

# 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. The VHES staff is looking forward to a great year and we are grateful to partner with all of you.



Our district has many partnerships that benefit students and one of them is with the YMCA. It has been our practice to have our second graders participate in a Water Safety course and this year we have our 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade students attending. The Water Safety course provides one day of instruction in our school and 6 - 45 minute sessions at the YMCA pool. We have so many lakes in MN and these lessons will help to keep all of our students safe when they're around lakes or pools. If you're wondering, our 3rd and 4th graders missed this opportunity due to Covid and we are grateful that the YMCA is able to fit all of these kids into their schedule to provide this great opportunity for our students. Many of our younger students watch the older kids get on the bus and my hope is that this program will remain for years to come to allow every student the opportunity to attend the Water Safety class.

January is our kick-off for Kindergarten Registration and New Student Registration for the 2022-2023 school year. 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 18th and everyone is welcome to attend virtually. The meeting will begin at 6:30 PM and [here](#) is the link if you're interested.

Finally, the second quarter ends Thursday, 1/27, and report cards will be available online after 3 PM on February 3rd and we will send them home with students on Friday, February 4th.

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 6th	<a href="#">6th gr registration begins</a>
January 14th	<b>No School</b> -Teacher Professional Development
January 17th	<b>No School</b> - Martin Luther King Day
January 18th	PTO Meeting - 6:30 PM- <a href="#">Link for Virtual Meeting</a>
January 27th	End of the second quarter
January 28th	<b>No School</b> - Teacher Training
<i>Looking Ahead.....</i>	<i>February is - I Love to Read Month!</i>
February 7th	<b>No School</b> -Teacher Professional Development
February 8th	Parent/Teacher Conferences 3-7 pm
February 14th	<i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>
February 15th	Lifetouch Spring Pictures
February 17th	Parent/Teacher Conferences 3-7 pm
February 21st	<b>No School</b> - Presidents' Day

## Parent/Teacher Conferences:

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on February 8th and 17th from 3-7 pm. Please sign up for a 20 minute in-person session with your child's teacher in Skyward. Directions to sign up for a conference can be found [here](#). Please remember that masks are required in our schools. If you'd prefer a virtual conference, please contact your child's teacher. If you have questions, call the main office at (651) 653-2858.

## Yearbooks

Time to buy your Vadnais Heights Elementary School 2021-2022 yearbook! Yearbooks are **\$20 each and orders must be placed by March 1st, 2022.**! There is a limited supply so order now!

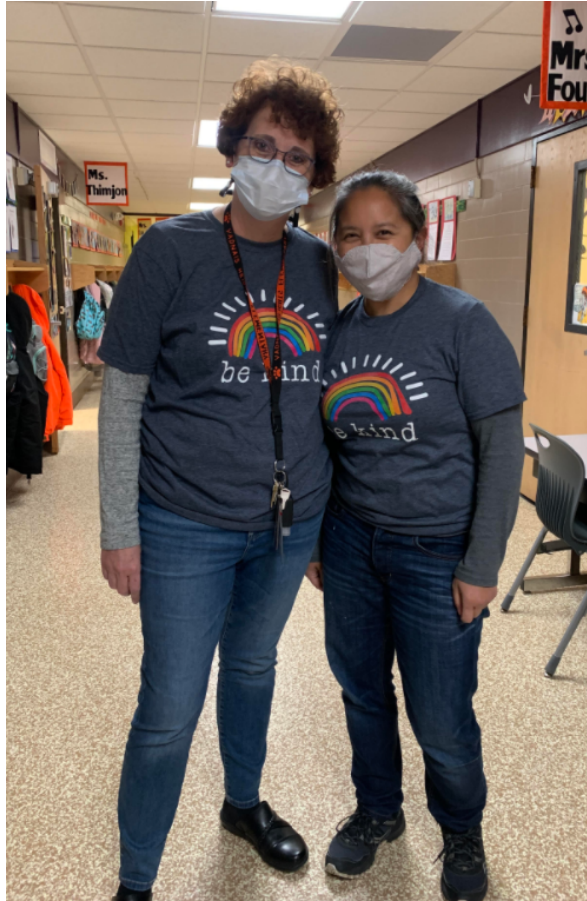
### Two easy ways to order:

1. Go to White Bear Lake Area School website to pay online <https://www.isd624.org/> (Skyward) On the home page select **ONLINE PAYMENT**, select the right side orange box which includes school activities. That will take you to [SMARTSCHOOLK12](https://lobby.wordwareinc.com/) at <https://lobby.wordwareinc.com/>. Log in to Skyward to make your purchase.

**OR**

2. Complete and return form your student brought home from school.

# December Events.....



## 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. It was a friendly competition between the Grizzly, Polar and Kodiak neighborhoods. Everyone was a winner in this competition!



# News from the Learning Commons

Our students will have the opportunity on February 1st to have a virtual author visit with Kao Kalia Yang, a local Hmong American writer and author. She is a best selling author that has won numerous awards, including the high honor of Best Children's Book of the Year (2021) for *The Most Beautiful Thing*. All of her children's books are available for students to check out.



## 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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Please remember there is no school:

Friday, January 14th,

Monday, January 17th

Friday, January 28th

Monday, February 7th &

Monday, February 21st

