

MARCH 2020

The Vadnais Voice



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Dear Vadnais Heights Families,

It's Friday, almost spring and it's a leap year! Did you know that every year divisible by 4 is a leap year? On Saturday, 2/29 or Leap Day, take time with your kids to figure out how old they'll be on the next leap year or have them create a Leap Day Card for someone special. Whatever you do, enjoy the wonderful weekend ahead.

Spring Break is right around the corner, too. We have one more full week of snow, I mean school, and everybody has a break beginning 3/7 and returning 3/16. If your family will be out of town beyond those dates, please email me to ensure we are accurately marking your child's attendance.

I'd like to invite all parents to come and join us for the PTO meeting on Thursday, March 19th at 6:30 PM, in our Learning Commons. Everyone is welcome and as we begin planning for the 2020-2021 school year, we'd love to hear ideas and suggestions for events, fundraising and how our Parent/Teacher Organization may best support our school. If you're unable to attend yet have ideas or questions, I'm always available by email or happy to set up a time to visit.

Our Carnival will be on April 4th and that means the students will have Spirit Week (dress up days) beginning on 3/30 through 4/3. This is a great event and fundraiser, for the PTO, and I hope you will all plan to attend. Bring family, neighbors and friends and if you're able to volunteer a couple hours of your time, please go to the PTO website to sign up for whatever sounds fun.

The MN Comprehensive Assessments (MCA's) are coming up in April for our students in grades 3-5 and you will help your child to be prepared if they continue to work on their skills. As Dr. Seuss said, "Reading can take you places you have never been before." No matter whether you're home or traveling over break, there are adventures, for each and every student, in books.

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



Important Dates

Date	Activity
March 2nd- 6th	Dr. Seuess' Birthday Week - Celebrated w/ Dress Up Days: Mon: Favorite COLOR Wed: Wacky Clothes Thurs: Hat Day Tues: PURPLE & GOLD & Hair Day Fri: Wocket in Pocket
March 9th-13th	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break - Whether you're traveling or relaxing - ENJOY time with your kids!
March 16th	2nd gr.(Ms. Aubin) starts swimming at the Y
March 19th	PTO meeting 6:30-8 PM – VHES Learning Commons
March 23rd -27th	Art with Lisa Servatius
April 3rd	End of 3rd Quarter
April 3rd	5th gr. Orchestra:Lock in 4:30-8:30 PM
April 4th	VHES Carnival 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Games - Prizes - Food - Raffles Come support our school - Fun for the whole family! Volunteer at: http://bit.ly/VHESCarnival 



Emergency Response Plan

The District has an emergency response plan that was created in consultation with local community emergency response agencies. A copy of the plan is located in each building's main office and summaries are located in classroom and public spaces. If you would like to review the plan, please call the building principal.

2019-2020 Yearbooks

There has been an excellent response to purchasing the 2019-2020 yearbooks. There are a limited number left so get your order in soon! You can either pay online through FeePay or send cash/check for \$20 to the office. If you have questions please call Mrs. Deuel at 651-653-2858.

Kari Thimjon - Glasrud Family Fellowship Winner!

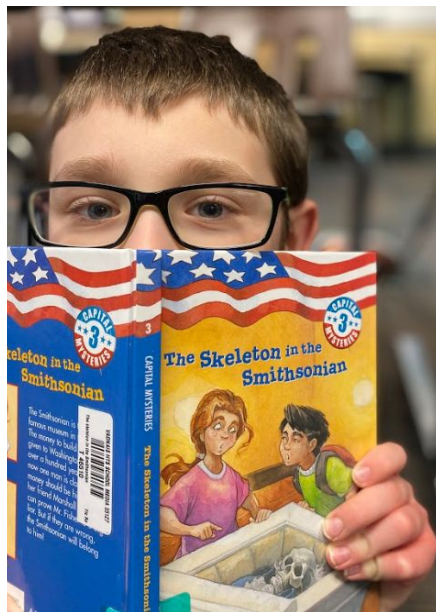
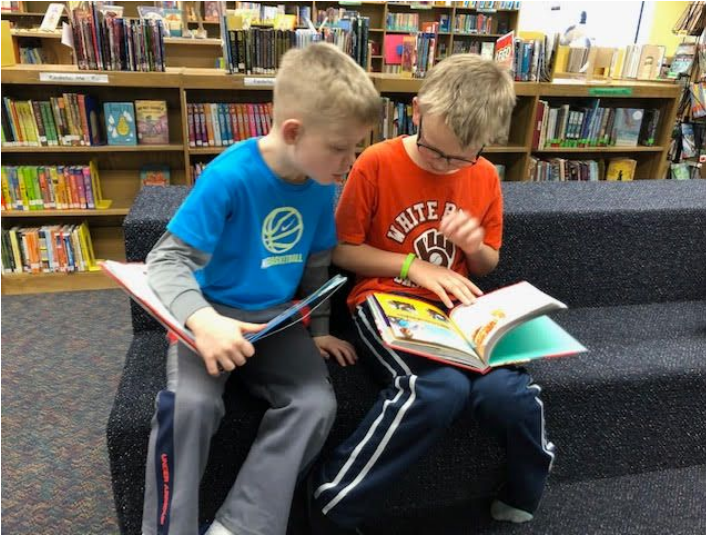
In 2004, Ted Glasrud, a 1933 graduate of White Bear High School, and his family made a generous contribution to the Foundation by establishing the Ted Glasrud Family Endowment. Mr. Glasrud was instrumental in helping to organize and create School District 624 and acted as the first School District 624 School Board Attorney. Ted Glasrud and his wife, Lorraine Glasrud, along with their children Sharon Glasrud, Theodore G. Glasrud, and Debra Lentsch, asked that the Glasrud Family Gift be used to create annual Glasrud Family "Fellowships" for teachers within School District 624. Grants are awarded to teachers for personal professional growth with the hope that these awards will allow teachers to pursue professional development which would otherwise not be possible.

