

THE VALENTINE VIEW

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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SCHOOL CALENDAR...

April 27-May 1

H2O Mahweh fund raiser week

See article

Mon Apr 27

7:00 pm PTA meeting

Tue Apr 28

11:00 HVMS Orchestra Concert

Wed Apr 29

1:40-3:20 2nd Mrs. Hays' class to

Presbyterian Homes

4:15 Gr 4 Spelling Bee @ BAES

6:30 Gr 5 Spelling Bee @ BAES

Flower orders due today

Thu Apr 30

10:30-11:00 Band Concert

7:00 pm Band Concert @ BAES

Mon May 4

StarLab returns for 2-weeks, LMC

4:15 Gr 3 Spelling Bee @ PWES

Wed May 6

9:45-12:15 3rd to Children's Theatre

Thu May 7

Orchestra Tour Day

11:00 Orchestra Concert

Fri May 8

4:00-6:00 VHES chess tournament

Mon May 11

StarLab here for 2nd of two weeks

9:35-1:05 1st to Children's Museum

Tue May 12

9:35-1:30 4th/5th gr Safety Patrol picnic

9:45-12:45 2nd to Children's Theatre

Wed May 13

3:45 4th gr track leave for meet at IL

Thu May 14

7:00 p Orchestra Concert at BAES

Tue May 19

9:15-4:30 Spring Book Fair, LMC

Last day for student book check out

Wed May 20

9:15-6:00 Book Fair, LMC

4:00 4th/5th track meet at PWES

Thu May 21

9:15-8:00 Book Fair, LMC

9:45-10:45 5th gr Folk Song practice

6:30 p 5th gr Folk Song Program, gyms

Fri May 22

All LMC student books to be in by today

PRINCIPAL POINTS — Nathan Flansburg, Principal

SCHOOL SURVEY

Next week we will be conducting an online survey regarding school activities and school community. A link to the survey will be made available to families from the main page of the Valentine Hills website as well as a link e-mailed to those families who subscribe to the Valentine Hills e-news. I hope that as many families as possible are able to take part in this survey. If you do not have internet access at home, district computers in the LMC can be used to take this survey before and after the start of the school day, as well taking this survey using one of the local county libraries computers. Results of the survey will be compiled and shared out prior to the end of the school year in a Valentine View update. Thank you in advance for taking time out of your day to provide us feedback and input.

You can access the Valentine Hills website online at:
www.moundsviewschools.org/valentinehills

Note your calendars — PTA will NOT meet on Mon May 18 due to a conflict in schedules. The meeting will be held instead on Mon Jun 1.

Next week (Mon Apr 27 - Fri May 1), our Student Council is sponsoring the Mahwa H2O fund raiser. Last year, we set a goal of \$1,000 for the H2O fund raiser and actually raised \$2,000! This year, we are again setting a goal of \$1,000. We have at least ten VHES staffers who have volunteered to be "pied" for the sake of the H2O fund raiser, which will help provide money for clean water in the village of Mahwa, Kenya. Bracelets will be sold at the bus doors each morning next week. Both Mr. J and the office will also have bracelets available for sale. People who have bought a bracelet will have their name in a drawing for an opportunity to throw a pie at a staffer.

Beginning May 15, students must have enough money in their accounts to cover their lunch each day. After May 18, students will not be allowed to have a negative balance. If there is not enough money in your child's account, they will receive a cheese sandwich and milk. We will be taking deposits through the end of the school year. If you have any questions, please call 651-621-7809.



Here is a memo that Principal Flansburg received from the Minnesota Twins:

“Just wanted to thank you all for coming out for the Twins game last night. I and we really appreciate it. And what a historic game you witnessed!! One of the best games and greatest comebacks in Twins and Metrodome history. You couldn’t have possibly picked a better game. Thanks again.”

WE ARE ANNOUNCING...

The following students will represent VHES at the District Spelling Bees:

- ✓ Third grade is Justine Mae Acosta (Nick Seel is the alternate)
- ✓ Fourth grade is Noah Johnson (Nicole Burckhardt is the alternate)
- ✓ Fifth grade is Samiha Kahn (Jake Moberg is the alternate)

Sean Doherty was awarded first prize in the 10th Annual Poetry contest at the Barnes & Noble in Roseville, and Anna Swenson tied for third place. Both of them are in Mrs. Willson’s fifth grade Language Arts class.

Congratulations to the Destination Imagination team from VHES, the Seven Dwarves. They competed in a regional tournament at Harding High School on March 7 and took 2nd place out of 18 teams and earned the right to go to the State DI Tournament. On April 18, they participated in that State Tournament at Chaska High School and tied for 8th place in the state! The team’s central challenge consisted of telling the story of The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe set to music in just six minutes! Truly a remarkable feat! The team of fourth graders consisted of Charlie Crist, Maija Engebretson, Levi Jones, Connor McDonald, Olivia Schultz, Hannah Van Sickle, and Nathan Varberg. They were coached by Belinda Jones and Wendy McDonald. Way to go, team!!

TRACK



Fourth and fifth graders — Do you want to participate in track? Did you sign up yet? See Mrs. Brandt if you have any questions or concerns about track. She can help with all sorts of track questions — really! Track begins Mon May 4!!! Parents, you can contact Mrs. Brandt at 651-621-7871 or Wendy.Brandt@moundsvIEWSchools.org.

BUS INFORMATION FOR THE 2009 - 2010 SCHOOL YEAR

District 621 will be mailing bus registration information the first half of May. Registration forms are due June 12. The bus fee for students living less than two miles from school will be \$225 per student if paid before June 12, with a family cap of \$500 per year. If paid after June 12, the fee is \$250 per student with a family cap of \$575. New families registering after June 12 will still be charged the \$225 fee per student. If paying by check, you may send the registration either to the district office or to VHES. If paying by cash, Visa or MasterCard, you must go in person to the Snail Lake Education Center at 350 Hwy 96 W in Shoreview.

