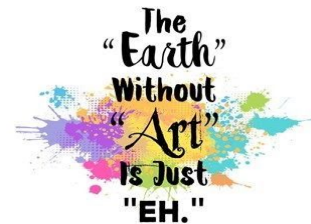


January 2020

# The Vadnais Voice



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Happy New Year Vadnais Heights Families!

I hope you all had a fabulous Winter Break and enjoyed the extra time with family & friends. It was great to have a full two weeks and now that we're back in school, January brings an amazing learning opportunity for many of our students through the Minneapolis Institute of Art . We are grateful to have several volunteers who have attended training on specific pieces of art that are housed at the Institute. The volunteers will visit our classrooms, grades 1-5, and teach the students about the works of art throughout the month of January. At the conclusion of the teaching, field trips will be taken to allow students to visit the Minneapolis Institute of Art and see the actual paintings, sculptures and other art works within this beautiful setting.

In January, all of our students we will have another artist visit from White Bear Center for the Arts. We are grateful for this partnership and the incredible opportunities that our students have to work with artists as they learn about various kinds of art and create their own masterpieces. Throughout the year students will create and learn about art with watercolor, sketching and projects that are specific to other cultures.

January is our kick-off for Kindergarten Registration and New Student Registration for the 2020-2021 school year. Vadnais Heights Elementary will host tours on Tuesday mornings at 10 AM. Families are able to [register online](#) at any time or they may come into our school office for assistance in registering online or to receive paper copies of the materials. If materials are needed in a different language, we have those available, too. If you have older children already attending Vadnais and a younger child who will be in kindergarten, please know that we appreciate you taking the time to complete the registration process at your earliest convenience.

Our first Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meeting, for the new year, is January 16th and everyone is welcome to attend. The meeting will begin at 6:30 PM and we will meet in our Media Center. The WBL High School Chemistry Club will be showing some science experiments to students while parents attend the meeting. I hope you will consider attending or getting involved in an upcoming event. Please check out the [PTO Newsletter](#), to read about what's happening.

Finally, second quarter ends Friday, 1/24 and report cards will be provided to families at the end of the following week.

Thank you all for partnering with us in your child's education!

Sincerely,

Sara Svir

**Hmong:** LUS CEEB TOOM! Yog koj xav tautsev kawm ntawv cov ntawv txhais ua lus Hmoob, thov rau Mas Lias Xyooj los yog Xw Xyooj. (651) 407-7623 **Spanish:** ATENCIÓN: Si usted necesita hablar con una persona que hable Español, por favor, llame al (651) 407-7625.



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# Important Dates

Month/Day	Activity
January 9th	Middle School Registration Information Night Sunrise Park Middle School gymnasium 7:00 PM
January 9th	Kindergarten Registration Night 5:30-6:30 PM
January 16th	PTO meeting 6:30-8 PM - VHES Learning Commons & WBL High School Chemistry Club w/ Students
January 17th	Orchestra Lock-In at North Campus 4:30-9:00 PM
January 20th	<b>No School</b> - Martin Luther King Day
January 21st	3rd grade in our Bear's Backyard with Tamarack Naturalists
January 24th	End of the second quarter
January 27th	<b>No School</b> - Teacher Professional Development
January 30th	Carnival Kick Off 6:30-7:30 PM - VHES Learning Commons
January 31st	BINGO Night 6:30-7:30 PM - Cafeteria
January 28th-January 31st	White Bear Center of the Arts
<i>Looking Ahead.....</i>	
January 31st - February 8th	Minneapolis Institute of Art Tours
February 6th	Art and STEM Fair 5:30-7:00 PM - Gym/Cafeteria
February 11th	Orchestra concert 7:30-8:30 PM
February 14th	<i>Happy Valentine's Day</i> <b>No School</b> -Teacher Professional Development
February 17th	<b>No School</b> - Presidents' Day
February 18th	Lifetouch Spring Pictures

## **YEARBOOKS.....are going fast!**

**Please order your 2019-2020 Yearbook online on Feepay or send in \$20 with your student to the main office. There are a limited number still available. Buy now!**

# December Events.....



## 4th/5th grade Music Concert



## Buddy Classes

## 1st gr. Children's Theater



## 4th grade Potanimals



# 3rd grade learning about Crayfish



# and snowmen projects!



# Holiday Shopping with VHES Student Council

5th grade students took a field trip to Walmart to shop for the Vadnais Heights Lions Club Canned Food & Toy Drive. This was the 8th year students were able to support the Food & Toy Drive from profits earned through the school store and through monetary donations. Many other items were donated by VHES students and staff and everything will be distributed to families in Vadnais Heights. This was a great way for VHES to give back to the community and maintain a fabulous tradition.



# Food and Toy Drive Pick Up

A huge thank you to all who were able to donate toys and/or food to our annual drive for the Vadnais Heights Food Shelf!



## Did you know?

If you are planning a trip and your child will be absent, please submit a note or an e-mail beforehand to **both your child's teacher and our building principal.**

Mrs. Svir's email address is: [sara.svir@isd624.org](mailto:sara.svir@isd624.org)

- Studies show a direct link between regular school attendance and academic achievement.
- Elementary age children with poor attendance records are more likely to experience difficulty in core subjects.
- Elementary schools may refer any child living in Ramsey County to the **School Attendance Matters (SAM) Program** if that child has been absent 5 or more days during a school year without lawful excuse.
- 3 AM tardies or leaving early (45 minutes or less) 3 times results in a  $\frac{1}{2}$  day absence.

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**Attendance is important and we want your students in school!**

## *Nominate your Favorite Vadnais Heights Teacher for WBL Teacher of the Year*

It takes only one inspirational person to positively impact a life forever. The educators of White Bear Lake Area Schools teach by extraordinary example - they allow students to not only follow their dreams, but give them the skills necessary to become the role models of the future.

Our district has a rich heritage of exceptional teachers who reach out to help others every day, and the Teacher of the Year program is just one way to recognize the efforts of those who devote their time, talents, and energy to making a positive difference in our community.

Please consider nominating an educator who will represent all of the dedicated teachers in our district and compete in the Minnesota Teacher of the Year Program. You may use [this form](#) to nominate a teacher. Nominations are due by 4:00 p.m., January 10, 2020.

Please remember there is no school:

Monday, January 20th &  
Monday, January 27th

