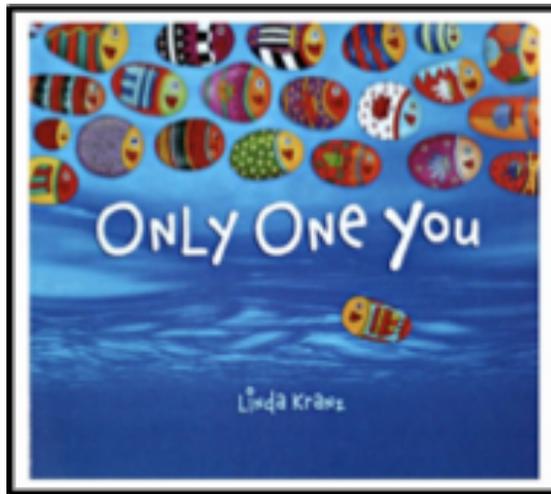
Please make checks payable to: VPE H&SL

The following is a list of the items and services we need:

650 River River Rocks - Acrylic Paints and Brushes - Parent Volunteers - Paint Tarps and Aprons - Landscaping Labor - Garden Edging - Signage - Landscape Design - Cash and Gift Card Donations.

All Donations will be recognized on VPE Social Media, Company Logo printed on the project signage, and recognition in the Bobcat Newsletter.

For questions or further information please contact VPE H&SL Project Chairperson



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We are very excited about this and welcome your participation or suggestions of speakers you may be able to put us in contact with for this event.



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Each presentation will be approximately 30-35 minutes in length. We are hoping that the speaker will include:

- Why you went into this career
- Special training required
- Job duties
- How you are using reading, writing, math skills in your career
- What you like best/least about your job
- Time for some questions and answers

If you would consider participating, or know someone else who might like to be a presenter, please complete the form on the reverse side and the Career Day Committee will follow up with you. The great thing about our community is that we have so many parents with interesting career experiences that we look forward to hearing back from you!

Sincerely,

VPE Staff

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

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



On July 1, 2011, California Assembly Bill 354 requires that all 7th 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!!! **Wednesday, February 13th will be our next free money collection date.**

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

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION **SHOW LOVE FOR YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL WITH BOX TOPS!**

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.

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5th Grade Updates

Community Discount Card Sales will begin next week! Please look for a flyer coming home in your student's backpack! We are excited to offer some new discounts along with our previous year's favorites! If you have a favorite 5th Grader, please note their name on your order form so they will receive credit in their 5th Grade Fundraising account!

McTeacher Night will be held on February 26th! Come see your favorite VPE staff members behind the counter at McDonald's! Raffle's, friends and yummy food!

See's Candy will be sold by VPE 5th Graders for your Easter Baskets! No need to wait in lines at the See's Candy Stores, you can simply place your order and it will be delivered right to school for you to take home before Easter. Be looking for order forms to come home in the next couple of weeks.

Carnival

Mark your calendars- Friday, April 12th will be our annual school carnival and auction! This year's theme will be **"VPE's Country Fair!"** Come out and enjoy some good and old-fashioned country fair fun!



Join VPE teachers and friends at your neighborhood McDonald's!

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

4200 East Chapman Avenue, Orange



Come enjoy a great meal
and help your school raise funds!

*A portion of sales from McTeacher's Night
will be donated to VPE 5th Grade Fundraising!*



Silent Auction Items Needed!

Can You Help?

VPE's Silent Auction is 2 months away and I am heading into overdrive. First, a big thank you to those who have already helped secure items for the auction. I have secured some great items as well and am waiting for responses from local and national corporate companies.

What can you do to help? I am glad you asked. Maybe you have a connection with someone who has a *time share, or tickets to an Angels game, or concert. Maybe a night stay at a local hotel? If you know someone who can get electronics, I would love to get a flat screen TV, or Ipod shuffle. Or, perhaps you have a favorite salon, dog groomer, restaurant, theme park, Spa etc. that you frequent and don't mind asking them if they would like to donate for the auction the next time you are there.*

My goal is to have at least 80% of the items set in the next month. Thank you in advance to our parents for your donations to our class baskets and the room parents for putting them together. The baskets are popular items every year, and they are stress free items for me. If you have an item or service that you would like to donate, please don't hesitate to email me. I am happy to run out and get them, provide our Tax ID# and receipt if needed.

Thank you all in advance for your support of our annual Silent Auction!

Darren Tolliver: dtolliver@yahoo.com

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

*Reminder, Soft Cover yearbooks go up in price on March 30th.



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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