



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

Upcoming Events:

November 2019

- 11/13 Blood Drive
- Mustache Workshop-MPR
- 11/14 Fire Drill
- 11/15 Student Minimum Day
- Jog-A-Thon
- End of Trimester
- Bobcat Spirit Day
- 11/18-22 Art Masters Lessons
- 11/20 5th Grade City Days
- 11/21 H&SL Meeting, 8:15 am
- 2nd Grade Field Trip
- 4th Grade General Store
- ELAC
- Parent Ed Night
- 11/22 Fizzy Friday
- Bobcat Spirit Day
- Teacher Treats, Hosted by 4th Grade
- SOTM
- 6th Grade City Day
- 11/25-29 Thanksgiving Break

H&SL Meeting

11/21

at 8:15 am in the MPR Room

Principal's Message

November Bobcat News

Sports for Learning at VPE

This school year we are trying out a new lunch recess program for ten weeks. Sports for Learning provides additional structure to our lunch recess keeping students active and engaged in sports. Our first sport is soccer. Each grade level has the opportunity to work with Sports for Learning coaches one time per week.

	Monday	Thursday	Friday
12:00 - 12:30	4th Grade	5th Grade	6th Grade
12:30 - 1:00	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade

Students can choose to participate when they want to and are not required to participate every week. This is a great opportunity for students to build their sportsmanship and teamwork skills. Students receive positive reinforcement to encourage perseverance and support social emotional wellness. The coaches work to integrate STEM concepts within each game to show students that science can be part of almost anything you do. This is just another way we provide enrichment and promote the development of the whole child here at VPE.

Go bobcats!



VPE H&SL President

November 2019

November is here, and it's really starting to feel like fall! October was so busy...it's my hope that this month we have time to slow down and enjoy some quality time with family and friends.

Speaking of family and friends, please be sure to spread the word to one and all about our upcoming TURKEY TROT jog-a-thon! This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and it has the potential to do big things for us at VPE! I am super excited to announce that the success of this year's jog-a-thon will get us the shade structure we've been waiting for. Installation is scheduled for winter break...as long as we have the funds! PLEASE register on Pledgestar and send 10 emails today! We are seeking 100% participation! Jog-a-thon pledges also fund Art Masters, PE, K-4th music, assemblies, and more. Your dollars work hard at VPE, so please don't miss this chance to be a part of something great! HUGE thanks to Maria Griswold and Veronica Tarnofsky for their amazing dedication to making this year's Turkey Trot more exciting than ever!

We kicked off last month with another super fun Walk to School Day. It's always awesome to see the sidewalks full of parents and kids happily walking to school. Thank you to Kim Barks Finamore for organizing this event!

October also brought with it the fall book fair. Encouraging a love of reading is one of the best things we can do to help our children's minds grow. Thank you to Maria Griswold for making the book fair happen!

Fall Family Night is another treasured October tradition. VPE families started the evening with our first-ever trunk-or-treat in the back parking lot, and it was so cool! Safe to say we'll be bringing that back next year! The fun continued with games, crafts, food, and of course the chili competition! We finished the night by watching Toy Story 4 under the stars. Thank you Donna Czekalski for giving us a night to remember. And thanks to all of the VPE families who attended. It was a lot of fun!

The fun continued for VPE parents the following week at the annual Parent Mixer. Thank you to Susan Somerndike for organizing the event, and thanks to The Post for hosting!

The VPE Dads Club hosted its first Work Day of the year on October 27th. Thank you, Dads Club president Ryan Dierking, for making it happen! We are lucky to have a community of dads who are dedicated to improving our campus!

Please be sure to mark your calendar for the next Home & School League meeting on Thursday, November 21 at 8:15 a.m. in the MPR. The coffee will be hot, the snacks will be tasty, and the company will be second to none. Hope to see you there!

THANK YOU, Bobcat Families, for making VPE great. We really have a special thing going here, and as we enter the holiday season I would like to express my gratitude to the people who make this school feel like home.

Go Bobcats! Sincerely,

Erin Flynn

VPE-H&SL President





Hello Bobcat Dads!

What a month October has been for the VPE Dads Club!

Our first poker night of the school year was Friday, October 25th at Villa Park City Hall. This was our biggest turn out ever with over 80 dads. It was a night of poker, drinks, pizza, prizes and most importantly getting to know your fellow VPE dads. This was a great community event! A HUGE thank you to Mark Kuli for putting together a great night had by all!