Kari Thimjon, Vadnais Heights 3rd Grade Teacher, was awarded a Glasrud Fellowship and she will be traveling to New Zealand this coming summer. She'll be visiting schools and connecting with educators to collect ideas to bring back to our school and district to benefit students in White Bear Lake. Congratulations Ms. Thimjon!

100th Day of School



I L♥ve to Read Month



Global Day of Play





Art with Mr. Kyle.....



Institute of Art

Students traveled to the Minneapolis Institute of Art to see the pieces they had learned about in their classrooms in January. A big thank you to those who volunteered to present the art to our students and to the PTO for providing the funding for transportation.



The VHES Carnival is Here!

Saturday, April 4th, 2020

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM



Each year, this event helps raise funds for the school's literacy programs, classroom supplies, equipment, technology, Learning Commons and book purchases, as well as scholarships, maintenance and much more. But, we can't do it without your support! We have lots of opportunities for you to support this event. Host a game, help sell tickets or food, or donate an item for concessions or raffles!

To volunteer or sign up to donate an item from the list visit:

<http://bit.ly/VHESCarnival>

Important Dates to Remember

Friday, March 27th : Remember to sign up for a volunteer spot!
Food/concession donations due

Week of March 30 - April 3 Student raffle drawings each day. Turn in raffle tickets and money all week

Monday, March 30· *Spirit Week - Hat Day*

Tuesday , March 31· *Spirit Week - PJ Day*

Wednesday, April 1· *Spirit Week - Jersey Day*

Thursday, April 2· *Spirit Week - Mismatch Day*

- Family candy and "junk food" donations due

Friday, April 3· *Spirit Week - White Bear Lake/Wear Orange/Black Day*

- Grand Prize Awards for Top 3 Raffle Ticket Sellers
- Please return all raffle tickets and money· Carnival prep work in afternoon and evening



Class Selection Process

Vadnais staff members spend a great deal of time placing students in class groups for the next school year. Our primary concern is to establish productive, heterogeneous classrooms where each child can be provided with the opportunity to be

successful and challenged to do their best work. In doing this several factors are considered:

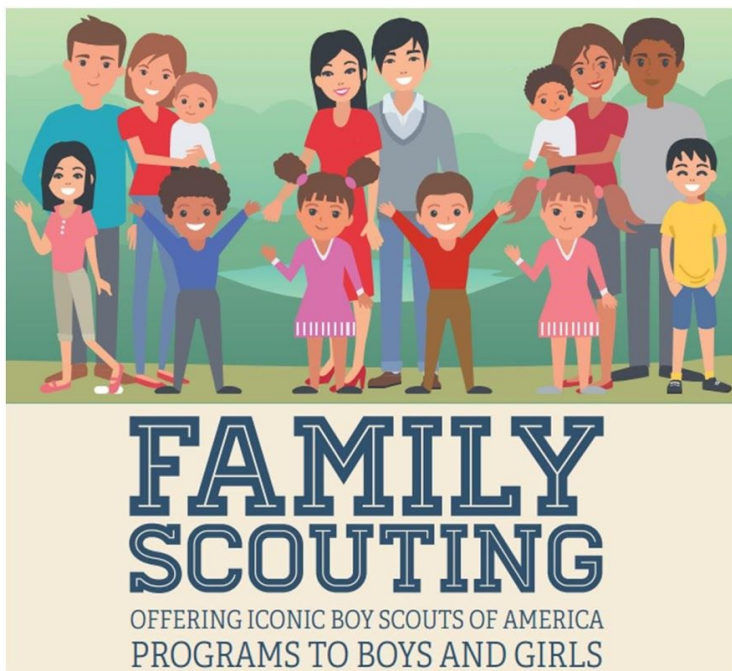
- Learning style of the student
- Educational factors both academic and social
- Heterogeneous groupings in all classrooms including ethnic groups, gender, academic achievement, learning styles discipline concerns and birth date
- Personality conflicts
- Balanced class size
- Recommendations from current teacher

Parent requests - If you'd like to share your child's learning style or teaching style that best meets the needs of your child, please submit this information, in writing, to the principal, sara.svir@isd624.org, by **April 24th**.

