



VAN VOORHIS ROARING NEWS

School Vision: Parents, Students, and Staff Working together to ensure All Students Must Learn ~ "Whatever It Takes".

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- *2/1-2/5: National School Counselor Week
- *2/5: Spirit Friday-Wear Your VV Gear
- *2/8: **Early Release Day**-Staff Vaccinations
- *2/9: **Early Release Day**-Staff Vaccinations
- *2/9: Math Interim 2 Assessments for Third and Fourth Grade Students
- *2/10-2/15: Math Interim 2 Make Up Days
- *2/12: **NO SCHOOL**-Teacher Work Day
- *2/14: Valentine's Day
- *2/15: **NO SCHOOL**-Presidents Day
- *2/16-2/19: CogAT Testing for new second Grade Students
- *2/19: Spirit Friday-Wear Your VV Gear
- *2/26: Spirit Friday-Wear Your VV Gear
- *3/10: Spring Picture Day

GENTLE REMINDERS

*Only Car rider dismissal is in the front of the building. If you are walking to pick up your student, you will need to pick them up at the gym with an ID. **Please do not pass vehicles in the car rider line. Please note-If you arrive later than 3:30, you will need to come in to the building to sign your student out.**

*Student transportation changes must be done in writing prior to 2:30p.m. (M, T, W, and F) and by 1:30p.m. on Thursdays.

Van Voorhis Parents,

Students have adapted to the classroom setting effortlessly. We are so excited to have everyone back to school for in person learning.



As educators, we realize that parents play a very vital role in helping to promote academic success. I would like to thank all of our parents for your continued support and for attending Parent/Teacher Conferences. Please review your student's report card and have a conversation with them about their performance in school. Please make further contact with your student's teacher if you feel there is a need.

Throughout the school year, our students have been engaged in completing a number of assessments on a regular basis. These assessments are helpful in that they tell us what students know and how we can best facilitate the instruction. In addition, it prepares them for the end of the year summative assessments. Please continue to read nightly with your children, encourage them to get on Think Central, and to practice writing as an ongoing method in improving their academic success.





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Valentine's Day is approaching! Unfortunately, due to the current health circumstances and in coordination with our mitigation strategies, we ask that no treats or goodies be sent to school from home. A shout out to our PTO who will provide activities for our students as a Valentine treat.

Once again, I thank you for your continued support in all that we do for our students.

Respectfully,
Angelique Johnson
Principal



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Happy February! As Valentine's Day is quickly approaching, let's be mindful of the many ways we can send a message of love to the people around us. Kind words, a helping hand, a sweet note and a shoulder to lean on are just a few simple, yet powerful ways we can brighten up someone else's day and show that we care. Let's also be mindful that our children are always watching us! They're counting on us to be positive role models when it comes to what we say and how we treat others. Being respectful is truly a minute by minute, choice by choice decision for all of us. Happy Valentine's Day!

During the month of February classroom guidance lessons will focus on the character trait "Responsibility." The working definition that we will use for responsibility is being dependable in carrying out obligations and duties; showing reliability and consistency in words and conduct; and being accountable for your own actions.

Tips for Parents/Teachers

Things children need to know about responsibility:

Everyone has responsibilities and it is very important children learn that they are expected to accept responsibility for their choices and actions. We can give children small tasks to do, encourage them to finish what they begin, and then show genuine appreciation for what they accomplish. Children must learn to finish any job or duty to the best of their ability.

To help children accept responsibility:

- Never do for children what they can do for themselves.
- Encourage children to attempt to do things for themselves.





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- Reward children for their effort as well as for accomplishments.
- Assign daily chores.
- Expect children to finish the tasks they begin.
- Let your children make decisions for themselves.
- Communicate to your children that you have confidence in their abilities.

Career Connection

Children who learn to be responsible for their choices and actions from an early age develop more confidence and have increased self-esteem. These children accept their mistakes and learn from them. They always try to do their best and are more successful in school. Employers seek out those who are dependable, reliable, and keep their commitments.

With Love,

Mrs. Ratchford
Counselor



SCHOOL NURSE NOTES

February is National Dental Health Month! Lifelong habits begin at home. Make dental health part of your daily routine and share these reminders with your whole family:

- Brush your teeth at least twice a day with fluoride toothpaste, especially after breakfast and before bedtime. Drinking

water after eating also helps to clear your teeth of food particles.

- Floss every day. An adult should help children under the age of eight to floss. Older children should be ready to floss on their own.
- Limit the number of times you eat snacks, especially the sticky ones and long lasting ones
- Visit a dentist regularly for a routine checkup and a cleaning.
- Protect your teeth by wearing a mouth guard when playing sports.
- Don't forget to change your tooth brush regularly, and after an illness.



