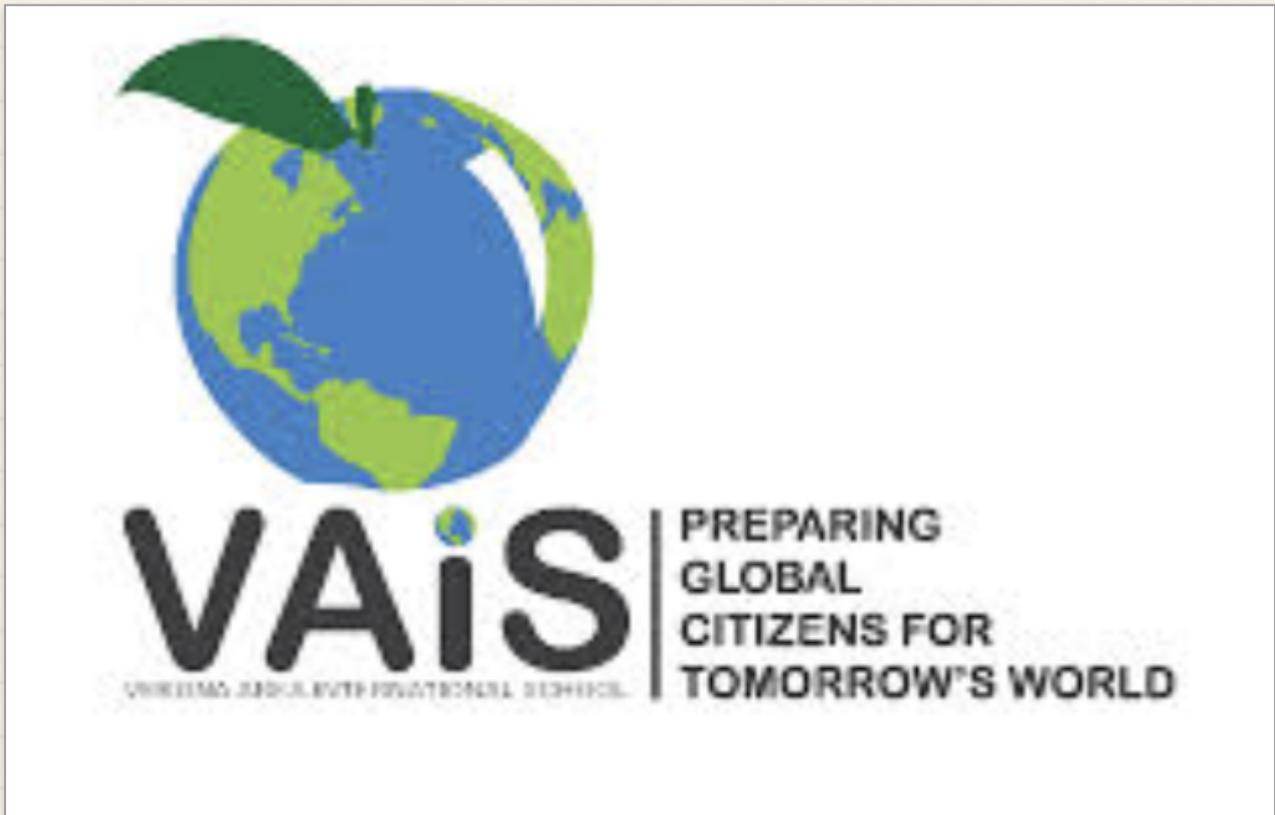


# VAIS Family News

June



## Upcoming Events

- 06/01/23 Dragon Boat Festival
- 06/04/23 Hometown Days Parade
- 06/05/23 Fire Drill 1:30pm
- 06/05/23 **Governance Council** meeting 6:30-8:30\*\*note date change\*\*
- 06/07/23 Kindergarten Celebration 1:30pm
- 06/08/23 VAIS 5th Grade Graduation 1-2pm
- 06/09/23 **Last Day of school - Early release 11:30am**
- 06/09/23 Wisconsin Brewing Company social and fundraiser
- 06/11/23 VAIS Storytime at Kismet Books 11:00am
- 06/20/23 Summer Playdate at Harriet Park 5-7pm
- 07/07/23 Summer Playdate at McKee Farms Splashpad 10-12pm
- 07/17/23 Summer Playdate at Fireman's Park Splashpad 5-7pm
- 08/03/23 Summer Playdate at Badger Prairie Park 9-11am
- 08/14/23 Popsicles with the Principal on the playground 5:30-6:30
- 08/14/23 Governance Council Meeting 6:30-8:30



## Congratulations to WAFLT Award Winners

Wisconsin Association For Language Teachers (WAFLT) is pleased to share the following awards for our Verona Area School District VAIS students!

