

OCTOBER 2019

The Vadnais Voice



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Dear Vadnais Heights Families:

When I think of October I think about hot cider, caramel apples, carving pumpkins, harvest moons and hayrides - I also think of our Be Great Run, fire drills, first assessments, and field trips. We are one month into the school year and everything is into full swing. As your children arrive at school each day, it's wonderful to see them excited to enter and anxious to connect with friends in their classroom family. If things aren't running smooth for your child, please know that we are here to help.

On October 3rd our school is hosting an informational session on the 2019 Bond Referendum. Our superintendent, Dr. Wayne Kazmierczak, will be sharing information and answering your questions. Our hope, at Vadnais Heights Elementary, is that all of our families will vote on November 5th. There are two main questions that we are asked and our district has put two videos together to answer the questions of [Why](#) do we need a bond referendum and [What](#) will be different if it passes. They are short videos yet there is a lot of great information. If you still have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me or come and join in on the conversation on October 3rd.



Fall is in the air and our chiller and boiler can't always keep up with the changing temperatures. Please send a sweatshirt, sweater or jacket because as the temperature shifts outside, it takes some time for the temperature inside to find the comfort zone. A sweatshirt may be the best tool to help your child focus on math, reading and other great learning instead of being too cold or too hot. Thanks for your help!

Sincerely,
Sara Svir

Hmong: LUS CEEB TOOM! Yog koj xav tau tsev kawm ntawv cov ntawv txhais ua lus Hmoob, thov hu rau Mas Lias Xyooj los yog Xw Xyooj. (651) 407-7623

Spanish: ATENCIÓN: Si usted necesita hablar con una persona que hable Español, por favor, llame al (651) 407-7625.



Building Bond 2019 Referendum Update

On November 5, White Bear Lake Area School District residents will vote whether to provide funding for building needs across the district. If approved, the bond funding would provide space for our growing enrollment, improve school safety and security, address deferred maintenance needs and update classrooms for more flexible learning spaces.

We invite you to become familiar with the bond referendum, which impacts all of our buildings and students. We will provide updates throughout the fall via e-newsletters, voicedrops and social media. Please watch for these updates and familiarize yourself with the information.

The district will also host the following Bond Referendum Public Meetings:

- **7 p.m. on Tues, Sept. 24** at District Center, 4855 Bloom Ave, WBL
- **7 p.m. on Wed, Oct. 2** at Hugo Elementary, 14895 Francesca Ave N, Hugo
- **7 p.m. on Thurs, Oct. 3** at Vadnais Heights Elementary, 3645 Centerville Rd, VH

The district's website - www.isd624.org/Bond2019 - houses the most complete and up-to-date information regarding the bond referendum.

[2019 Bond Referendum: Why \(video\)](#)

[2019 Bond Referendum: What \(video\)](#)



ATTENDANCE

Academic success and regular attendance go together. Frequent student absences or tardies disrupt the learning process. It is in the best interest of your child's education if appointments can be made to avoid school hours. Please make sure regular attendance is your goal. If you are going to be absent or late coming to school, call the Attendance Line at: 653-2859.




Lifetouch photo retakes will be taken on Tuesday, October 15th.



November Conference sign up:

Parent/Teacher Conferences are on **Thursday, November 14th from 4:30-8:00 pm** and **Monday, November 18th from 4:30-8:00 pm**. The online sign up for November conferences will open on **Monday, October 14th at 7:00 am**. You will login into Skyward. On the left side of the page select the "Conference" button. Then select "All Conferences". Under "Status" select "select a time". View the dates and times available, select the time you would like for your student.

Important Dates

October 3rd	Public Meeting-Bond Referendum 7-8pm
October 7th	NO SCHOOL - Teacher Work Day
October 8th-11th	White Bear Center of the Arts
October 8 th -10 th	Fire Prevention Week
October 14th	Conference scheduling opens at 7:00 AM
October 14th and 15th	5th Grade to Camp St. Croix
October 15th	Lifetouch picture retakes
October 22nd	Kindergarten to Tamarack Nature Center
October 18 th & 19 th	NO SCHOOL - Education Minnesota
October 21st -25th	Art Residency with Lisa Servatius
October 23rd	Unity Day - Wear Orange
October 31st	 VHES BE GREAT Run - 2 PM Volunteers Needed- Information Available Soon 
<i>Looking ahead</i>	
November 5th	No School - Teacher Work Day
November 8th	End of the 1st quarter
November 11-14th	White Bear Center of the Arts
November 14th and 18th	Parent/Teacher Conferences 11/14 - 4:30-8:00 PM No School- 11/18 - 4:30-8:00 PM
November 21st	4th grade to Orchestra Hall
November 21st	PTO meeting-6:30 pm
November 27 - 29 No School	



First Month of School!

Field trip to Tamarack Nature Center, meeting new friends, and reading with our buddy classes.