A gentle reminder to continue to send in your student's immunization records as this is part of the enrollment process. Please also include a record of your student's yearly flu vaccination. You may bring a copy to the school or send via email to robin.garcia@dodea.edu. If you would like to inquire about a waiver, please contact me at the email above or you can reach me at (502) 624-5854.

Please continue to screen your student before sending to school. If they are not feeling well, please keep them at home. Thanks for your support in keeping our students healthy.

Respectfully,
Nurse Garcia





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LIBRARY NOTES

Let's make sure that we are reading! There are so many good books and quite a few [new books](#) available in our library. Some titles are additions to series already in the collection, make sure that you start at the beginning of a series by looking at our [series order](#) document. You can also start a good read by logging in to www.mackinvia.com at our ebooks or audio books section. Also look at our [Tales2Go](#) document for additional audio books (you must be logged into MackinVia and your student account to see these resources). Keep in mind that these documents/resources are always being updated. Enjoy a new series or story. Keep reading!

Sincerely,

Ms. Orr
Media Specialist



♥ HAPPY
Valentine's
DAY ♥



AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

Van Voorhis offers a variety of clubs for students. Below is a list of clubs and sponsors. Clubs meet on the days below beginning at school dismissal. Students should not plan to stay until sponsor has approved the application. Space is limited.

Mondays

Chess Club-Mr. Brundage



Tuesdays

Yearbook Club-Mr. Gust

Tech Club-Ms. Barnes

Yoga Club-Ms. Townsend

Robotics Club-Ms. Weaver

Math Support Fourth Grade-Ms. Northard



Wednesdays

Drama Club-Mr. Brundage

Book Club-Ms. Orr

Math Support Third Grade-Ms. Northard

Walk/Run Club-Ms. Nickeo



Fridays

Drama Club-Mr. Brundage





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Student Registration

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE NOTES

If your student will be withdrawing from Van Voorhis, please inform our registrar, Ms. Mitchell, as far in advance as possible so we can coordinate and inform all the necessary staff to ensure a smooth withdrawal process for your student. Ms. Mitchell can be reached by email at esther.mitchell@dodea.edu or by phone at (502) 624-5854.

To begin the registration process, please visit

<https://www.dodea.edu/dors/index.cfm>.

Once you have completed the online portion, please contact Ms. Mitchell. The following documentation is needed to register your student(s):

- Birth Certificate
- Immunizations
- Orders to Fort Knox
- Housing Lease Agreement (pages 1-11) or 90 Day Housing Letter
- Spouse's Military ID (if spouse is registering the student)



Additional information on registration requirements can be found by visiting

<https://www.dodea.edu/registration-process.cfm>

PTO UPCOMING EVENTS

- *2/1: Valentine Candy Gram Info Goes Home
- *2/5: Candy Gram Money due
- *2/5: Spirit Friday-Wear your VV Shirts
- *2/11: Valentine Activity for Students
- *2/19: Bulletin Board Award Selections
- *2/19: Spirit Friday-Wear your VV Shirts
- *2/26: Spirit Goes Blue-Wear anything Blue
- *3/10: **Spring Picture Day**



PTO candy grams were sent home for students to purchase. Please return on Friday.

There will be another opportunity to order spirit wear. The only print available shown. For an order form, please come to the school or email

beccachodges@gmail.com.

No extras will be ordered.



Van Voorhis Elementary participates in the Box Tops for Education program. Download the app to start earning by scanning your receipts for the products with the Box Tops icon.

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
SUPPORT!**





FEBRUARY

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QUICK TIPS

100% ID CHECK: We have a 100% ID check when picking up students or when requesting student information.

*Please do not drop students off prior to 8:00am. (There is no adult supervision prior to this time).



*If your phone number or emergency contacts have changed, please update your student's record(s) as soon as possible.

FEBRUARY FUN FACTS

- February's birthstone is the Amethyst, which symbolizes piety, humility, spiritual wisdom, and sincerity.
- February's birth flowers are the Violet and the Primrose.
- The Violet symbolizes watchfulness, loyalty, and faithfulness. The Primrose lets someone know you can't live without them!
- February is American Heart Month, Canned Food Month, Chocolate Lover's Month and Potato Lover's Month!
- February is the only month to have less than 30 days.
- Groundhog Day is celebrated on February 2nd every year.
- February is one of the most frequently misspelled words in the English language.



- February is the only month that can pass without a full moon.
- The odds of being born on February 29th are 1 in 1,461.
- Rosa Parks, Abraham Lincoln, Charles Darwin, Charles Lindbergh, Hank Aaron, Babe Ruth and Susan B. Anthony ALL have February birthdays!



To get updated information on school happenings, please visit the following:

<https://www.facebook.com/DodeaVanVoorhisES/>



<https://www.dodea.edu/VanVoorhisES/>

<https://www.dodea.edu/returntoschool.cfm>