Villa Park Elementary Fall Work Day was Sunday October 27th and it was a BIG day making our school a better place. We had a GREAT turn out and accomplished a lot of beautification projects for our teachers and staff. THANK YOU to all the Dad's, Mom's, Students and Future Students that came out and helped. We will have another workday coming up in 2020 and we hope to see you there.

Here is a list of a few Dad's club dates to put on your calendar:

- November 13, Wednesday – Mustache Workshop @ VPE
(5th and 6th grade dads & sons)
- November / December Dads Club Meeting – To Be
Announced

We had a great turn out for our October Meeting at Chapman Crafted Beer. Thanks to everyone that came. We will be having a meeting coming up in between the Holidays. Keep an eye out for future emails with more information. We hope to see you all at a VPE-DC event soon!

Ryan Dierking
Dad's Club President
vpedadsclub@gmail.com

PS. We post a lot of photos and information on our Facebook group '**VPE Dads Club**'. Follow us to stay up to date on everything going on.



Our Annual Bike Rodeo was a great success!!!

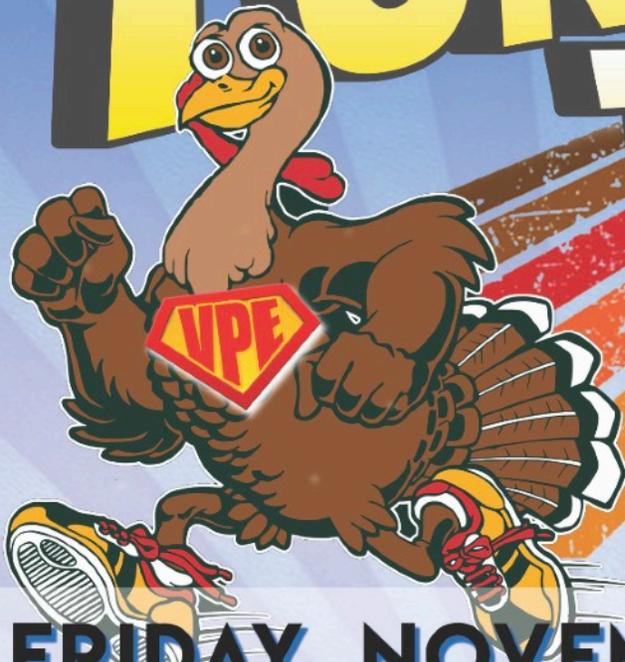
First of all, thank you to the Sheriff Department and Investigator Miranda for teaching our students about bike safety!!!! Thank you to Mrs. Beggs and all our 3rd grade teachers for allowing our students this wonderful experience. Thank you to all the parents who came out that day to help and support this amazing event as it has become a right of passage for our 3rd graders. We are happy to see our students in the morning putting into practice what they learned last month. As a note to parents, please be cautious of our students riding their bikes in the mornings and afternoons as some of them are still trying to maneuver around to get to and from school safely.



VILLA PARK ELEMENTARY

TURKEY TROT

JOG-A-THON



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2019

The Turkey Trot is our biggest fundraiser! VPE students collect pledges and run laps to raise money for our school.

Start collecting
pledges TODAY!



www.pledgestar.com/villapark

GET READY FOR
FUN, FITNESS AND
FANTASTIC PRIZES!!

See back for details.

Students who Register & Send 10 emails on PledgeStar by October 20th will be entered in the **DAILY RAFFLE** to WIN a \$10 Amazon Gift Card.

Daily raffle will be held the week of October 21st.



ONE WEEK UNTIL THE TURKEY TROT!

THE TOP-PERFORMING UPPER- AND LOWER-GRADE
CLASSES WIN A PARTY!

HERE ARE YOUR CURRENT LEADERS:

LOWER GRADES: MRS. URBANSKI's 2nd GRADE CLASS

UPPER GRADES: MRS. WILLIAMS' 5TH GRADE CLASS

ANYONE CAN WIN! HELP YOUR CLASS
TAKE OVER THE LEAD TODAY!

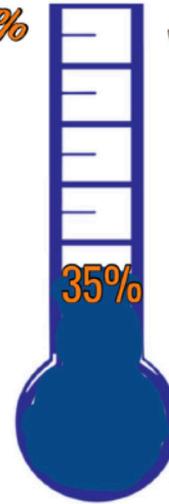
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2019 TURKEY TROT
JOG-A-THON**



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**2019 Jog-A-Thon Schedule
Friday, November 15**

7:50-8:15 - Chick-Fil- A Cow Greets Students
8:00-8:10 - Jog-A-Thon Kick Off Ceremony- Mrs.Beggs and Student Council
8:10-8:15 - 6th grade classes go through the parent/teacher tunnel.

