

NOVEMBER 2020 The Vadnais Voice



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Dear Vadnais Heights Families,

We are so grateful to work with your children! None of us have ever worked through a pandemic yet we cherish the time we spend with the students whether it's in person or virtual. The VHES staff has made connections with your children and we believe that consistency is imperative. There are many factors beyond our control yet we want our families to know that it is our goal to keep your children with the same teacher(s) and in the same routines so our students feel confident, safe and supported. If you have questions, concerns or suggestions please connect with me at your convenience.

The end of our first quarter is on Friday, 11/13. Please remember that we will not have report cards at the end of this quarter but we will have our second day of virtual conferencing on Tuesday, 11/10. If you still need to set up your child's conference, connect with our school office or your child's teacher. The first report card will be provided at the end of 2nd quarter or around January 28th.

On November 11th we will kick off our food and toy collection which is sponsored by the Vadnais Heights Lions Club. All donations will be distributed by the Lion's and given to families in need within the city of Vadnais Heights. Hybrid students may bring items to school and distance learners may drop off donations during supply pick up. Thank you, in advance, for your donations. The holidays can be a stressful time for families and it's wonderful that our school community is able to provide support to those in need.

We are grateful to partner with you and I thank you for sharing your precious children with us at Vadnais Heights Elementary.


Sincerely,
Sara Svir, Principal

Hmong: LUS CEEB TOOM! Yog koj xav tau tsev kawm ntawv cov ntawv txhais ua lus Hmoob, thov hu 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.



Important Dates

Month/Day	Activity
November 2nd & 3rd	NO SCHOOL
November 2nd	Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:00am-12:00 pm
November 3rd	<p>Election Day NO SCHOOL for Students - Teacher Training & Work Day</p> 
November 6th	Food Pickup at VHES from 9:30-10:30 AM Door G - South end of VHES
November 10th	Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00 PM
November 11th	VHES Toy & Food Drive Begins
November 13th	Materials Pick-up 9:30-12:30 pm - Door O Food Pick-up from 9:30-10:30 AM - Door G
November 13th	End of 1 st Quarter
November 19th	Give To The Max Day
November 19th	PTO meeting - 6:30-8:00 PM meet.google.com/meu-zrus-bfe
November 20th	Food Pick-up from 9:30-10:30 AM - Door G
November 25th-27th	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break



Vadnais Heights/WBL Apparel

The PTO will be doing a clothing order again this year for anyone who is interested. Please see your child's Seesaw page for photos of what the clothing items will look like and for pricing.

If you have any questions please contact Julie Hopkins at Julie.Hopkins@isd624.org.

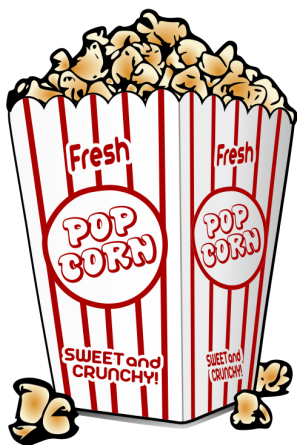
Order forms are due back by **Friday, November 13th** and must be prepaid. If interested, please fill out the order form and turn it in to your child's teacher or the main office.

Please note all sales are final as we do not order extras.



Movie Night

A huge thank you to our PTO for putting on a movie night at school. The weather was beautiful and it was great to see so many families enjoying a night together as families socially distanced and enjoyed, "How To Train Your Dragon."





**The 3rd
Grade Team
and their
very
appropriate
t-shirts!**

2020 Lions Toy/Food Drive

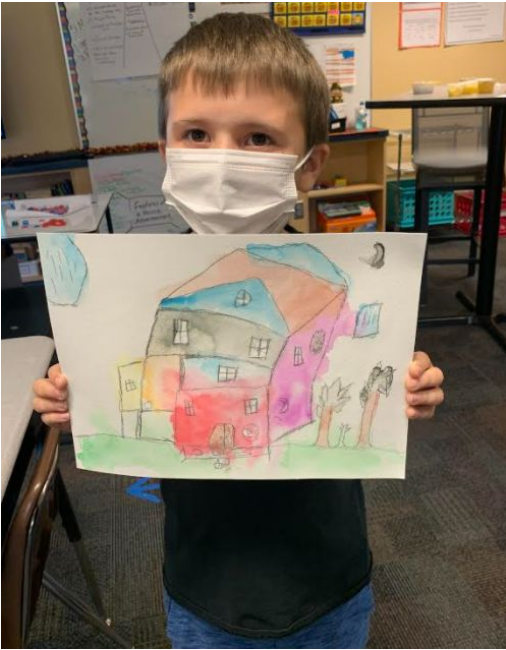
The Vadnais Heights Lions Club Foundation is sponsoring the annual food and toy drive for Vadnais Heights families in need. There will be collection barrels in the office for new, unopened, unwrapped toys, and non-perishable food items from Wednesday, November 11th through Thursday, December 10th. The collected toys and food will be distributed on Saturday, December 19th from 9-11 at the Vadnais Heights Commons, 655 E. County Road F. to children and teenagers 13 and younger who live in Vadnais Heights.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Monday, November 2nd from 8:00 am to 12:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, November 10th from 4:00-8:00 p.m.. Please sign up each child via Skyward Parent Access at <http://www.isd624.org> or by calling the office at 651-653-2858. All conferences are virtual and your child's teacher will send you the meeting link.

