



## VAN VOORHIS ROARING NEWS

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**Van Voorhis Elementary School**  
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- \*3/1-3/5-Read Across America Week
- \*3/5-Spirit Friday
- \*3/8-PreK Report Card Prep  
(No School-PreK Only)
- \*3/9-PreK Report Cards Go Home
- \*3/10-Spring Pictures (includes DVS students) 
- \*3/12-Spirit Friday
- \*3/16-Interim Assessments Literacy 3<sup>rd</sup> grade
- \*3/17-Interim Assessments Literacy 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- \*3/19-Spirit Friday
- \*3/26-End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter/Spirit Friday
- \*3/29-No School-Report Card Prep Day
- \*3/30-No School-Teacher Work Day

### Gentle Reminders

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

\*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.

\*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 into the building to sign your student out.**

Van Voorhis Families,

March has arrived which means spring is just around the corner. The longer days and warmer temperatures will be very refreshing! As we begin the transitioning from the many winter activities into the anticipation of spring, we want to keep our students focused on continuing to strive to do their best. I appreciate all that you do at home to ensure this carries over into their school day, as it impacts their academic standing.



Teachers have continued to work hard to prepare students for ongoing assessments by adding test taking strategies to their daily lessons. Continued testing provides valuable data, which in turn provides invaluable information on how to better help students achieve academic excellence.

We are excited for all that is happening this month. "Read Across America" is the first week of March. The national theme this year focuses on "Celebrating a Nation of Diverse Readers." Let's share stories that raise up the many voices that need to be amplified and heard. Our PTO has graciously volunteered to assist us in this celebration by kicking off a month-long reading competition. The school's goal is to read 100,000 minutes by March 26th. If we reach our goal, the entire school will receive a special surprise! Let's **START READING!** 

On Thursday, March 25th our students will bring history to life! We will have our annual "Living History Museum". This event will take place



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virtually from 5pm-6:30pm. You do not want to miss some phenomenal performances by our students. Please watch your email for more details.

As always, we thank you for all you do to support our students, school, and community! You help to make us great!

Respectfully,  
Angelique Johnson  
Principal



### Counselor's Corner

During the month of March classroom guidance lessons will focus on perseverance and test taking tips. Later in the spring, our K-2 students will take the math summative assessment and 3-4 students will take the math and language arts CCRS assessment.

The working definition we will use for perseverance is to stick to a purpose or aim; never giving up on what one has set out to do. To try, try, try again and do your best!

#### **Tips for Parents/Teachers:**

Things children need to know about perseverance:

Everybody at some point in their lives must learn things which are difficult or overwhelming. As long as you are willing to keep trying, you can learn most anything. Immediate rewards rarely happen. We must be willing to work and wait for the results.

Ways to help children develop perseverance:

1. Take time to talk to your children about the importance of continuing to try to learn things which are hard.
2. Share books and stories which emphasize the importance of perseverance such as:
  - \*The Little Engine That Could, by Watty Piper
  - \*Amazing Grace, by Mary Hoffman
  - \*Try, Try Again, and Persevere, in The Children's Book of Virtues, by William Bennett
3. Help your children set goals and keep track of steps of progress toward those goals.
4. Share with your children the 3 R's of perseverance:
  - Remind: Remind yourself of the goal you want to achieve.
  - Reassure: Reassure yourself that you can complete the task.
  - Recommit: Recommit yourself to put forth your best effort into competing the goal.

#### **Career Connection:**

Successful people are not necessarily the people who are the smartest. Successful people are those who keep trying and do not give up until they reach their goals. With perseverance, people reach educational and career goals and are able to have the career they desire.

Respectfully,  
Mrs. Ratchford  
Counselor





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### School Nurse Notes

🌸 March is National Nutrition Month!

Please unscramble to words to find.

Yummy food choices!

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iikw \_\_\_\_\_

mkli \_\_\_\_\_

ncro \_\_\_\_\_

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Please see the nurse for answers!

🌸 March is also National Kidney Month!

Facts about our kidneys:

- They usually come in pairs.
- Each one is approx. the size of a computer mouse.
- Kidneys are located in your lower back.

