

THE VALENTINE VIEW

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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 **Valentine Hills**
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Mounds View Public Schools

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SCHOOL CALENDAR...

Mon May 11 StarLab here this week, LMC
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

Fri May 15

2:00 PACER presentation for 2nd gr

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
9:45-11:25 1st gr bird banding

Thu May 21

9:15-8:00 Book Fair, LMC
9:45-10:45 5th gr Folk Song Program, gyms
6:30 p 5th gr Folk Song Program, gyms

Fri May 22

All LMC student books to be in by today

Mon May 25

MEMORIAL DAY—NO SCHOOL

Wed May 27

12:30 Track meet at TLES

Fri May 29

3:45 5th gr leaves for track meet at ILES
Dress Like Mr. J Day

Mon Jun 1

11:30-2:30 Mrs. Keillor's class to FMSC
12:20-2:20 5TH gr Celebration
2:30 Police K-9 demonstration for 5th graders
7:00 PTA meeting, rm 125

Tue Jun 2

9:45-11:30 4th & 5th gr orchestra students trip
to Presbyterian Homes for concert
12:30 - ? 5th gr track meet at IDHS

Thu Jun 4

9:45-3:30 5th to Science Museum
3:45 5th gr track leaves for meet at ILES

Fri Jun 5

9:30-11:30 AM K to Springbrook
1:30-3:30 PM K & K+ to Springbrook
9:45 Awards Ceremony, gyms
10:45-3:15 2nd gr to Como Zoo

FOOD SHELF DRIVE — MAY 18 - 25

SPONSORED BY STUDENT COUNCIL

Our final food shelf drive will be held the week of May 18 -25. The theme will be summer fun. We all know there are some folks who are having tough times currently. If you can help with anything — canned goods, personal items or household items and paper products — there will be area neighbors who will greatly appreciate your generosity. The Ralph Reeder Food Shelf depends largely on Mounds View Public Schools to support their efforts. So, if you can send a few extra items to help carry the food shelf for a few more weeks this summer, it would be wonderful. Thank you!

There will also be two classes who will enjoy a root beer float after this food shelf drive. How will that work? The K-1-2 class and the 3-4-5 class that brings in the most items for the food shelf drive will win root beer floats! Here are more ideas of things to bring: snacks, granola bars, s'mores, juice boxes, mac & cheese, peanut butter and jelly.

EASY FUND RAISER — MAY 22 - 25

FOR THIS YEAR'S 4TH GRADERS TRIP TO LEC NEXT YEAR

Mary Crist, Parent Volunteer

Thank you so much for supporting next year's fifth grade Laurentian Environmental Learning Center trip the first week of February 2010 by ordering hanging baskets from Pletscher's Green House. We had a very successful start towards raising the money needed to send all of our soon-to-be fifth graders.

Here is another opportunity to help our kids. If you plan to purchase any garden supplies or plants, trees, shrubs, etc. in the next few weeks, please consider doing so at any Linder's Flower Mart or the main store, May 22-25 over the Memorial Day weekend. Just present your attached invitation designating Valentine Hills Elementary School at the check out and our school will receive 15% of your pre-tax total. It's that easy. Again, all money raised will be used to send next year's fifth grade class to the Laurentian Environmental Learning Center in northern Minnesota. You may make copies of the invitation and pass this information and invitation on to your friends, neighbors and family members. (Additional copies can also be printed from the electronic Valentine View which is on the school's web site.)



ORCHESTRA NEWS

Ms. Juli Vig, Orchestra Directory

The Valentine Hills 4th and 5th Grade Orchestra will have a concert for family and friends Thursday, May 14 at 7 p.m. at Bel Air Elementary School (gym), 1800 NW 5th St., New Brighton 55112. Students should arrive at 6:30 to be tuned. Students should wear blue orchestra t-shirts and black pants/skirt. Orchestra students are required to attend.

Mark your calendars for our end of year performance on Tuesday, June 2 at the Presbyterian Nursing Home in Arden Hills. We will leave school at 9:45 and be back by 11:30 a.m.

Mindy Klauer, VHES media specialist, wrote and subsequently received a grant request for 55 text and fiction books, written in Spanish, from the Mexican Consulate here in St. Paul. Since Mounds View Public Schools will be providing Spanish instruction beginning in grade four for all students, these books will be very helpful.

Want the View delivered to your desk electronically each week? Want to keep up-to-date with school information by receiving other occasional e-mails from the VHES office? Want occasional e-mails from the Superintendent's office? Visit www.moundsvIEWSchools.org and click on E-News and choose the electronic mail you would like to receive. The Valentine View is also available on the VHES web site.



THE STAFF OF VHES THANKS ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS! We have so many wonderful volunteers and each of your contributions is important, welcomed and appreciated! Volunteers "make the world go round" here at VHES and you are integral to what we do here.

Thank you for your time!

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION, a General Mills fund raiser, has given a check for \$573.67 to the VHES PTA. This is because YOU are getting those box tops in to school for redemption. Thank you!



Beginning May 15, students must have enough money in their food 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.

TRACK HOT LINE CLARIFICATION! The track hot line is set up to be accessed this way:

651-621-6100, then enter extension 5626

SUMMER ORCHESTRA IS COMING SOON!!!

TO STUDENTS IN GRADE 3:

Students who have finished grade 3 may learn to play a strong instrument this summer. Orchestra is great fun and builds skills for a lifetime of enjoying music! Save June 22 - July 23 on your family's calendar.

Lessons are held Monday through Thursday for one hour each day in the morning between 7 AM and noon at Chippewa, Highview and Pinewood schools. Late afternoon/early evening lessons will take place between 3 and 8 PM at Chippewa and Edgewood schools. Our final concert is scheduled for July 22. We also take a field trip near the end of summer classes. Aides help with make up work if a student must miss class for camp or family vacation.

Beginners may register for lessons and arrange to rent a violin or cello any time between 5:00 and 6:30 PM at one of the following orchestra displays:

Tuesday, May 12 at Turtle Lake Elementary School

Wednesday, May 13 at Edgewood middle School

Thursday, May 14 at Island Lake Elementary School

Beginner classes are filled at the displays on a first-come basis. More detailed information about orchestra will be sent home with all third graders in May.

TO STUDENTS IN GRADES 4 AND 5:

Students who are already enrolled in orchestra may obtain a summer registration form for summer strings from their orchestra teacher. Summer Lessons are a great way to keep skills strong and grow leadership in one's playing.

Summer orchestra dates are June 22-July 23. We will have an outdoor concert on July 22 and field trip near the end of summer lessons. Lessons are held Monday through Thursday for one hour each day in the morning between 7 AM and noon. Late afternoon/early evening lessons will be offered between 4 and 8 PM.

Questions? Contact Juli Vig at 651-621-6379 or juli.vig@moundviewschools.org or Connie Aiken at 651-621-6453 or connie.aiken@moundviewschools.org

MAKE A GREAT SOUND — JOIN SUMMER ORCHESTRA!!!



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