

NOVEMBER 2019 The Vadnais Voice



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Dear Vadnais Heights Families,

A very special thank you to all of our students, staff and parents for their support of our Be Great Run. October 31st was a beautiful fall day and a *great* day to have our entire school learning the importance of each person's unique strengths, exercising together and affirming the value of being a part of a school community. It made me proud to watch students support one another as they cheered for their friends, encouraged others to keep running and celebrated their own achievements.

On November 5th, I hope that all of our parents will take time to vote for the 2019 Bond Referendum - Building Our Future. Every single student in our school will be affected by the results. We do not have school on this day because some of the schools in our district, are voting sites and we want to ensure the safety of our students. Our school is not a voting site yet I encourage everyone to vote, if you haven't already, on 11/5.

The end of our first quarter is on Friday, 11/8. Please remember that we will not have report cards at the end of this quarter but we will have parent/teacher conferences to share individual progress on the 14th and 18th of this month. The first report card will be provided at the end of 2nd quarter or around January 30th.

On November 19th we will kick off our food and toy collection which is sponsored by the Vadnais Heights Lions Club. All donations will be distributed by the Lion's and given to families in need within the city of Vadnais Heights. Thank you, in advance, for your donations. The holidays can be a stressful time for families and it's wonderful that our school community is able to provide support to those in need.

We are grateful to partner with you and I thank you for sharing your precious children with us at Vadnais Heights Elementary.

Sincerely,
Sara Svir, Principal

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





BUILDING BOND 2019 REFERENDUM VOTING INFORMATION

On or before November 5, District residents will vote whether to provide funding for building needs across the district:

- provide space for our growing enrollment
- address deferred maintenance and infrastructure needs
- improve school safety and security
- update classrooms for more flexible learning spaces.

Did you know?

- A successful bond referendum would accommodate projected enrollment growth due to housing turnover and new construction happening throughout the district. More than 2,000 new resident students are expected during the next ten years, 25% higher than current capacity.
- Compared to neighboring districts, White Bear Lake Area Schools has the lowest voter-approved school debt tax levy. If the bond referendum would be approved, the district's voter-approved school debt tax levy would still be below the neighboring districts average.
- **Info to Know** - Each night around 6:25 p.m. we're sharing out an "Info to Know..." fact about the referendum on social media. We've created a slideshow of the items we've shared out thus far [here](#). Check back often for new information!

Early voting can currently be done in person - Early voting locations and hours vary depending on whether you live in Ramsey, Washington or Anoka County. Visit www.isd624.org/bond2019 to find out when and where you can vote early. Find complete Voting Information [here](#).

Please feel free to reach out with any questions to Bond2019@isd624.org or contact the superintendent's office at 651-407-7563. More information about the referendum can also be found at www.isd624.org/Bond2019.

Important Dates

Month/Day	Activity
November 5th	Election Day-Please Vote No School for Students - Teacher Training & Work Day
November 8th	End of 1 st Quarter
November 11-14th	White Bear Center of the Arts
November 11th	Veterans Day Program - 10:30 AM
November 14th	Give To The Max Day - https://givemn.org/
November 19th	VHES Toy & Food Drive Begins
November 14th	Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30-8:00 PM Don't forget to check the lost and found table when you come for conferences! Book Fair in the Gym
November 18th No School	Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:30-8:00 PM Book Fair in the Gym
November 21st	4th gr. Orchestra Hall
November 21st	PTO meeting - 6:30-8:00 PM - Everyone is Invited!
November 27th-29th	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
December 6th	Doughnuts with Dad 8:30-9:00 AM



ATTENTION ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS:



- Please remember that school starts at 9:15 a.m. Supervision for students begins at 8:55 a.m. and we ask that students arrive after that time to ensure the safety of our students. Please make sure there is a supervisor present before you drop off your child.
- If your child is eating breakfast, they may enter the building through the Extended Day entrance beginning at 8:55 AM. Students arriving between 9 and 9:15, who are eating breakfast, should be reminded to go directly to our cafeteria before going to their classroom.
- Morning drop-off for parents is at the front of our school and afternoon pick-up for parents is at the north end of our school.



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SATURDAY VOTING

- 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Ramsey County Library-White Bear Lake, 2150 - 2nd Street, White Bear Lake (for Ramsey County residents)
- 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Headwaters Service Center, 19955 Forest Road North, Forest Lake (for Washington County residents)
- 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Lino Lakes City Hall, 600 Town Center Pkwy, Lino Lakes (for Anoka County residents)

Complete early voting information can be found on the district's website at www.isd624.org/Bond2019.

[Link to 2019 Bond Referendum: What video](#)

[Link to 2019 Bond Referendum: Why video](#)

[Link to Bond Referendum Public Meeting Presentation video](#)

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on November 5, 2019.

Veterans Day 2019



Vadnais Heights Elementary School will celebrate Veterans Day on Monday, November 11th. Our school will have a program at 10:30 AM. Students and guests are encouraged to wear red, white and blue.

We would like to invite family members or close family friends that are Veterans to participate in our program. The student(s) that the Veteran is associated with will stand up front with the Veterans and each Veteran will be recognized during our program. Please arrive at school between 10:15-10:30 AM.

