



PTA Meeting

Thursday, October 10th

KSA Data Highlights

VETERANS PARK Kentucky Summative Assessment

2024 Overview

Indicator Scores for the 2024 KSA

Reading and Math

79.4- Green

Science, S.S. & Writing

76.7- Blue

English Learner Progress

69.8- Blue

QSC Survey

83.8- Blue

OVERALL
INDICATOR
SCORE



First Nine Weeks

The end of the first nine weeks will be ending on Friday, October 11th. Report cards will be sent home on Friday, October 18th for intermediate students.

Those students in primary grades will have their progress reports shared with them during fall conferences. Please note that VPE gives letter grades for students in grades 4-5 and grades K-3 receive standards-based grades.

VPE Grading Scale

90 - 100 A

80 - 89 B

70 - 79 C

60 - 69 D

59 and below F

District Safety Tracker



SAFETY TRACKER

We are thrilled to announce our new safety tracker — a website where you find up-to-date information on situations impacting the safety of the school community, emergency procedures, and more. Simply visit fcps.net/safety. Providing a safe environment to work, learn, and grow is a priority for Fayette County Public Schools.

Since 2018, we have added 83 mental health specialists, doubled our number of police officers and school nurses, and secured every school entrance.

To learn more about safety improvements in our schools, watch this [brief video](#).

We are grateful to everyone who makes the safety tracker possible and to those who help keep our schools safe

Veterans Day Program Speaker Needed

We are in need of someone to be our keynote speaker during our annual Veterans Day program on Monday, November 11th @ 1:00 pm. If you know someone or have a family member who might be someone we can tap for this position please reach out to Crystal Peters and Molly Dabney (crystal.peters@fayette.kyschools.us and molly.dabney@fayette.kyschools.us).



Family Focus Night

- Wednesday, October 16th is Family Focus Night! Watch a MOVIE or SHOW together! All submissions must be turned in by Thursday, Oct. 17th at 5pm. You can also enter the drawing by commenting on Veterans Park Elementary Facebook or Instagram. In the comments section write the Movie or Show title and your kids name. That's it! Good Luck and enjoy this family time!

*(Please make only **one** submission, either by sending back the flyer to the school OR by entering online through VPE socials!!!!)*

FAMILY FOCUS
MOVIE NIGHT

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 16TH

MOVIE NAME & KIDS NAME

**TURN THE FLYER BACK IN TO ENTER
RANDOM DRAWING**

WINNER GETS A \$50 GIFT CARD TO
BHG RESTURANTS
THANK YOU BHG!!

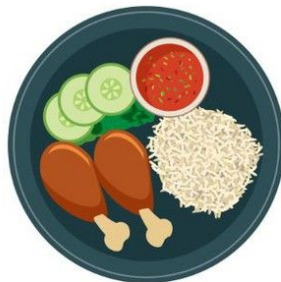


PTA Directory

In the Dabney Discussion this month we shared the electronic copy of the 2024-2025 PTA School Directory. You will recall that this was an opt-in form that was shared with families to complete at the beginning of the school year. Only families who entered their information are included.

Virtual Parent Workshop - Helping Kids Thrive in a Screen-Based Childhood

TAKE THE NIGHT OFF
FROM COOKING!



FREE MEAL
& A VIRTUAL PARENT
WORKSHOP

meal spots are limited--sign up now!

topic:

*Helping Kids Thrive
in a Screen-Based
Childhood*

sign up here:



<https://forms.gle/BEYJgyKhHvYGNf8>

How it works:

Families will sign up to receive a FREE easy-prep meal to be picked up on Monday, October 21st! Parents are asked to view a pre-recorded 30 minute online parenting workshop recording (at your convenience between October 21 & October 28) and complete a quick survey after! That's it! You get the night off in the kitchen and learn helpful parenting information to support your family!

After signing up, you will receive details on meal pick-up and a link to view the workshop! Spots may be limited based on interest, so sign up now!

Sign ups end October 16!

