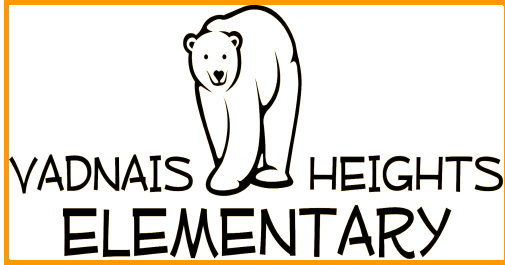


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The Vadnais Voice



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Dear Vadnais Heights Families:

We're getting close to the end of the year and as I reflect on all that's happened this past year, there are so many wonderful events to recall...

We began '21-'22 with a whole new approach for our school - Neighborhoods. We met on the playground to meet one another as Grizzlies, Polars & Kodiaks and the attendance was incredible - even during a pandemic. Shortly after that event our PTO held an outside meeting to visit more about Neighborhoods and families were asking, "Can we do this again?" Students and parents alike were excited about the changes and our staff was inspired by your enthusiasm.

Fall brought us the Bear Bash, another outside event, and thank goodness the weather was on our side because roughly 500 people showed up to celebrate in costumes, eating pizza and connecting with one another - such a great event and so much fun to get everyone together!

Winter in MN is long and this year it seemed especially long yet our students worked hard, made good growth and demonstrated their abilities to focus in the classroom, support one another in their learning and play, and they did a fabulous job of sharing information back with parents/guardians at conferences. Remember our S'More Station at conferences? We always want our students reading "some more" and we gave books to everyone at our inside campfire along with a treat and family pictures were taken around the fire.

It was a wild and wonderful day when Mae Haley was announced the White Bear Lake Teacher of the Year for 2022. Incredible news for one of our amazing teachers. We are so proud and excited for Mrs. Haley!

On May 5th, Cinco de Mayo, we hosted our first ever Spring Festival. The weather was beautiful and our best guess is that we had 700 people in attendance. Thank you all for supporting the many important initiatives that we celebrated at this grand event: art, science, culture, music, performance - it was an incredible extravaganza!

Parents are invited to come to the final family event, the Color Run, on 5/27 at 1:15. Cheer on our students as they run/walk on our school property and pass through color stations along the way. It's a great event for our kids to exercise, cheer on one another, and enjoy each other's company as they walk/run @ around our school. Parents may sign out their children, with their child's teacher, if you want them to ride home with you following the color run.

2021-2022 was amazing and we couldn't have done it without each and every one of you. As you settle in for summer, remember to keep reading a part of your summer plans. Read together, check out libraries and garage sale deals on books and find ways to mix it up and make it fun for your whole family.

Have a wonderful, safe and happy summer!

Sara Svir

Hmong: LUS CEEB TOOM! Yog koj xav tautsev 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:

May 10th & 12	Orchestra instrument information nights: 5/10 at Otter Lake Elementary or 5/12 at Lakeaires Elementary from 6-7 pm
May 17th	Orchestra Jamboree 6:30-7:30 PM @ Aldrich Arena
May 27th	Vadnais Field Day and Color Run - Parents invited for 1:15 Color Run
May 30th	NO SCHOOL-Memorial Day
June 10th	Last day of school
June 15th	Report cards available
June 16th	Cheer for Mrs. Haley - WBL 2022 Teacher of the Year - at the Manitou Day Parade



A special thank you to our Teacher Candidates: Katie Bowe, Kim Spitzfaden, and Lizzy Son who have been with us this entire school year as part of their education program through the University of MN.

We'd also like to thank Abby Sickel and Tristan Yang for being part of our team while doing their student teaching for the second half of this school year.

All of the student teachers have been great additions to our school and we are grateful that they spent time with us at VHES. We wish them all the best as they begin their careers in education.



Earth Day Cleanup

Our school looks great and the kids did a super job of cleaning up trash and other debris on our school grounds. Earth Day is an important day to remind all of us to take care of our planet!

Spring Festival

Our school hosted a celebration of art, science, culture, music and performances at our first ever Spring Festival. It was a beautiful evening to celebrate students, learning and multiple cultures!





Spring Festival

*Congratulations Mrs. Haley ~
White Bear Lake Teacher of the Year 2022!*





Cereal Run

Our Vadnais Heights students collected 311 boxes of cereal which were set up in the hallway then knocked over like dominos. It was a fun activity and the cereal was donated to the Vadnais Heights Food Shelf. Thank you to everyone who donated to support this activity.

