

NOV/DEC 2023

The Vadnais Voice



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Dear Vadnais Heights Families,

Happy Fall! It was wonderful to see so many of you at Bear Bash last week. I know we had more than 500 people and I was impressed that we had an incredible turnout on such a cold evening. It may be fall but it certainly has been feeling quite wintery.

We know that students are more successful when school and home are able to partner to support students and we have another great opportunity with Fall Conferences starting next week, on the 6th, and again on the 16th. If you need help signing up, please call our school's office or message your child's teacher. Conferences provide a great opportunity to connect and hear what's happening in the classroom, see samples of your child's work and hear about future learning. Please remember that we do not have report cards at the end of this quarter, 11/10, but we will have a report card at the end of 2nd quarter or at the end of January.

On November 20th we will kick off our food and toy collection which is sponsored by the Vadnais Heights Lions Club and our Vadnais Heights School Patrol. All donations will be distributed by the Lion's and given to families in need within the city of Vadnais Heights. 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 will be collecting non-perishable food items and new, unwrapped toys, books and puzzles through December 8th.

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

Happy Holidays,

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	Lifetouch Retakes
November 6th	NO SCHOOL -Parent Teacher Conferences 3-7 PM Book Fair!
November 7th	NO SCHOOL -Election Day
November 10th	Veterans Day Program 10:00 AM
November 10th	End of the 1st quarter
November 16th	Parent Teacher Conferences 3-7 PM Book Fair!
November 20th	Food and Toy Drive Starts
November 22nd-24th	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
November 28th	PTO meeting in the Learning Commons 6-7 PM Everyone Welcome or Join Us Online!!
DECEMBER	
December 8th	Food and Toy Drive Ends
December 21st- January 1st	NO SCHOOL- <i>Winter Break</i> 



Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Monday, November 6th and Thursday, November 16th from 3-7 PM. Please login to ParentVue in Synergy to select your 20 minute conference with your student's teacher. If you need help getting into ParentVue or making the conference please call the main office at (651)653-2858.

PTO will be running a book fair during conference hours in the Learning Commons. If you're able to volunteer at the book fair, please contact our school office.

Halloween Bear Bash

Costumes, candy and pizza! Most of all, a really fun time for everyone.
Over 530 people attended!





The annual 3rd Grade Tie Dyeing Event!



Author Visit



**Thank you to Ms. Thimjon
and Red Balloon Bookstore
for making this happen!**



PTO Fundraiser Success!

Thank you to all of our families who supported the fall fundraiser by sharing the link with your family and friends. Our PTO raised over \$22,400 to support classrooms, programs, technology and more.

Mrs. Svir dressed up like a polar bear, served lunch as a chef and student dress up days were held to celebrate

as our total collected continued to climb. The Fit-athon resulted in many great acts of kindness, exercise and 2 students from each classroom won prizes after submitting their Raffle Card. Thanks to everyone, the fundraiser was a great success!



Cold Weather is Here . . .

Our school's temperature varies and layers are truly the best option to make sure your kids aren't too hot or cold. They will need outerwear for playing outside: coat, hat, mittens/gloves and boots. Be sure to label all of your children's clothing, especially outerwear. Your kids will go outside every day unless it's raining or the temperature falls below -10.

If your family needs outerwear for this winter season, don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or our school office.

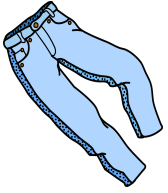
If winter weather is so severe that schools need to close, families will be alerted in three ways as soon as a decision is made:

- A SchoolMessenger phone message and email will be sent to all guardians. A text message will be sent to those who have opted in to receiving texts from the district,
- A message will be posted on the homepage or www.isd624.org and
- Messages will be posted on the District's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.

Find complete information [here](#).

Attendance Office Reminders & Phone Number (651)653-2859

Please remember to call the ATTENDANCE LINE when your child will be absent or if they will be late to school. You can call this line any time day or night and leave a detailed message if your child is sick. 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 Area Schools.



If families would like to visit **The Closet**, please contact your child's principal - 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 Clinic Information

[Spanish Version](#)

Bear Care Health and Wellness Clinic



(651) 653-2923

BearCare@RiseUpHealthClinics.org
sites.google.com/riseuphealthclinics.org/bearcare

Open during school hours and after-school

LOCATION: WBLAHS - North Campus
5040 Bald Eagle Ave., WBL, MN 55110

NEW!

