



THE BLACKBIRD BUGLER

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BE THANKFUL FOR WHAT YOU HAVE; YOU'LL END UP HAVING MORE. IF YOU CONCENTRATE ON WHAT YOU DON'T HAVE, YOU WILL NEVER, EVER HAVE ENOUGH.

OPRAH WINFREY



October provided all of our teachers and students the opportunity to get fully settled into the 2018-2019 school year. With so many four day school weeks in the beginning of the year, the school year seems to be flying by as always.

In support of the PTA fall fundraiser, VES participated in a "Pie in the Face" raffle to help get the students excited. Students were certainly excited about raising money for PTA and the opportunity to become one of the winners to partake in the closing assembly. The PTA would like to thank everyone who participated and those families who supported the donation drive. The monies raised will support a number of programs here at VES and throughout the district. Our students and families raised approximately \$3,000 in just 10 days!! Great work everyone.

On Halloween, we had our full school Halloween parade. The children looked amazing and it turned out to be a beautiful day. Thank you to everyone for coming out to support your children and the school.

Next week we have two big events happening in the district. Our first event will be the ACES presentation on November 7th. Presenters will be sharing, RESILIENCE, a one-hour film that delves into the science of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and the birth of a new movement to treat and prevent Toxic Stress. Now understood to be one of the leading causes of disease, sub-

stance abuse and depression, extremely stressful experiences in childhood can alter brain development and have lifelong effects on health and behavior. However, as experts and practitioners profiled in RESILIENCE are proving, what's predictable is preventable. These communities are using cutting edge science to help the next generation break the cycles of adversity and disease. This is an important topic and is impacting schools all over the Capital Region. All family and staff members are encouraged to attend. It will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Lydia C. Tobler performing arts center.

For our second event, we will be hosting our annual Veterans Day breakfast on Friday, November 9th. We look forward to honoring the men and woman who serve or who have served our country. We see this as an opportunity to have family and friends together to enjoy a nice breakfast put on by the PTA, Student Council, and staff here at VES. We are excited to continue hosting such a wonderful event.

This is the time of year that we typically begin talking about our upcoming parent/teacher conferences.

Just a reminder that our P/T conference dates will be December 7th, 12th and 14th this year. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's current performance, please feel free to contact your child's teacher at any time.

We will continue to utilize the Canyon Creek conference scheduler to schedule conferences. You can begin signing up for conferences on November 5th and the scheduler will close at midnight on November 20th. We will send out a memo and attach directions to the website to assist everyone with how to access the Canyon Creek conference scheduler.

As we enter the holiday season we are always looking for ways to support families in different ways. If ever you have a question or a concern, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. You can contact me by the information below or by sending in a written note.

The community supports the school in so many ways and we would be happy to support the community in any way we can.

Any questions at all, never hesitate to contact me at

jvivenzio@voorheesville.org,

or at 765-2382.

Jeffrey P. Vivenzio
Principal



VES Halloween Parade



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UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST

- November 4-** Daylight Saving Time ends (Fall Back)
- November 7-** ACES Presentation 6:30 p.m. in the PAC
- November 9-** Veterans Day Breakfast 8-9 a.m. Large Gymnasium
- November 9-** Cheepers K-2
- November 12-** Veterans Day- No School
- November 13-16-** American Education Week
- November 14-** PTA Meeting 7 p.m. in VES Library
- November 16-** Cheepers 3-5
- November 19-** BOE Meeting 7 p.m. in the HS Library
- November 21-23-** Thanksgiving Break
- November 25-** Hand Chime Choir performs at the Gazebo in Voorheesville 3:30 p.m.
- November 28-** Picture Re-take Day
- November 30-** 5th Grade Activity Night

REMINDERS CONTINUED

Please use the following directory for your convenience:

Voorheesville Elementary School 765-2382

Jeffrey P. Vivenzio Principal

School Nurse:

Colleen Brackett 765-2382 Ext. 506

Attendance Office:

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

Kid's Club Program (afterschool) 765-2043

Christine Abelseth, Director

Transportation Department:

Mike Goyer 765-2382 Ext. 508

Priscilla Clark 765-2382 Ext. 521

REMINDERS

PARENTS: Please be sure to use the side-walks at the end of the day when you pick your students up and are returning to your vehicle. **It is very dangerous to walk between the buses.**

A reminder from Ms. Brackett :

Dear Parents/Guardians,

New York State law requirements for health examinations and in-school health screenings have changed. The new regulations require health exams for **all NEW entrants** and students **entering the following grades:**

K, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, 11th

The examination must be completed by a New York State licensed physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner. *A copy of the health examination must be provided to the school within 30 days from start of the school year.* If your child has an appointment for an exam during this school year that is after the first 30 days of school, please notify the Health Office with the date. **Please note**, we are now beyond 30 days of school and this information is past due.



Remember to sign-up for SNN! This will allow immediate email updates about events and procedures at V.E.S. Please visit <http://Voorheesville.org> for further information.

When sending money in with your student, please be sure it is in an envelope labeled with your child's FULL name, the teachers name and what the money is for (ie, lunch, field trip).