The busing service works out to about .64¢ for the trip to school and .64¢ for the trip home or a per day total of about \$1.28.

School bus transportation is the safest form of ground transportation available (*Pupil Transportation Safety Institute*). School bus transportation is also reliable and generally cheaper than personal transportation. However, for reasons important to each family who assumes their child's school transportation themselves, school busing may not be either an option or a choice. If busing works for your family, please be sure to take care of the registration and fee no later than June 12. Questions? Call District Transportation at 651-621-6027 or our VHES bus coordinator, Lori Carlson, at 651-621-7816.

WHAT'S ON THEIR FEET? Mrs. Brandt, P.E. Specialist

Physical Education classes will be having class outside as much as possible from now until the end of the year. Please make sure your student has comfortable clothing and tennis shoes this spring. Sometimes the weather is cooler in the morning and a sweatshirt would work well. Sandals, Crocs, flip flops and slip-on tennis shoes are sure cute but aren't safe for P. E. class. Please keep tennis shoes in your child's backpack so that s/he can change for class but still use their tennis shoes for after school.



BAND NEWS IS GOOD NEWS!

SUMMER BAND DATES: JUNE 22 TO JULY 23

Classes offered for 4th or 5th grade beginners and current 5th grade band members

When you begin to make your summer vacation plans, please keep in mind the summer band program offered for students going into 5th or 6th grade. For students who are currently playing in 5th grade band, **SUMMER BAND** is a full band rehearsal from 11:00-12:00 or 4:00-5:00 twice per week with an outdoor concert for parents the evening of the last day. The school band teacher will be sending home registration forms with band members in early May. They should be completed and returned to school. On-line registration will also be available.

ATTENTION - 4TH GRADE PARENTS — Starting the summer after 4th or 5th grade your child can begin participating in an activity that continues through 12th grade and into adult life - **THE SCHOOL BAND**.

The summer beginning band instruction program consists of a 45-minute group lesson, Monday through Thursday, for five weeks starting Monday, June 22 through Thursday, July 23. The summer session concludes with an outdoor concert for parents the evening of the last day. Instruction will be offered at several district schools during the summer for all basic band instruments: Trombone, Baritone, Clarinet, Trumpet, French Horn, Flute, Saxophone and Percussion. Morning, afternoon and evening times are available for each instrument. If at all possible, **STUDENTS WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN BAND IN 5TH GRADE SHOULD START BEGINNING INSTRUCTION THE SUMMER BEFORE**. When you begin to make your summer plans, please keep in mind the importance of starting band instruction during our summer program.

The school band teacher will be sending information home with your child in April. **Specific information about summer band class times and locations will not be available until then.**

Registration for beginning instruction will take place at four evening Band Displays at which reputable music instrument dealers will also be present to provide instrument rentals for you. You should attend only one of the Band Displays anytime **between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.** Band Display dates are:

Monday, April 27 at Highview Middle School
Tuesday, April 28 at Edgewood Middle School
Tuesday, May 5 at Turtle Lake Elementary School
Thursday, May 7 at Island Lake Elementary School

Please choose a date convenient for you and mark your calendar for summer band registration!

A WORD OF CAUTION:

There has been a recent outbreak in instrument sales from non-music vendors (department store catalogs, discount membership warehouses, on-line purchases and private party sales). These instruments are often inexpensive and poorly constructed. These instruments generally require frequent repairs that cannot be corrected and we encourage you to stay clear of these options.

Reputable music dealers are the best resource for renting or purchasing a band instrument.

Please see your school band director if you have questions about purchasing an instrument.



CALLING ALL VHES BOOK FAIR VOLUNTEERS!!

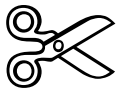
The Valentine Hills spring book fair is May 19, 20 & 21, with set-up on Monday, May 18. We need YOUR help to make this event a success. To volunteer for book fair:

- (a) Email Jen Mohlenhoff at moh5@comcast.net with your name & the shift ##'s you could work; or
- (b) Complete & return the form at the bottom of this page to school.

Available book fair shifts:

Monday, May 18 th	1:00 - 3:00 p.m. (set-up)	(SHIFT 1)
Tuesday, May 19 th	9:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	(SHIFT 2)
	12:00 - 1:30 p.m.	(SHIFT 3)
	1:30 - 4:00 p.m.	(SHIFT 4)
Wednesday, May 20 th	9:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	(SHIFT 5)
	12:00 - 1:30 p.m.	(SHIFT 6)
	1:30 - 4:00 p.m.	(SHIFT 7)
	4:00 - 6:00	(SHIFT 8)
Thursday, May 21 st	9:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	(SHIFT 9)
	12:00 - 1:30 p.m.	(SHIFT 10)
	1:30 - 4:00 p.m.	(SHIFT 11)
	4:00 - 6:00 p.m.	(SHIFT 12)
	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	(SHIFT 13)
	7:45 - 9:00 p.m. (Clean-up)	(SHIFT 14)

Note: The 5th Grade Folk Song Festival is May 21st at 6:30 p.m. so we're hopeful that parents of younger students will be available to help with the evening shifts on the 21st.



-----CUT & RETURN TO SCHOOL-----

Yes! I want to help with Book Fair!

NAME: _____

Shift ##'s I could work: _____

(To help with scheduling, please list all shifts you could work.)

The best way to contact me to confirm scheduling is: _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP & SUPPORT OF OUR SCHOOL!