Memorial Table

We are excited to have in place the memorial table for our former student Sicily Heim.



— JOIN OUR — **FUNDRAISER** AT RAISING CANE'S

**Mention the fundraiser at the register
and Cane's will donate **15%** of sales to:**

Vadnais Heights Elementary

DATE & TIME:

Monday, May 23 from 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

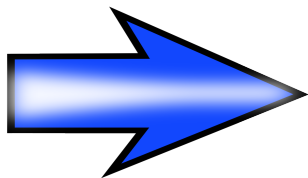
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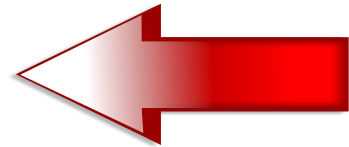


Scouts Bike Rodeo

Bike Rodeo event at
Vadnais Heights Elementary
on May 26th



PTO Fundraiser -
Join us at Raising Cane's
on May 23rd!



Vadnais Heights Elementary School

Parking lot

May 26, 2022 6:30-8:00 pm

**Open to all K-5th Grade
families**

Please Bring your bike and bike Helmet

This event will include:

Helmet fitting/check

Bike Safety Check

Learn Bike Road Rules

Bike skills stations



Important Information:

Accessing your student's report card for 2021-2022

You will have access to view your child's 2nd quarter report card on June 15, 2022. Below are the directions for you to access it:

1. Go to the White Bear Lake School website- www.isd624.org and follow step 2 and 3. Otherwise, copy and paste this link directly to the Skyward page (<http://bit.ly/2apfzfX>) and then do step 4.
2. Find Quick Links in the middle of the page.
3. Click Skyward.
4. If you don't know or have forgotten your Login ID or password, click Forgot your Login / Password link to retrieve it. You will need to enter your email address and a link to reset your account will be sent to that account. Please remember to check your spam filters for an email message from do.not.reply@isd624.org.
5. To access your child's report card, please click on the Portfolio Tab in the Family Access navigation bar to the left of the screen.
6. Once you click on the link, your child's report card will show as a PDF document. Click on the Standards Based Report Card link to open and view your child's grade marks.
7. If you need assistance accessing your Skyward account, you can contact district support staff by emailing: parenttechhelp@isd624.org or 651.407.7637

School Readiness Plus Preschool

The White Bear Lake Early Childhood Program has an exciting opportunity for your preschooler who was 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2022. We are offering a full day class at Vadnais Heights Elementary for children who live in the Vadnais Heights school boundaries. This program is designed to support students who otherwise might not have access to preschool. Tuition assistance is available. Children must meet specific eligibility requirements and fill out the School Readiness Plus Application. To find out more information about this opportunity, click on the link above or call the Early Childhood office at [651-653-3105](tel:651-653-3105).

Transportation Reminders

Contact the Transportation Office staff at 651-407-7538 or at our e-mail address of Transportation@isd624.org with the following information: Address/phone number changes, daycare information and transportation status.

Is your family moving or relocating?

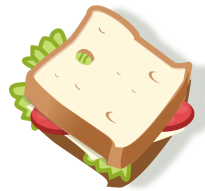
We need your help to plan for the 2021-2022 school year. If your family is planning to move or relocate and will not be attending Vadnais Heights Elementary-PLEASE let us know in the main office at (651) 653-2858. Thank you for helping us!

Technology Problems?

If you need help over the summer - Please Email or call:

Email: parenttechhelp@isd624.org

Phone: (651) 653-2600 extension 7637



FREE Summer Meals for Kids & Teens

Is your child interested in free summer meals? All children 18 and under are eligible, no application is needed. Use the resources below to find a site near you:

- Downloading the "Free Meals for Kids" app provided by Hunger Impact Partners to your phone or device.
- Call the 211 Hotline. From a cell phone - Twin Cities Metro Area: 651-291-0211, Greater Minnesota 1-800-543-7709, TTY: 651-291-8440.
- Call the **Minnesota Food HelpLine** at 1-888-711-1151, available from Monday through Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Central Time.
- Text USDA to texting service. Text **Summer Meals** to 914-342-7744. Spanish speakers, text **Verano** to 914-342-7744.



No School May 30th-Memorial Day



Last Day of School-June 10th



Happy Summer!