



THE BLACKBIRD BUGLER

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WHY FIT IN WHEN YOU WERE BORN
TO STAND OUT? DR. SEUSS



It seems like just a few weeks ago I was writing the February edition of the Blackbird Bugler. February seemed to fly by once again and we are now ready for March. I hope everyone had a wonderful February recess. We have been spoiled with some early spring weather. Let's hope it sticks around so we can have an early spring!!

In February we were excited to host an assembly where we invited our major sponsors for our new playground. During this assembly, we celebrated our major sponsors and Senator Amedore for securing a \$45,000 grant for our playground. We also presented a check in the amount of \$215,000.00 to Park Street Playgrounds, the vendor who will be working with our community to build the playground. At this point, the old playground will be removed over Spring Break and our dates to build the new playground are scheduled for May 11th, 12th and 13th. Stay tuned for more information. It will be coming out soon for volunteers to begin signing up to help.

In February we also had a very special coin drive in order to raise money to support one of our own Voorheesville students who has been struggling with his health. Gavin is currently a 7th grade student at the middle school and his health is on all of our minds. In just two short weeks, our students were able to raise \$3,654 through this coin drive. I am so proud to work in and be a part of such an amazing community. Thank you for all of your support and for being such wonderful people.

We will be holding our 2nd annual Dance-A-Thon on March 16th. This year the student council is raising money to purchase updated equipment for our Science Lab and materials for our Library Makerspace. We want to purchase microscopes, balances, molecular model kits, Bee-Bots, Code-a-pillars, and much, much, more! Our goal is to raise \$11,000. What an amazing opportunity for our students and this school!! I hope our students are getting their teams together, or are work-

ing on their individual dance moves for March 16th. It should be a great time. If you haven't already sponsored someone, make sure you do.

Please know that all of our communities have been deeply impacted by the recent shootings in Parkland, Florida. Keeping your children safe here at the school and in this community is very important to each and every one of us and it is something that we continue to work on to make improvements. Recently Mr. Hunt sent a memo to describe some of the changes that have been made and some of the future changes you can expect. This is something that we will need your support with in order to make our schools and community as safe a possible.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time.

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Playground Check Presentation

Upcoming Dates of Interest

- March 2nd**—Dr. Seuss' Birthday/ Marking Period 2 ends.
- March 5th**—PTA Meeting 7 p.m. VES Library
- March 6-8th**— VES Book Fair 3-7 p.m. on the 6th/7th and 3-8 p.m. on the 8th
- March 7th**— Family Fun Night 5-7 p.m.
- March 8th**— Incoming Kindergarten Parent Only Meeting 7:00 PM
- March 9th**— Cheepers (K-2)
- March 12th**— BOE Meeting 7:00 p.m. HS Library
- March 12th** — College Day
- March 15th**—Parent Conference Day, 11:30 a.m. Dismissal
- March 16th**— Cheepers (3-5)
- March 16th**— Dance A Thon 6-9 p.m. HS Commons and Gym
- March 19th** — Science Fair 6:30 p.m. in Large Gym
- March 20th**— Parent Conference Day, 11:30 a.m. Dismissal
- March 29th** — Half Day, 11:30 a.m. Dismissal
- March 30-April 6** — Spring Break

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Please use the following directory for your convenience:

Voorheesville Elementary School

Jeffrey P. Vivencio Principal 765-2382

School Nurse:

Colleen Brackett 765-2382 Ext. 506

Attendance Office:

cparker@voorheesville.org or 765-2382 Ext. 514

Kid's Club Program (afterschool)

Christine Abelseth, Director 765-2043

Transportation Department:

Mike Goyer 765-2382 Ext. 508

Priscilla Clark 765-2382 Ext. 521



Remember to sign-up for SNN!

Please take the time to sign-up for SNN (School News Notifier). You will receive emails about all important information related to VES. This will allow immediate email updates about events and procedures at VES. Please visit <http://snn.neric.org/vcsd/> for further information. You will see the icon on the home page of the school district



Safety Reminder to All Parents:

When entering the main door to the building, please do not hold the door for other people. It is important that each person is buzzed into the building. If you hold the door for someone else, you are jeopardizing your child's safety as well as others. Please support us with this process. Each person needs to be buzzed in separately.



Please help us prevent parking lot backups by dropping off students without getting out of your vehicle. If you need to assist your child further, we do ask that you park your car so that others can continue to drop off and exit. Thank you for your cooperation!



Parents - please remember to call the attendance line before 9:00 AM if your child is sick or will be late to school. This will eliminate receiving a verification phone call. *You may also send an email to cparker@voorheesville.org*

Also if your child is coming in late, please don't forget to come in to the main office and sign them in.

VOORHEESVILLE ELEMENTARY KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Parents are asked to call **Ms. Parker** at the **Voorheesville Elementary School** (765-2382 ext 504) or e-mail at cparker@voorheesville.org if you have a child who will be entering Kindergarten in September of 2017 **if you have not already done so.**

Children must be five years of age on or before December 1, 2018 to register.

There will be an information meeting on **March 8th, 2018 at 7:00 pm. (Parents only).**

Kindergarten registration and the screening process will be explained. At this time you will schedule a time to have your child screened on May 14th or 15h.