Please do not request a specific teacher and know that our staff will make every effort to consider all factors when making student placements. If you do not submit a request, be assured that every child will be given care and consideration towards their placement.

Parents must be aware that the final responsibility and authority for all class placements rests with the principal. Consideration will be given to all factors noted above yet no assurances can be given that parental requests will be granted. Requests for placement for the next school year must be submitted to the principal by April 24th, 2020. Thank you.





**Cub Scouting now
offers opportunities for
boys AND girls
from Kindergarten
through 5th Grade!**

**Contact Craig Flor
for more information:**

florx003@umn.edu 612.282.4610

sites.google.com/view/pack9212



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Vadnais Heights Lions Belgian Waffle Breakfast

Sunday, April 5th 8 AM -1 PM

Seniors \$7 63+ Adults \$8 15-62 Kids \$4 6-14 Li'l Kids Free 0-5

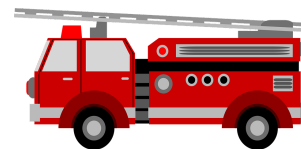
Bake Sale

Lions for Special Olympics

Diabetes Awareness Info

Can-Do-Canines

Used Eyeglasses & Hearing Aid Collection



Fire Truck Tours

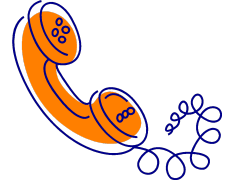
Smoke-House

Vadnais Heights Commons - 655 East County Road F

Attendance / Absence - What you NEED to Know

Please call the ATTENDANCE LINE before 9:00 AM to report if your child will be late or absent.

Attendance Phone line: 651-653-2859



If we do not hear from you by 10:00 AM, it is our practice to call your home or work number to determine the whereabouts of your child. If a student arrives at school after 10:15 AM or leaves school before 2:40 PM they will be considered absent for $\frac{1}{2}$ of the school day. Three unexcused tardies will be considered $\frac{1}{2}$ day unexcused absence. You will be notified if your child has missed 7 or more days within the current school year.

Taking a Vacation?

Regular attendance is very important to your child's success at school. If your child is going to be missing school because of a vacation or a trip, please have this approved ahead of time. Vacation requests should be submitted to Principal Svir by calling 651-653-2693 or e-mailing sara.svir@isd624.org Vacations may be considered unexcused if the family has been alerted to an attendance issue or if not pre-approved by the Principal.

Target Your Efforts for State Tests

Testing Dates:

Reading April 14th and 15th - Grades 3, 4 and 5 (9:30-11:30 AM)

Math April 21st and 22nd - Grades 3, 4 and 5 (9:30-11:30 AM)

Science April 29th and 30th - Grade 5 students only (9:30-11:30 AM)

**** Attendance is critical and we appreciate your efforts to schedule other appointments around the testing dates and times.**

Testing Tips:

- Get plenty of rest each night before testing
- Eat breakfast and drink plenty of water
- Be calm and count to ten if you are stressed or nervous
- Listen carefully to test taking instructions
- Parents- Please encourage your child to do their very best work



PHALEN FREEZE FEST

Bundle up and join us on Lake Phalen for an annual celebration of winter. Free and open to all!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29
1:00-4:00PM

PHALEN LAKESIDE ACTIVITIES CENTER
1530 PHALEN DR, SAINT PAUL, MN 55106

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

- Ice Fishing • Fire building • Arts & crafts
- Cooking over a fire • Snow shoeing • Story stroll • and more!

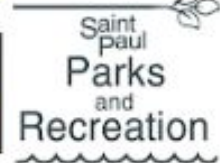
PARKING INFORMATION: The lot by the activity center will be prioritized for people with limited mobility. Shuttles will be available between the Activities Center to Phalen Recreation Center and the Phalen Golf Course. Parking spots are limited in these lots so carpooling is highly recommended.

Saint Paul Public Schools is not sponsoring, endorsing, or recommending the activities announced in this flyer and no child will be turned away due to inability to pay.

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No School in March these days...

Spring Break - March 9-13