Nutrition Health Counseling Services

*Call, email, or go to our website to make an appointment



Services Provided



- NEW: Nutrition Health Counseling
- Wellness exams
- Mental health counseling
- Sports physicals
- Flu shots and other vaccines
- Rapid strep throat testing
- Ear infections, pink eye
- Influenza testing
- Bladder infections
- Teen health
- Chronic illness management

OUR MISSION

The clinic provides accessible, no-cost health care for all district students, to improve community health and educational outcomes.



All are welcome!

Thank You



Colleen Kaiminaauao has served as our PTO Chair and their family is relocating to Kauai, HI. We are grateful that she's shared her time and talents and we will miss her at V.H.E.S. In Dr. Seuss's words,

**“Thank you so much for all that you’ve done to
make our school oh so much Fun!”**

We Wish You & Your Family
All the Best!



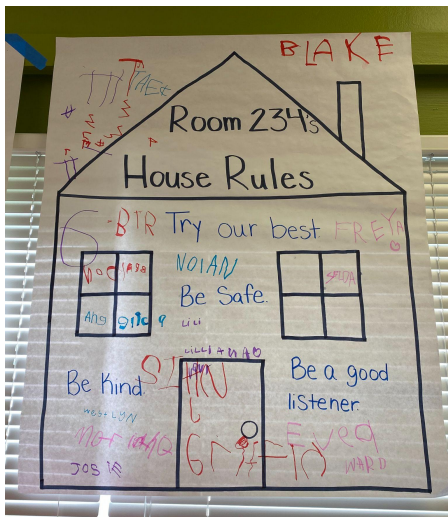
Every week we will be doing an activity called "U-Time". It is called "U-Time" because it's a chance for all of us to learn about you and for you to learn about each other, including me, your teacher. When we are together, sharing with each other will be important. We want to hear about YOU and what makes you special. We want to hear about the others in the classroom and what makes them special. Together we are a community.



U-Time: House Rules

featuring Mrs. Lapinski's kindergartners' collaboration

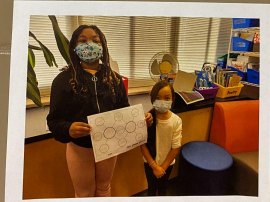
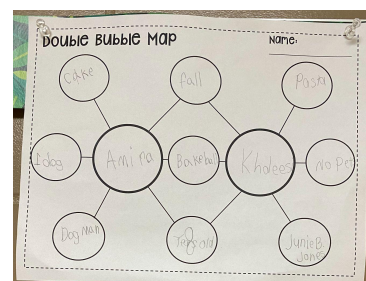
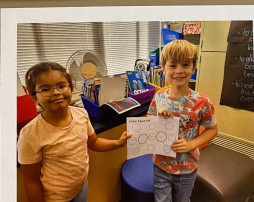
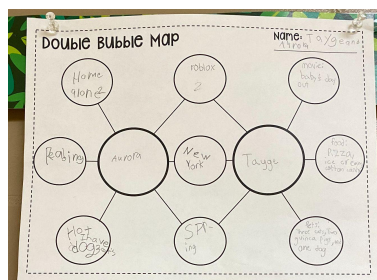
*When we are together in class, we are a community, and this classroom and school become our "home". So we need to have some "house rules". These rules will help make sure **everyone in our classroom feels safe, knows what to expect, feels welcome, and knows that they belong.***



U-Time: Things in Common

featuring Ms. Thimjon's third graders' collaboration

Get the chance to learn more about the people in our class and discover things we have in common with one another.



Vadnais Heights Elementary *Holiday*

Canned Food & Toy Drive

Sponsored by Students at VHES and the Vadnais Lions Club



Please donate a **non-perishable/canned food** item and/or a new, unwrapped **toy** for Kindergarten- 5th graders to school between the dates:

November 20 - December 8.

Example: Board Games, Crafts, Legos, Books

Bring food and toy donations to the Cinnamon & Grizzly Hallway near the elevator. Students should look for their neighborhood sign and place their item on the color for their Kodiak, Grizzly, or Polar neighborhood.

All donations will help local families through the VH Food Shelf.

If you would rather make a monetary donation, families can do so by logging into your **SmartSchool account**.

From <https://www.isd624.org/departments/technology/online-payment> click on "Submit payments for lunch, school activities & athletics"



	Sports	
	Store	
	Ticketing	

← Select store to pay for field trips and other school items

Select "Store" to pay for this event to help others in our community.

Please remember there is

No School:

November 6th & 7th

November 22nd, 23rd, & 24th



December 21st-January 1st



Happy Holidays!