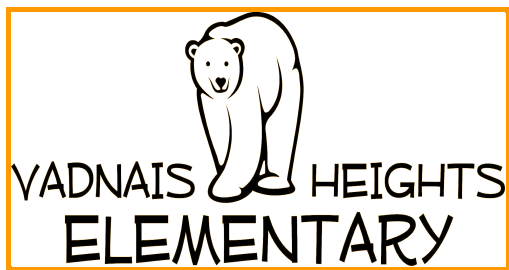


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The Vadnais Voice



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Dear Vadnais Heights Families:

It's a beautiful autumn with the leaves changing colors and students skipping into school. We are one month into the school year and everything is into full swing. As your children arrive each day, it's wonderful to see them excited to enter and anxious to connect with friends in their classrooms and neighborhoods. If things aren't running smoothly for your child, please know that we are here to help.



It's been a big adjustment for everyone to get used to the new school start times. Thank you for working with us to help your kids adjust to the schedule change. Please remember that drop-off in the morning is between 7:30 and 7:45 AM and school starts at 7:45 with our morning announcements. Please be aware that if your child arrives between 7:45 and 8:30 they are considered tardy and if they arrive between 8:30 and 11 AM it is considered a half-day absence. We have breakfast food items offered to every student each morning as they arrive. It's free for everyone and they can enjoy the items as a morning snack if they're not hungry right at the start of the day.

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.

Lifetouch photo retakes will be taken on Friday, October 8th.



November Conference sign up:

Parent/Teacher Conferences are on **Monday, November 1st** from 8am-12 pm and **Thursday, November 11th** from 3pm-7pm. The online sign up for November conferences will open on **Monday, October 11th 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 6th-8th	Fire Prevention Week
October 8th	Lifetouch picture retakes
October 11th	Conference scheduling opens at 7:00 AM
October 19th	Unity Day - Wear Orange
October 20th - 22nd	NO SCHOOL - Education Minnesota
October 29th	Family Halloween Bear Bash 5-6:30 PM - VHES Playground
<i>Looking ahead</i>	
November 1st	No School - Conferences 8am-12pm Remember to check out the Book Fair!
November 2nd	No School - Staff Development
November 11th	Veterans Day Conferences- 3-7 PM - Remember the Book Fair!
November 12th	End of the 1st quarter
November 24- 26 No School	

Congratulations to Mr. Theissen!

Press Publications readers have voted Mr. Theissen “Best Teacher” for his outstanding work with students. Read the [full article](#) to learn more about him and his journey to the teaching profession. We are happy to see him recognized and are proud to have him on our staff.





First Month of School!

Tamarack Nature Center Naturalist came to our school and taught wonderful lessons in the Bear's Backyard. Thank you to the PTO for supporting this wonderful opportunity for our students.

Tamarack Nature Center in the Bear's Backyard!



Welcome to the Neighborhood!

Grizzlies



Polars



Kodiaks



Thank You to the Eagle Scouts!

Our school has been incredibly fortunate to have had three Eagle Scouts offer and complete their final projects at Vadnais Heights Elementary. Their work has resulted in improvements for play, learning and physical activity that benefits our school, students as well as our community.

Carson Cooper - Designed, built and installed our new Gaga Ball Court. It has been an amazing addition to our playground. Students enjoy playing Gaga ball during Bear Time, Recess, Extended Day and many families play well beyond the school day.



Quinn Anderson - Outdoor classrooms are a huge hit to get our students outside and learning in our Bear's Backyard. Quinn coordinated many volunteers to complete the building and installation of this fabulous outdoor learning space. Quinn was a VHES student when our school first began enjoying the Bear's Backyard and it's great that he returned to help us make it a better place for current and future students.



Aaron Ames - A former Vadnais Heights student who remembered how nice it would have been for the trails, in the Bear's Backyard, to be connected. Thanks to this Eagle Scout our trails now allow our classrooms and community to take a loop through the Bear's Backyard. In addition, Aaron built a teaching space for our staff to use that coordinated with Quinn's project.



A HUGE thanks to Carson, Quinn and Aaron for sharing their talents with VHES & the Vadnais Heights Community!

Save
the
date!

Join us for A Family Halloween Bear Bash

Free Family Event Hosted by the VHES PTO and Grizzly Neighborhood

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
VADNAIS HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY'S PLAYGROUND

5:00 - 6:10 pm

- Students and family come dressed in Halloween costumes *(costumes optional)*
- Dance party on the blacktop
- Play GaGa ball and climb on the playground with friends and family
- Students and family can enjoy dinner together
 - ◆ Domino's pizza slices: \$2 per slice
 - ◆ Soda and water: \$1 per bottle/can
- Glow stick necklaces available: \$1 each

** All proceeds support our VHES Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

6:10 - 6:30 pm

- Special appearance from White Bear Lake School's mascot
- Trick-or-treating parade to end the night

Donations welcomed for bags of fun-size candy, cases of soda, and/or cases of bottled water. If you are able to donate, please sign up [HERE](#). Thank you!



Goodbye and Good Luck!

We are sad to say goodbye to Nikki Acciari! She has been our Extended Day Coordinator for many years and we are going to miss her at VHES. Nikki has been an asset to our staff and a caring adult to all our students.



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@isd624.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 -



COMMUNITY SERVICES & RECREATION

RUNNING FOR BEARS

5K SCHOLARSHIP RUN

Gather your family and friends and celebrate community spirit.

Sat, October 9

9:30 am - Noon

Mark Sather Trail

Races starts/ends at
West Park, 2350 11th St, WBL

Ages 6-18: \$15 • ADULTS: \$25

Register at whitebear.ce.eleyo.com

Course # 8000.100

Register by Sept 24 to receive
a shirt on race day!

**All proceeds will be for scholarships to support
Community Services & Recreation programs.**



Flu Vaccine Clinic at Vadnais Heights Elementary School

The Bear Care Health and Wellness Clinic will be offering **no-cost flu vaccines** to all district students.

Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2021

Time: 2:15 pm - 5:30 pm

Location: Vadnais Heights Elementary

3645 Centerville Road, Vadnais Heights, MN 55127

[Schedule an appointment online by clicking this link.](#)

Flu vaccines are of no cost to students.

BearCare@BearCareClinic.org

(651) 653-2923

Volunteers Needed!

The White Bear Lake Area Educational Foundation
(WBLAEF) is in need of volunteers at The Closet!

The Closet is a dedicated space in the district, housed in the Area Learning Center, where families in need can come in and browse through clothing, coats, shoes, etc (anything that can be worn head to toe) for their students.

Visits are by appointment only - made with a school district support staff member.

www.wblaef.org/the-closet



Area Learning Center - 2449 Orchard Lane, White Bear Lake



If you'd like to volunteer at The Closet and assist families in need,
please contact Volunteer Coordinator Eileen McConkie:

eileen.mcconkie@isd624.org

No School:



October 20th-22nd

November 1st-2nd

November 24th- 26th

