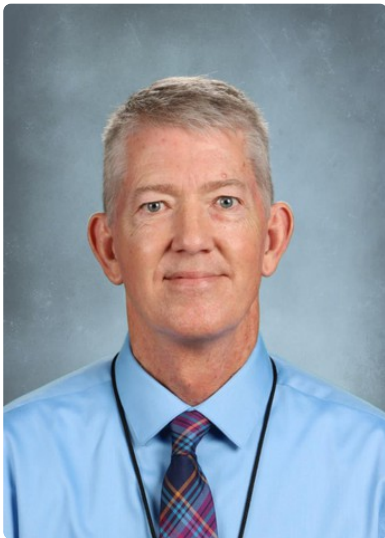


# Voyager News

June 2024



## Principal's Message

Dear VES Families,

It seems like we were just gathering for Open House and here we are, enjoying the last day of school. It has been a pleasure getting to know you and your students this year and seeing the academic growth that has taken place not only in the classroom, but socially and emotionally as well.

It is important to help curb the summer slide, which is a decline in a child's academic skills that can occur over the summer break.

Learning through the summer means providing children with

opportunities to continue practicing what they have learned in the classroom. Examples are:

- 1) Introducing a summer reading program and/or visiting the Douglas County Library regularly
- 2) Practicing math skills in the grocery store and in the kitchen
- 3) Working on a summer folder if your child's teacher sent one home
- 4) Learning about nature through garden activities
- 5) Doing a DIY project
- 6) Writing letters and addressing envelopes to family members and mailing them

I hope that you have a great summer with your family. We wish the 5th grade alumni well in their new adventures at Discovery Middle School and we welcome the rest of the students back in the fall!

Dana

## Mark Your Calendar

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| Kindergarten Orientation, 3:00-7:00 PM.....     | 8/21 |
| Kindergarten Orientation, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM..... | 8/22 |
| Back to School Open House/Picture Day.....      | 8/27 |
| Labor Day.....                                  | 9/2  |

## VES Exemplary Students Earn Code Kid Recognition

Let's celebrate these Voyager students who have earned May Code of Conduct Awards! They were seen demonstrating our Code of Conduct traits of responsibility, honesty, respect, fairness, and kindness. Thank you, students!



### Code Kids

Morgan Grove, Oliver Miller,  
Jase Brovold, Cece Anderson,  
Kyla VanLiere, Izzybella Griego  
and Jade Steward



### Code Kids

Drew Anderson, Bryar  
Blakesley, Maria Cordes, Jack  
Webber and Izaya Lueth



### Code Kids

Noa Mattson, Emma  
Jurchenko, Dylan Brede and  
Hadley Morrissey



### Code Cash Winners

Noelle Searcy, Noa Mattson,  
Emma Timm, Reya Holmstrom,  
Jaxsen Jaspersen and Max  
Modahl

## Spelling Bee Results

What do the words "seize", "scan", "expressway" and "intertwine" have in common? Just ask these second through fifth grade spelling champions and runners-up and they'll tell you those are the words they spelled correctly to become the top spellers in our school!

Congratulations to winners Paige Bachmann, Ella Byron, Harmony Cimenski and Drew Anderson. Runners-up for each grade level are Luke Fischer, Elizabeth Wiita, Hope Holte and Cole Richardson.



**FREE Family Fun Night Coming on June 7**



Enjoy an evening with your family at Community Education's Family Fun Night on Friday, June 7! Enjoy free play, outdoor activities, food trucks and more! See flyer for details.

## Free Tutoring Available

This tutoring program is designed to provide academic support and interventions to students (K-12) who are below grade level. Tutor supports student growth via hands-on projects, games, etc to help the student learn in different ways than in the classroom. Tutors, who are licensed K-12 teachers, will work directly with parents on a schedule that works best for your family. All tutoring will take place in Alexandria Public School facilities.

This program is **FREE** for those who qualify based upon assessment data or \$50/hour for those who do not qualify OR are NOT enrolled in Alexandria Public Schools.

If you are interested or would like to learn more, please contact **Community Education at 320-762-3310**. This program is supported by ESSER funding through September 30, 2024.

## Free Lunches at WES

Free summer meals are once again available this summer at Woodland Elementary School for youth age 18 and younger. Adult meals are \$3.75 for breakfast and \$5.25 for lunch. See adjoining flyer for more details.



### Free Summer Meals!

June 4-August 16, 2024  
(excluding June 19 & July 4)

Monday - Friday

**Breakfast: 7:30-9:00 am**  
18 & under FREE; adults \$3.75

**Lunch: 11:00 am -12:30 pm**  
18 & under FREE; adults \$5.25

Woodland Elementary Cafeteria  
1410 South McKay Ave

**Meals are FREE to all students 18 and under!**

Menus are posted at [alexschools.org](http://alexschools.org)  
Call 762-3315 for more information



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## Ed Rock concert

You have the opportunity to enjoy a great concert at a local venue while also supporting the Alexandria Education Foundation. See the adjoining flyer for details.

## Extra Yearbooks Available

Yearbooks have been distributed and there are a few available for sale for \$15. Stop in the office this summer if you'd like to purchase one. Summer office hours are 6:30 AM-3:30 PM, Monday-Thursday and 7:00-11:00 AM on Friday.



## Demographic Changes?

If you experience any demographic changes this summer, such as email, phone or address changes, please call the office with that information.



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**Mary Ronning**

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