Prisha, VAIS 4th grader, 2023 Excellence in Chinese Learning Award

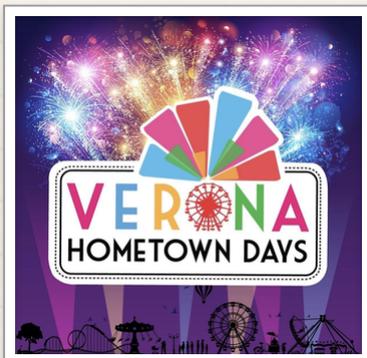
Stella, VAIS 5th grader, 2023 Excellence in Chinese Learning Award

Isaac, VAIS 5th grader, 2023 Wisconsin Excellence In Language Study Award

Ruby, VAIS 5th grader, 3rd place in the 20th Annual Wisconsin Chinese Language Speech Contest

## Dragon Boat Festival

Mark your calendars now for the Dragon Boat Festival to be held on June 1st (rain date June 2nd). The school would like at least 20 volunteers to make this event happen. Look for more details and a volunteer sign up to come out later this month.



## Hometown Days Parade

Join VAIS to walk in the Hometown Days Parade!

Please join us for the Hometown Days Parade on Sunday, June 4th. While the parade starts at noon, we ask families be there and ready to celebrate around 11am. If you would like to join us, please sign up here:

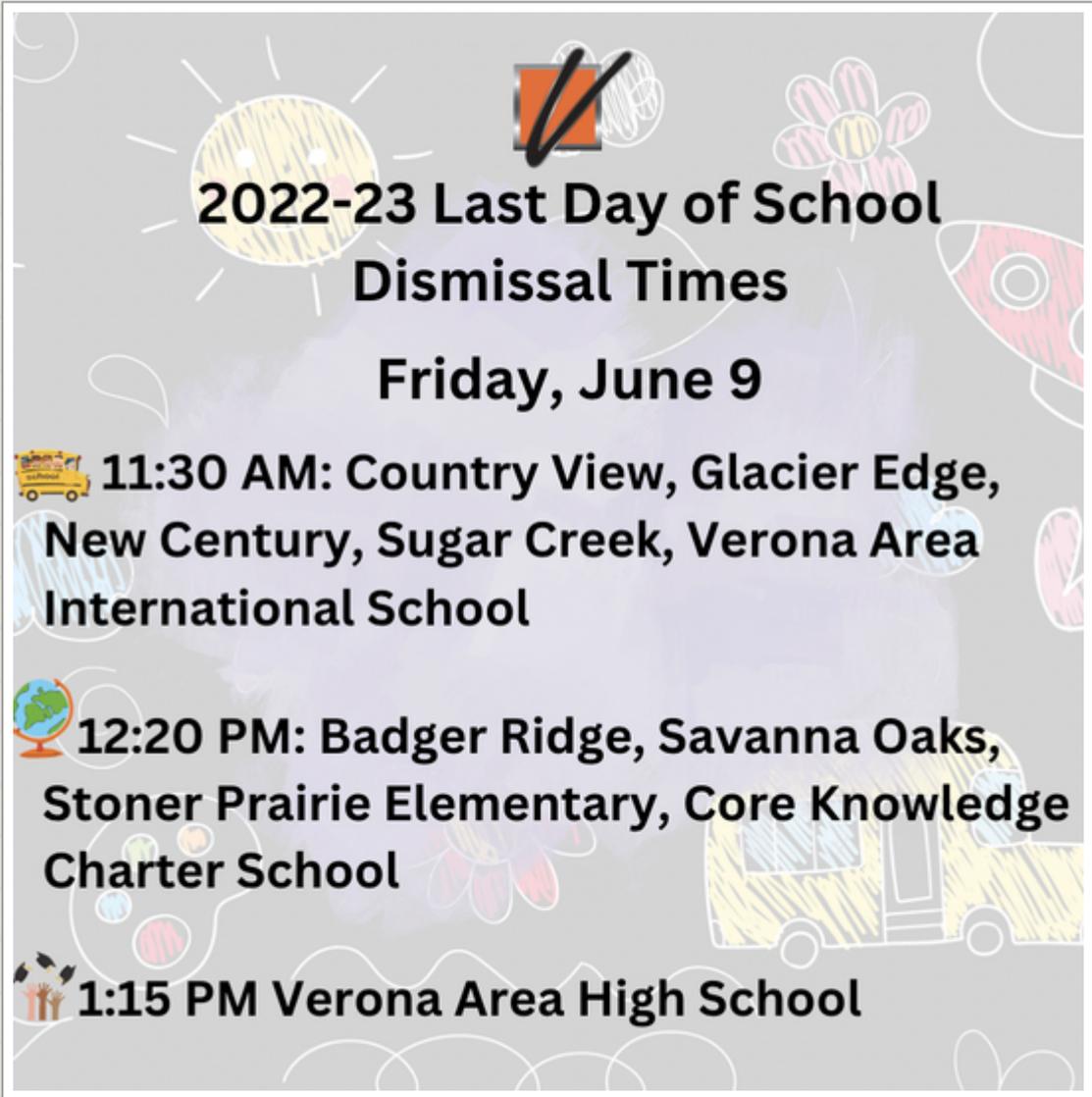
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C44ACA72DA1F94-vaais>

