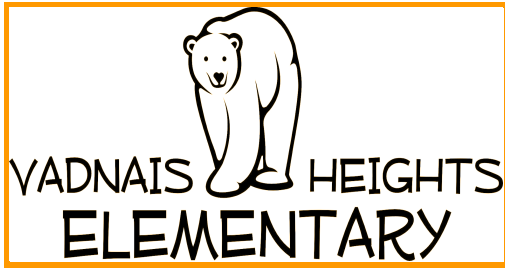


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# The Vadnais Voice



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Dear Vadnais Heights Families,

Happy March!

Winter is a great time to snuggle up with a good book so it's no surprise that we just celebrated I Love to Read Month in February and now the first week in March is Read Across America. At Vadnais Heights Elementary we challenged kids to read to earn links for a chain to go around our school to show how many minutes they've read. Every classroom has been giving out links and it's awesome to see the chain throughout our hallways. Next week we will celebrate with March Madness - we'll determine which new book is the favorite at V.H.E.S., Drop Everything and Read, dress-up days to snuggle up with a book and with all of these activities our focus will be on windows and mirrors stories. Windows means that you can see into someone else's life or perspective. Mirrors means you can see yourself within the story. Please ask your kids to share about the stories they're reading and conversations they're having about books at school.

Spring Break is the second week in March. Whether you're traveling or staying home, please be safe and enjoy the extra time with your kids. Please encourage them to bring books home so they have great stories to enjoy throughout the week. [Reading is so important for kids](#) and maybe your family could pick a new author, new subject, a different place to read at home, or visit a library or bookstore. There's no right or wrong way - just keep reading!

We are planning our Kindergarten Roundup for incoming kindergarten students for March 24th. If you have a child, neighbor or friend with an incoming kindergartner, please plan to join us for this event or you may register your child for the 2022-'23 school year using one of our online links below:

- **Current families** (those who already have student(s) enrolled in the district), click [here](#).
- **Brand new families** (those who do not already have students enrolled in the district), click [here](#).
- **Find instructions and a live link into the enrollment process** [here](#).
- **For assistance, email** [parenttechhelp@isd624.org](mailto:parenttechhelp@isd624.org).

I don't want to wish away March yet April brings showers and the MN Comprehensive Assessments (MCA's) for our students in grades 3-5 and you will help your child to be prepared if they continue to work on their skills. As Dr. Seuss said, "Reading can take you places you have never been before." No matter whether you're home or traveling over break, there are adventures, for each and every student, in books.




Sincerely,

*Sara Svir*

**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

Date	Activity
February 28th-March 4th	Read Across America Dress-Up Days: Mozie Monday - <b>Pajama Day</b> Team Tuesday - <b>Your favorite Team's Shirt or Hat</b> WOWie Wednesday: <b>Favorite Fancy Outfit or Your Favorite Outfit</b> Thoughtful Thursday - <b>Dress like what you want to be when you grow up</b> Fitness Friday - <b>Wear your work out clothes</b>
March 7th - 11th	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break - Whether you're traveling or relaxing - <b>ENJOY</b> time with your kids!
March 17th	
March 22nd	PTO meeting 6:30 PM - <a href="#">Link to Join Virtually</a>
March 24th	<b>Kindergarten Roundup</b> - <a href="#">Sign-up</a> here!
April 8th	End of 3rd Quarter

## Yearbooks-

**Yearbooks are on sale for the 2021-2022 school year. Get your order in ASAP before they are gone. Only 52 copies left!**

## Emergency Response Plan

The District has an emergency response plan that was created in consultation with local community emergency response agencies. A copy of the plan is located in each building's main office and summaries are located in classroom and public spaces. If you would like to review the plan, please call the building principal.



# ♥ Read Across America ♥

## I LOVE to Read Week!

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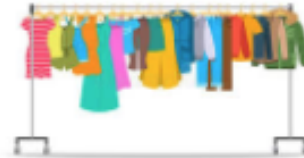
Mozey Monday - wear your PJs



Team Tuesday- wear your favorite team clothes



WOWie Wednesday- wear your favorite fancy outfit or favorite outfit



Thoughtful Thursday- dress like what you want to be when you grow up



Fitness Friday- wear workout clothes



# Kindergarten Roundup

We are so excited to meet our incoming kindergarten students for the 2022-2023 school year! Please join us at:

Vadnais Heights Elementary  
Thursday, March 24th

\*\*Sign up for one 30 minute slot [here](#)



You'll visit the classrooms, meet the teachers, receive information about learning, buses and routines and register if you haven't already completed this task.

This event is held for parents and their soon to be kindergarten student. Please call us if you have questions (651) 653-2858. See you on the 24th!

## Kodiak-Go for the Gold Medal Winners





# Global Day of Play

Around the world kids are getting less time for “unstructured” play. Unstructured play is play that is not planned or directed by an adult. It also does not include screens. Unstructured play allows children the freedom to explore, create and discover while promoting cognitive, physical and social/emotional development. On this day our kids were able to choose how and what they played and they amazed us with their innovative ideas!



## Native American Speaker



Our 5th grade students had a presentation by Ms. Baswewe, our district's American Indian Education Program Specialist. She shared details about Native American traditions and how it's important to honor all cultures and their unique traditions and celebrations.

## YMCA SWIMMING

Students in our 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade classrooms attended Water Safety Instruction classes at the YMCA. They all learned and practiced safety skills that they may use when they're around pools and lakes to keep them safe.

We are grateful for the partnership with our YMCA!





# Target Your Efforts for State Tests

## Testing Dates:

**Reading** April 12th, 13th and 14th- Grades 3, 4 and 5 (8:15-10:15 AM)

**Math** April 19th, 20th and 21st - Grades 3, 4 and 5 (8:15-10:15 AM)

**Science** May 3rd and 4th - Grade 5 students only (8:15-10:15 AM)

**\*\* Attendance is critical and we appreciate your efforts to schedule other appointments around the testing dates and times.**

## Testing Tips:

- Get plenty of rest each night before testing
- Eat breakfast and drink plenty of water
- Be calm and count to ten if you are stressed or nervous
- Listen carefully to test taking instructions
- Parents- Please encourage your child to do their very best work



## North Suburban Summer Academy - 2022 Invitation

**Do you like to be challenged? Are you motivated to learn independently?  
If you answered “Yes” check out this opportunity!**

**Registration opens March 5th** and will only be available online through the Summer Academy website. The *First Grade Project & Exploring Habitats through STEAM* courses will be open for registration at 8 AM. All other courses open for registration at 8:30 AM. If a course is closed, students have the option to be on a waiting list. The classes will be held Tuesday, June 14th - Thursday, June 30th from 8-Noon. Extended Days are 6/16 and 6/23 - classes end at 2:30 PM

More information can be found at [www.nssacademy.com](http://www.nssacademy.com)

**Password: The-2022-Academy**

**Questions? Call Summer Academy at (651) 895-7337 or email us at [info@nssacademy.com](mailto:info@nssacademy.com)**



*No School in March these days...*

*Spring Break / March 7-11*