Running Schedule

Grade	Warm-Up	Jog	Cool-Down
6	8:15-8:25	8:25-8:40	8:45
5	8:30-8:40	8:45-9:00	9:05
3	8:55-9:05	9:10-9:25	9:30
1	9:15-9:25	9:30-9:45	9:50
2	9:35-9:45	9:50-10:05	10:10
4-6 Recess	10:00-10:15	Recess	Recess
K-3 Recess	10:20-10:40	Recess	Recess
4	10:20-10:30	10:30-10:45	10:50
K	10:40-10:50	10:50-11:00	11:05
K-6*	11:10 School Picture		



*11:10-12:00 All Students please return to field for aerial School Picture with drone.

Parent Mixer

Thank you to everyone who came out to Parent Mixer for a fun social evening and to help raise funds for our VPE H&SL. The night was a huge success raising over \$2000 while giving VPE parents a chance to get to know one another better. A big THANK YOU to Rockwell's Bakery, Café and Bar for hosting our 2019 Parent Mixer! The service was wonderful and the food and atmosphere made for a perfect evening. And of course, the basket raffle was a huge success!! Thank you to everyone who helped make this VPE annual event fun and successful!!

Basket Winners:

Kindergarten Disneyland Basket- John Smith

1st grade Let's go shopping- Nancy Savage

2nd grade Lottery Tickets- Beth Kneubuhl

3rd grade Game Night- Julie Goldberg

4th Grade Gift Cards- Labat Family

5th grade Date Night – Marion Sistwuh

6th grade Cash Pig- Gray Family

Spirit Wear Jhoana Lopez

VPE H&SL Holiday Basket- Kim Parker



News from the Front Office



Please be sure to check the Lost and Found outside the gate on the cart to see if any of your child's items might have been left behind, Thank you!



Fall/Winter OUSD Parent and Family Engagement Workshops 5 Part Series: College and Beyond and Child Safety

The Orange Unified School District, Department of Accountability, Equity, and Engagement is pleased to offer the OUSD Fall/Winter Parent & Family Engagement Workshops. The institute's objectives are to provide parents with information and tools on how to prepare their student for college and career and keep their children safe in a 21st century environment.



Modules	Presenter (s)	Audience	Description	Date/Time/Location
Session 1: Navigating OUSD Parent Portal and Online Resources	OUSD Paul Flores	Parents of K-12 Grade Students	This workshop will share with parents how to access the OUSD Parent Portal. It will provide families with the tools and understanding of navigating student assessment results, grades, schedules, and learning resources.	November 19, 2019 6:00-7:30 Orange Unified District Boardrooms
Session 2: Pathways to College & Career	OUSD Beth Rodenbucher	Parents of 4-10 Grade Students But, ALL Families are Welcome!	Come and find out how OUSD prepares your student for college and career with the many career pathways available at our high schools!	December 5, 2019 6:00-7:30 Orange Unified District Boardrooms
Session 3: Bullying and Cyberbullying	WTLC Tania Trujillo & Morelia Rodriguez	Parents of K-12 Grade Students	During this workshops families will understand the severity and prevalence of cyberbullying and bullying. It will provide families proactive steps they can take to help prevent and protect their students from becoming targets of bullying.	January 17, 2020 9:00-10:30 Orange Unified District Boardrooms
Session 4: Preventing youth vaping, drug, tobacco and alcohol use	OCDE Michael Chavez	Parents of K-12 Grade Students	This one-hour workshop is designed to provide an overview of current drug trends, risks, and protective factors, as well as equip parents with the knowledge, skills, and strategies to identify and prevent youth drug use.	January 28, 2020 9:00-10:30 Orange Unified District Boardrooms
Session 5: Getting into College & Financial Aid	OUSD Beth Rodenbucher	Parents of 6-12 Grade Students But, ALL Families are Welcome!	Preparing your student for college can be difficult to navigate. This workshop will provide families with an overview of the timeline and process of applying to college as well as an introduction to the various types of financial aid available.	January 30, 2020 6:00-7:30 Orange Unified District Boardrooms

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 re-register - 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

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You shop. Amazon gives.

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.

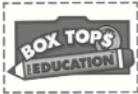
SCAN TOTALS ON THIS SIDE



- ▶ 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¢ 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:



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

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."



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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