Tamarack Nature Center





Reading with Buddy classes

Math

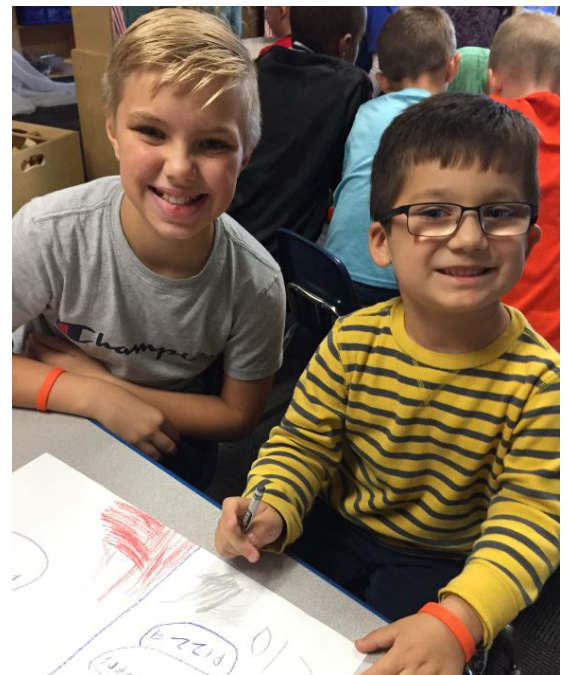




3rd Grade tie dying



Kindergarten studying apples





2019-2020 Academic Achiever @ V.H.E.S.

Sponsored by the Mahtomedi Rotary Club

Grace Her is a wonderful fifth grade student and a very caring person. We are extremely lucky to have her as part of our Vadnais Heights family. She goes above and beyond to help others. One example of this is donating her time at the end of the day to help a kindergartner board the bus. She is also a school safety patrol and takes these duties very seriously. She helps her fellow classmates on a daily basis and is helpful to her teachers, as well. Grace works hard in the classroom and takes pride in her accomplishments. She is respectful and responsible in all that she does, which sets an excellent example for her peers. Grace is an amazing person and we are so lucky to have her here at Vadnais Heights Elementary.

Are you ready for the **COLOR EXPLOSION** coming to Vadnais Heights Elementary?

The VHES **BE GREAT** Run is October 31st at 2 PM!

Students can prepare for the run/walk by joining the **Vadnais Heights Elementary Run Club**. This **free** club for students in Grades 1-5 will be led by Mr. Theissen and other staff members. It will be held after school on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:40-4:30 PM. It began on Monday, September 24th and goes through Wednesday, October 24th. Please register by calling the main office at 651-653-2858. If you have questions please E-mail Mark Theissen at mark.theissen@isd624.org

From The Health Office : 651-653-2695

Fall has arrived and with that comes a virtual cornucopia of illnesses. Please make sure your child is dressed properly for the weather, they are eating healthy meals and snacks, and that they get to bed at a reasonable time.

The White Bear Lake Area School District follows the General Practice of:

- If a student has a temperature of 100 degrees or more, the student should stay home for 24 hours after the temperature returns to normal and remains normal without fever reducing medicines.
- If a student has vomited or had diarrhea, the student should stay home until 24 hours after the last episode.
- If a student has had any rash that may be disease related or the course is unknown, check with the child's physician before sending the child to school.
- If your child is ill, please call the Attendance Line daily to report the child as absent and also to report the reason for the absence.

Parents, if your child will be absent, or even if your child will be arriving late to school, please call the **ATTENDANCE LINE 651-653-2859** any time-day or night- and leave a message as to your child's absence.

Please feel free to send an email to this address if your child will be absent or even late to school. attendancevadnais@isd624.org

Parents, if you are planning a trip and your child will be absent, please submit a note beforehand, or an e-mail beforehand to ***both your child's teacher and our building Principal.*** (sara.svir@isd624.org)

Did you know?

- Studies show a direct link between regular school attendance and academic achievement
- Elementary age children with poor attendance records are more likely to experience difficulty in core subjects.
- Elementary schools may refer any child living in Ramsey County to the **School Attendance Matters (SAM) Program** if that child has been absent 5 or more days during a school year without lawful excuse.



Safety Information Night

Presentation Intended for Parents Only

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

5:30 - 6:30 p.m. FREE Dinner

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Breakout Sessions

WBLAHS - South Campus

(3551 McKnight Road, White Bear Lake)

Attend and learn about the following topics:

- Mental Health Overview
- Human Trafficking
- Internet Safety
- Youth Drug Trends and Awareness
- Teen Driving Laws and Safety

This FREE Information Night is for adults only.

Free childcare available for those in need.

Children must be 3 years old and older and potty-trained.

*To register for daycare, please email JVette@whitebearlake.org
and include your children's names and ages.*

Questions? Contact Sergeant John Vette at 651-429-8511.

Thank you to our partners: Northeast Youth & Family Services and
Washington County Attorney & Sheriff's Department

No School:

October 7th

October 17th -

18th

November 5th

November 18th

November 27th- 29th