Around our school.....

5th Grade painting



Kindergarten voting-



Free school meals through June 2021

The USDA has extended free school meals through the school year.

Reasons why you should take advantage of the free school meals being offered:

- It extends your food budget and saves you time prepping meals
- It's comforting and familiar to your kids to have food from school
- It's confidential and not only for low-income families
- You're helping the local food service program stay financially afloat
- You're helping the food program use up food inventory = less waste

You are not taking meals away from someone who needs it more.

Please complete this [Meal Order Form](#) to sign up for take-home or distance learning meals. **Our school is now a location where you can pick up food every Friday!**

On-site meals do not require sign up.

We look forward to seeing you.

The statewide Give to the Max Day is on November 19th. Please consider Vadnais Heights Elementary for your charitable donation. You can access our page at <https://givemn.org/organization/Vadnais-Heights-Elementary-7908186>

The screenshot shows the GiveMN.org website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the GiveMN logo (tagline: Ignite Generosity • Grow Giving) on the left, and buttons for 'donate', 'fundraise', and 'about' in the center. On the right side of the navigation bar, there are links for 'My Account' and 'Logout', and a search bar labeled 'find a cause'. Below the navigation bar, the page title is 'Vadnais Heights Elementary'. The main content area is divided into two sections. On the left, there is a large green box containing a photograph of three children (two girls and one boy) standing in front of a sign for 'Vadnais Heights Elementary'. On the right, there is a white box with a green border containing a 'donate' form. The form includes radio button options for donation amounts: \$10.00, \$25.00, \$50.00, \$100.00, \$250.00, and 'Other'. Below these options is a text input field showing '\$0.00' with a note '(minimum \$10.00)'. There is also a 'Donation Frequency' section with radio button options for 'One-time payment for the full amount' (which is selected) and 'ongoing payments'. A dropdown menu is visible next to the 'ongoing payments' option. At the bottom right of the form, there is a green button labeled 'donate' and a small map of Minnesota.



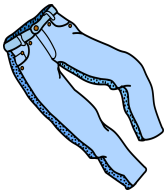
Cold Weather is Coming . . .

Our schools are kept at 66-68 degrees, which is just right for learning, but is sometimes slightly cooler than you keep your homes.

Please make sure your children are dressed for playing outside with warm coats, hats, mittens and boots and be sure to label all of your children's clothing especially outerwear. If your family needs help rounding up outerwear for the winter season, don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or our school office. The district's "Emergency School Closing Hotline" is 651-407-7540. The hotline is for messages regarding late starts and early dismissals.

From the Attendance Office:651-653-2859

Please remember to call the ATTENDANCE LINE when your child will be absent, or even if they will be late due to an appointment. You can call this line any time day or night and leave a detailed message about their symptoms. ALL vacation days need to be approved by Mrs. Svir, in advance by email at sara.svir@isd624.org or by phone at 651-653-2693.



The Closet

The White Bear Lake Education Foundation supports WBL Schools in many ways. One way is through **The Closet** - our very own thrift store set up to meet the needs of families whose children attend White Bear Lake Schools.



If families would like to visit **The Closet**, please contact your child's principal (Sara Svir at Vadnais Heights Elementary - sara.svir@isd624.org or (651) 653-2693) and your family will schedule a time to go shopping and receive free clothes, shoes and coats for your entire family!



Schedule your appointment today

Bear Care

Health and Wellness Clinic

FREE health care services to students of all ages
in the White Bear Lake Area School District

(651) 653 - 2923

[BearCare@BearCareClinic.org](mailto: BearCare@BearCareClinic.org)

Open Tuesdays and Wednesdays

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

5045 Division Ave, WBL

*Call or email to make an appointment

Services Provided

- Wellness exams
- Sports physicals
- Flu shots and other vaccines
- Acute illness care
- Rapid strep throat testing
- Ear infections, pink eye
- Rapid mono testing
- Influenza testing
- Bladder infections
- Mental health counseling
- Teen health
- Chronic Illness management

We do not bill health care insurance at this time.

Our Mission

The clinic provides accessible, affordable health care for all district students, to improve community health and educational outcomes.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Please remember there is

No School:

November 25th, 26th & 27th