We would love for you and your kids to join us at the Parade and show our VAIS pride!

## Thursday, June 8... almost done

1-2pm 5th Grade Graduation & Celebration

Fancy clothes not necessary, just bring your graduating self!



**2022-23 Last Day of School  
Dismissal Times  
Friday, June 9**

 **11:30 AM: Country View, Glacier Edge,  
New Century, Sugar Creek, Verona Area  
International School**

 **12:20 PM: Badger Ridge, Savanna Oaks,  
Stoner Prairie Elementary, Core Knowledge  
Charter School**

 **1:15 PM Verona Area High School**

## Wisconsin Brewing Company social and fundraiser

On June 9, 2023 from 3-7:30 come out and celebrate the last day of school by joining us for our first WI Brewing Company cookout since 2019. Socialize, enjoy the band, promote our school, and help with a fun BBQ and bakery fundraiser. Volunteers

appreciated: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084DA9AB2EA7F85-wibrewing>



## Dumpling Story Time at Kismet Books

Please join us Sunday, June 11th for a special story time at Kismet Books. Francie Dekker will be reading her new book "Our World of Dumplings". VAIS will be leading a few songs and providing a craft. Story time will start at 11am and be held in a tent in the Kismet Parking Lot.



## Keep in touch over the summer

Have you joined the VAIS Facebook Groups?

Current and incoming families are welcome to join "VAIS Parents Group" on Facebook. We will be posting summer events and pop-up playdates in this group. This is also a great resource for new parents/guardians to ask any questions they may have. Another resources for incoming parents is <https://www.vaisverona.org/home/incoming-parents> . Alumni families are welcome to join the "VAIS Alumni Parent Group" Facebook Group.

## Popsicles with the Principal at the VAIS Playground

Please join us Monday, August 14th 5:30-6:30pm for Popsicles with Principal Sally Parks at the VAIS Playground! This will be a great opportunity to connect your student with their peers prior to the start of school. We encourage all current and incoming families to attend. The August Governance Council meeting will begin at 6:30pm after the conclusion of the event.



## A Letter from Ms. Shawl

Dear NCS & VAIS Families,

I wanted to share some news with you. Next year, I will be moving into a part-time school social worker role at Core Knowledge Charter School. While I look forward to the opportunity to work part-time, I will truly miss working at this site with our amazing students and staff. It has been a pleasure to get to know and teach all of your students and to meet and partner with so many of you all in my time at NCS & VAIS. Thank you, families, for being so supportive of our charter schools and staff.

I won't be far away, so rather than saying, "Goodbye," I will say, "I'll see you around!"

Sincerely,

Ms. Shawl

# Saying Good-Bye to Staff

This is always a time of year where we have to say good-bye to staff who have done so much for our students. We appreciate their hard work and wish them well on their future endeavors!