6 ways our kidneys keep us healthy:

- Regulate fluid levels.
- Activate Vitamin D for healthy bones.
- Filter waste from the blood
- Directs production of red blood cells.
- Regulate blood pressure.
- Keep blood minerals in balance.

Please continue to check for the following symptoms:

- Temperature 100.4° F or higher when taken by mouth.
  - Sore throat
  - **NEW** uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing
  - Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain
- OR

- **NEW** onset of severe headache, especially with fever.

If students are not feeling well, please keep them at home. Thanks for your support in keeping our students and staff healthy.



Flu Shot season is here. DoDEA requires the flu vaccine or signed waiver. Please send in a copy of proof of vaccination or contact me if you have questions about the waiver.

Helping you stay safe and Healthy,  
Nurse Garcia



### REGISTRAR'S OFFICE NOTES

If your student will be withdrawing from Van Voorhis, please contact our registrar, Ms. Mitchell, at [esther.mitchell@dodea.edu](mailto:esther.mitchell@dodea.edu) or by phone at (502) 624-5854 as soon as possible.

To begin the registration process, please visit <https://www.dodea.edu/dors/index.cfm> . Additional information on registration requirements can be found by visiting <https://www.dodea.edu/registration-process.cfm> .





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### ATTENDANCE OFFICE NOTES

Please help us in welcoming Ms. Drummond to Van Voorhis Elementary! She will be glad to assist you with your attendance needs. Please note, when reporting an absence or transportation change, please email all of the following to ensure the message is received:

[Somechith.drummond@dodea.edu](mailto:Somechith.drummond@dodea.edu)

[Esther.mitchell@dodea.edu](mailto:Esther.mitchell@dodea.edu)

[Felicia.wright@dodea.edu](mailto:Felicia.wright@dodea.edu)

[Marisa.Marschall-Postma@dodea.edu](mailto:Marisa.Marschall-Postma@dodea.edu)

More information on DoDEA's attendance policy can be found at

[https://www.dodea.edu/Offices/PolicyAndLegislation/upload/2095\\_01.pdf](https://www.dodea.edu/Offices/PolicyAndLegislation/upload/2095_01.pdf) and at

<https://www.dodea.edu/StudentServices/Attendance/index.cfm>.



### Quick Tips

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



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



### Upcoming Events

\*3/1 - 3/5-Read Across America Week

\*3/5-Spirit Friday

\*3/10-**Picture Day**

(Virtual Students included. Schedule to follow)

\*3/12-Spirit Friday

\*3/19-Spirit Friday

\*3/26-Spirit Friday-Spirit Goes Blue



We will celebrate Read Across America by having students keep reading logs. Our goal is to have students collectively read 100,000 minutes by March 26<sup>th</sup>. Keep an eye out on the PTO bulletin board to track our progress. If we reach our goal, the school will receive a surprise! WE CAN DO IT! Start reading!

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!**



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### Awards and Accolades



The following students were recognized for the month of February by their teachers for their grit and hard work. Congratulations to all of our Student of the Month recipients. Job Well Done!

Seth H.  
Avery A.  
Sarah B.  
Nathan B.  
Paul H.  
Antonia M.  
Primus M.  
Peyton K.



Jackson O.  
Alexis M.  
Arianna G.  
Summer M.  
Daniel K.  
Lexi M.  
Jayden W.  
Brenna W.  
Natalie V.



### **Bulletin Board Awards**

Bulletin boards can tell a wonderful story about what is happening in our school. The following classes received awards for their outstanding displays of student work for February.

### **Bulletin Board Award Winners**

Ms. Galvin's Class-PreK



Ms. Lewis' Class-Kinder



Ms. Mullins' Class-First Grade



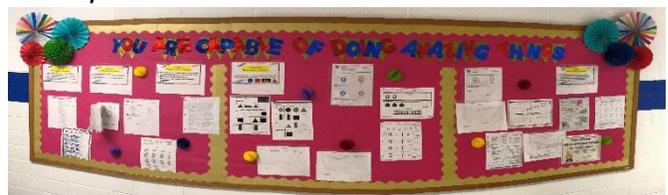
Ms. Richee's Class-Second Grade



Mr. Meade's Class-Third Grade



Mr. Tyson's Class-Fourth Grade





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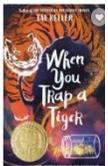
### Library News

Create a memory, read with your child!  
There is no better time than this because this is Read Across America month. Below is a list of Newbery and Caldecott books that you and your child may enjoy. Our fourth grade book club read the book, New Kid by Jerry Craft. New Kid was the 2020 Newbery award book as well as the 2020 Coretta Scott King Award book. It received rave reviews from our students as well. You can find it at MackinVia e-books and MackinVia audio books.