Doughnuts with Dad



Come and join us for the annual doughnuts with Dad! Begin the school day with your breakfast buddy - Dad, Grandpa, Uncle or Guardian. Everyone is welcome. Enjoy doughnuts, juice and coffee. This fun event will be held on Friday, December 6th from 8:30-9:00 a.m. in the gym. **Please do not arrive before 8:30.** There is additional parking available across the street at the church. You may visit your child's classroom from 9:00-9:15 a.m. Thank you to the PTO for sponsoring this event!

Annual Book Fair: November 14th - 18th

Information on the book fair and the exciting activities happening during this event will be sent home at the end of next week. Here is a sneak peek at what will be happening.

- Classroom Coin Drive: 11/11- 11/15
- Grand "Friends" Day: 11/15 8:15-9:00 a.m. in the Gym
- Coloring Contest
- Open for Sales during Grand "Friends" Day and Teacher Conferences

When you purchase items at the bookfair you are supporting our wonderful Media Center.

Be Great Run

Our Be GREAT Run was held on a beautiful, crisp and sunny fall day on Thursday, October 31st. All students were provided with a white event t-shirt that quickly became full of color as they ran, or walked, the route around the school. Thank you to the many volunteers who made this special event possible.







What a fun time!

Kindergarten



Camp St. Croix

The 5th grade class experienced an outdoor classroom, team building and overnight adventure in October. Thank you to all who helped fundraise and volunteered to chaperone to make this possible for our students.



Lost and Found

Please check the lost and found by the Health Office during Parent/Teacher conferences. Mark all coats with your child's name to make it easy to identify. Items still there on December 1st will be bagged up and sent to The Closet.



2019 Lions Toy/Food Drive


The Vadnais Heights Lions Club Foundation is sponsoring the annual food and toy drive for Vadnais Heights families in need. There will be collection barrels in the office for new, unopened, unwrapped toys, and non-perishable food items from Tuesday, November 19th through Monday, December 16th. The collected toys and food will be distributed to children and teenagers 16 and younger who live in the Vadnais Heights area.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, November 14th from 4:30-8:00 p.m. and on Monday, November 18th from 4:30-8:00 p.m.. Please sign up each child via Skyward Parent Access at <http://www.isd624.org> or by calling the office at 651-653-2858. Conferences are 15 minutes each and if you are signing up more than one child make sure to leave time between conferences to get to the next classroom.



The statewide Give to the Max Day is on November 15th. Please consider Vadnais Heights Elementary for your charitable donation. You can access our page at <https://givemn.org/organization/Vadnais-Heights-Elementary-7908186>

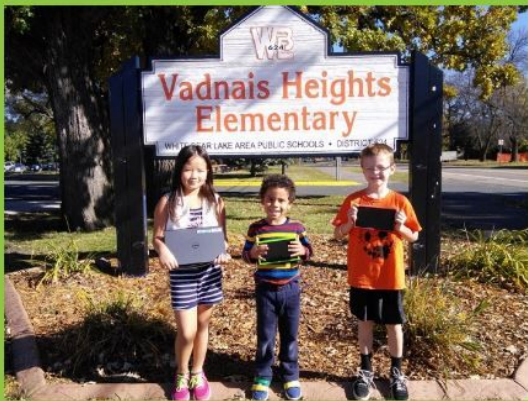


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Cold Weather is Coming . . .

Our schools are kept at 66-68 degrees, which is just right for learning, but is sometimes slightly cooler than you keep your homes.

Please make sure your children are dressed for playing outside with warm coats, hats, mittens and boots and be sure to label all of your children's clothing especially outerwear. If your family needs help rounding up outerwear for the winter season, don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or our school office.

The district's "Emergency School Closing Hotline" is 651-407-7540. The hotline is for messages regarding late starts and early dismissals.

From the Health Office

It is at this time of year that LICE make themselves known at school. Please notify the Health office if your child has lice. Please remind your child NOT to share hats or hoodies or headbands, combs, brushes, etc. While at school, it is a good idea for your child to place their hat inside a jacket sleeve when hanging their jackets.

Please keep your child home if he/she has...

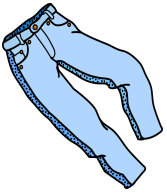
- Elevated Temperature (100 degrees or higher) within the last 24 hours
- Rash of unknown origin
- Vomiting/Diarrhea within the last 24 hours
- Conjunctivitis (pink eye) treated less than 24 hours w/ antibiotic drops or ointment
- Strep Throat - treated less than 24 hours with antibiotics.

From the Attendance Office:651-653-2859

Please remember to call the ATTENDANCE LINE when your child will be absent, or even if they will be late due to an appointment. You can call this line any time day or night and leave a message.

If you are planning on taking your student out of school for a vacation, please note that ALL vacation days need to be approved by Mrs. Svir, in advance by email at sara.svir@isd624.org or by phone at 651-653-2693.

Please note, all absences are accounted for in our system by 10:00 am every school day. If your child is absent and we haven't heard from you by 10:00 am, you will receive an automated phone call informing you that your child is not at school.



The Closet

The White Bear Lake Education Foundation supports WBL Schools in many ways. One way is through **The Closet** - our very own thrift store set up to meet the needs of families whose children attend White Bear Lake Schools.



If families would like to visit **The Closet**, please contact your child's principal (Sara Svir at Vadnais Heights Elementary - sara.svir@isdb24.org or (651) 653-2693 and your family will schedule a time to go shopping and receive free clothes, shoes and coats for your entire family!

Schedule your appointment today -



Please remember there is

No School:

Tuesday, November 5th,

Monday, November 18th,

and

**Wednesday, November 27th
-Friday, November 29th.**