*Sara Arnolz, special education teacher*

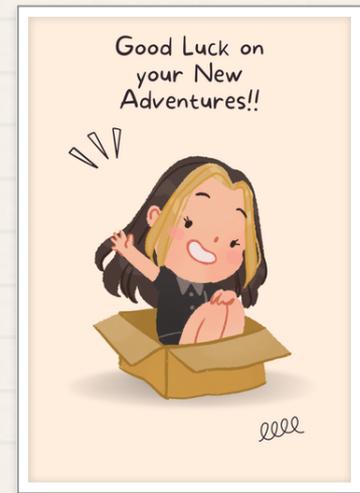
*Katie Castillo, speech pathologist*

*Makayla Fischer, school psychologist*

*Kelly Gullett, special education teacher*

*Lauren Shawl, social worker*

*Xianying Zhou, K/1 Long Term Substitute*



# Sunshine Committee Thank you!

Thank you to our Sunshine Committee Volunteers! We had 21 families who were poised and ready to share sunshine in moments of need for our NCS/VAIS families this school year. All needs were responded to with great speed and care, and I can't thank you all enough for making this possible! A special thanks to our incredible chairpersons for supporting our committee with their warmth, responsiveness, and administrative strengths.

## **2022-23 Sunshine Committee Chairpersons**

Shannon Ratchmann, VAIS

Caroline Sweedo, NCS

## **NCS Sunshine Committee Volunteers**

Amanda & Jonathan Mitchell

Brit Ben-Zikri

Elizabeth Purpero

Hannah Bassetti

Heather Felker

Heidi Kunde

Jackie Verity

Jessica Reyes

Michelle Mitchell

Sara Rem

## **VAIS Sunshine Committee Volunteers**

Diana Shelton

Elisabeth Portz

Kelly Gibson

Kendall Li

Megan Stewart

Patrick Hart

Rachel Hosseini

Shannon Ratchman  
Tiffani Roltgen



## NCS/VAIS office

Our school office will be staffed 9:15-2:45 on August 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, and 10th and then normal office hours, 7:15am-2:45pm starting August 15 for the 2023/2024 school year. Please feel free to reach out with any questions you may have at (608) 845-4509. Have a great summer!





## Welcoming Next School Year

We will be welcoming the following new staff members this fall.

*Lisa Froelich, guidance counselor*

*Hannah Dorshorst, school psychologist*

*Tiffani Pierce, special education*

Welcome Back to Lumei Huang returning to K/1 after her maternity leave!

## Futura Spanish class 2023-2024

Let's embark on a language learning journey...in SPANISH! Registration is now open for 2023-2024! All new material and lessons.

**Register by 6/15 to take \$15 off your tuition! Enroll today:**

<https://futuraadventures.com/wisconsin-region/>



## Reading Corps Tutor for '23-'24

This is an Americorps program that trains reading tutors to work with students in grades K-3. NCS and VAIS will have a part-time tutor this coming year. This person will be supported with an internal coach. Other VASD schools have worked with Reading Corps and see positive results. This will be a good support for our students.

## Leaving for the '23-'24 School Year?

It is important to let us know if your current kindergarten through fourth grader is not planning to attend VAIS for the '23-'24 school year. We are unable to work on filling open spots until a family officially withdraws from the school through the registrar's office. Our charter school enrollment works differently than neighborhood schools due to the lottery so, it is important for us to know as early as possible. Please contact the VASD registrar at: 608. 845.4360 or [reg@verona.k12.wi.us](mailto:reg@verona.k12.wi.us) to complete this process.

Have you created your **Parent Portal** access for Powerschool yet? Do you need any help in setting this up? Please Call Miss Amelia at 608-845-4504 and we can send you fresh instructions or we can walk through it together. This is the only way to sign up for summer school, so thanks for tackling this. The first instructions were sent in February, reminder letters are being sent at the end of March, and phone calls will roll out in April.

Here are some helpful videos to help if you already have your log in codes:

[English](#)

[Spanish](#)

## What to do if your Child is Sick

Please click on the link above to check the new COVID updates and procedures if your child is not feeling well.

## Breakfast and Lunch Menus

Click the link above to check the menus.

## 2022-2023 School Calendar

Please check the link above to see the school calendar.