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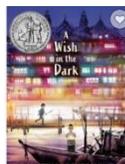
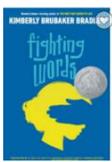
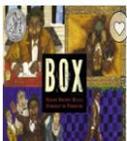
### The 2021 Newbery Award winner is:



When You Trap a Tiger by Tae Keller which can be found in our library as well as the audio book section of MackinVia.

### The five Newbery Honor books are:

All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team by Christina Soontornvat;  
Box: Henry Brown Mails Himself to Freedom by Carole Boston Weatherford;  
Fighting Words by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley  
We Dream of Space by Erin Entrada Kelly and  
A Wish in the Dark by Christina Soontornvat

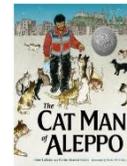
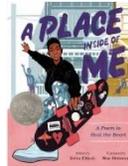


The Caldecott Award (Best picture book) winner is: We Are Water Protectors illustrated by Michaela Goade written by Carole Lindstrom

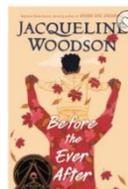


### Caldecott Honor books are:

A Place Inside of Me: A Poem to Heal the Heart illustrated by Noa Denmon, written by Zetta Elliott  
The Cat man of Aleppo illustrated by Yuko Shimizu and written by Irene Latham & Karim Shamsi-Basha  
Me & Mama illustrated and written by Cozbi A. Cabrera  
Outside In illustrated by Cindy Derby and written by Deborah Underwood



The Coretta Scott King (Author) book award: Before the Ever After by Jacqueline Woodson



Look for our upcoming Book Fair on April 19-23, 2021.

Enjoy reading and creating memories!

Ms. Orr  
Media Specialist





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### March Fun Facts

- March's birthstone is the Aquamarine, which is associated with courage, loyalty, and friendship.
- March's birth flower is the Daffodil, which signifies regard or unrequited love.
- Daffodils are best known for their cheery yellow color, but also bloom in white and orange.
- March is the first month of Spring.
- March is the time of year that animals start to wake up from hibernation.
- March 8th is International Women's Day!
- March 21st is Absolutely Incredible Kid Day!
- March is American Red Cross Month, Music in Our Schools Month, National Nutrition Month, Fire Prevention Month, and Women's History Month!
- March is named after Mars, the Roman god of war.
- Read Across America is celebrated on March 2nd, which is Dr. Seuss' Birthday!
- Elton John, Albert Einstein, Shaquille O'Neal, Bruce Willis, Alexander Graham Bell, and Andrew Jackson ALL have March birthdays!

**Special Thanks to our PTO for transforming our school into a reading wonderland in honor of Dr. Seuss and Read Across America Week. They hung colorful hats throughout the building that were created by our wonderful students!**



Afterschool Clubs		
Chess Club Mr. Brundage	Mondays 3:30-4:30	Room 18
Yearbook Club Mr. Gust	Tuesdays 3:30-4:30	Computer Lab
Technology Club Ms. Barnes	Tuesdays 3:30-4:30	Computer Lab
Yoga Club Ms. Townsend	Tuesdays 3:30-4:30	Cafeteria
Math Support (4 <sup>th</sup> Grade) Ms. Northard	Tuesdays 3:30-4:30	Room 6
Robotics Club Ms. Weaver	Tuesdays 3:30-4:30	Room 2
Drama Club Ms. Northard	Wednesdays 3:30-4:30 Fridays 3:30-4:30	Cafeteria
Book Club Ms. Orr	Wednesdays 3:30-4:30	Library
Math Support (3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade) Ms. Northard	Wednesdays 3:30-4:30	Room 6
Walk/Run Club Ms. Nicceo	Wednesdays 3:30-4:30	Room 19



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

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

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