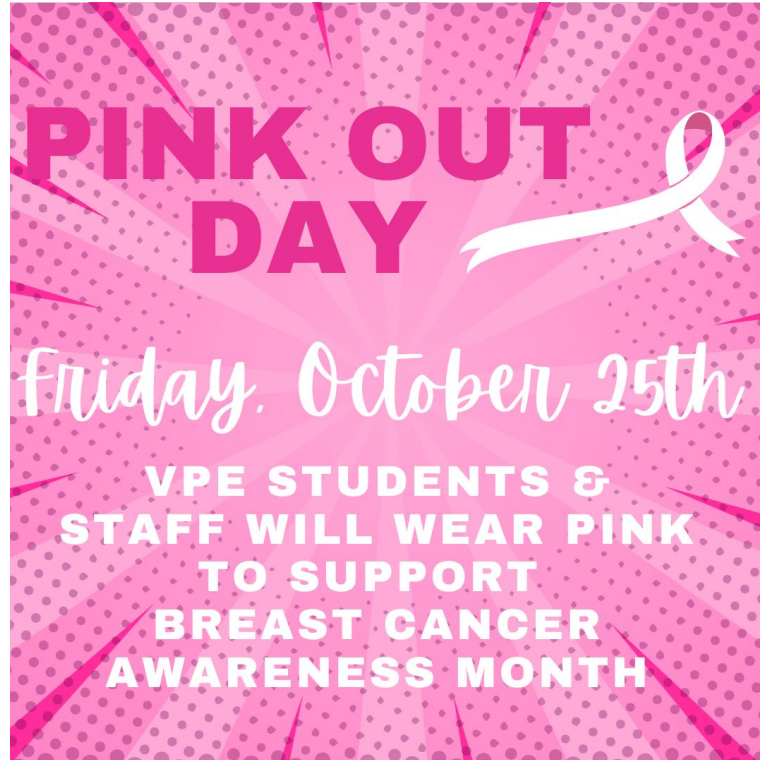
PTA Reflections 2024

Entries are now being accepted for the PTA's Reflections Art Program. Please review the included documents, and visit the PTA's website for full details: <https://www.fcps.net/families/pta/reflections>

Veterans Park entries can be submitted until Friday, November 1st, and should be turned into Mrs. Love in the Family Resource Center.



Pink Out Day



October SPIRIT Project

Join us during the month of October for our VPE

PET SUPPLY DRIVE

in support of the Lexington Humane Society!

REQUESTED ITEMS INCLUDE:

DOG

- *Purina Dog Chow (Chicken Flavor)
- *Milk Bone Pill Pouches
- *Peanut Butter
- *Soft canine training treats, such as Moist & Meaty

***They are unable to accept rawhide donations

CAT

- *Purina Cat Chow (Chicken Flavor)
- *Paté-Style Wet Cat Food
- *Unscented cat litter
- *Canned Chicken (in water only)

MISCELLANEOUS

- *Small Animal Pet Food & Bedding (no cedar bedding, please)
- *Timothy Hay/Alfalfa for small animals
- *Paper Towels

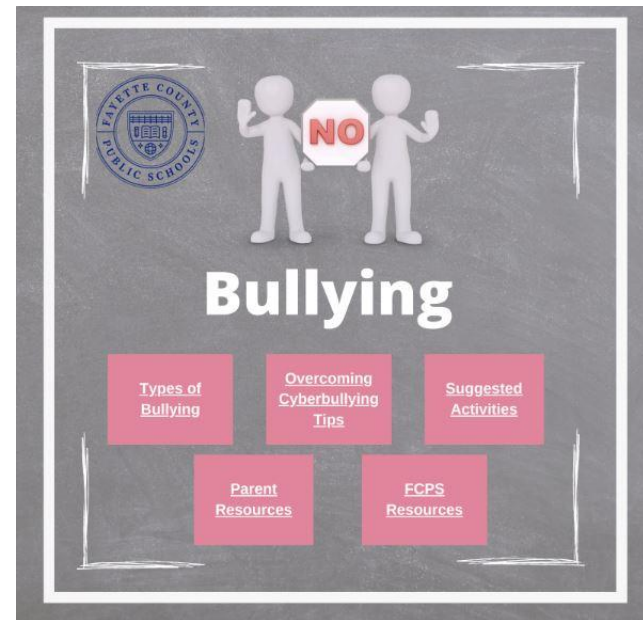
They are unable to accept bed pillows, couch cushions, electric blankets and extremely large comforters.

Donations may be dropped off in the bin outside of the counseling office, located in the front hallway!



October is Bullying Prevention Month

- Did you know that According to the Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 41% of Kentucky middle school students and 22% of high school reported being bullied in person and 29% of middle school students and 18% of high school students reported being bullied online. [Click here to see KIP results for FCPS students surveyed in 2021 regarding bullying.](#) Although majority of students reported being able to identify ways to report bullying and those ways being effective, bullying is still a problem in our schools.
- Below are resources and information for students and families:
- [STOP Bullying One Pager](#)
- [KDE- Bullying and Harassment](#)



Red Ribbon Week

VETERANS PARK ELEMENTARY

RED RIBBON WEEK

OCTOBER 28 - NOVEMBER 1

MONDAY, 10/28
**"PROUD TO BE
DRUG FREE"**

Students wear RED!

TUESDAY, 10/29
**"USE YOUR HEAD,
DON'T DO DRUGS!"**

Hat Day!

WEDNESDAY, 10/30
**"HOOKED ON BOOKS,
NOT DRUGS"**

School-wide read in!

THURSDAY, 10/31
**"OUR SCHOOL
CHOOSES TO BE
DRUG-FREE"**

Book Character Day

FRIDAY, 11/1
**"OUR SCHOOL
CHOOSES TO BE
DRUG-FREE"**

VPE Spirit Day!

Book Character Day - Parade 10/31 @ 10:00 am

In celebration of reading and in conjunction with Red Ribbon Week, VPE will have Book Character Day on Thursday, October 31. Students may come to school dressed as their favorite book characters. **Guidelines for the book character day are as follows:**

- Students should bring a copy of the book their character is from to school that day.
- Characters/costumes must be from elementary-age-appropriate books.
- Costumes may not involve blood or other horror-type elements.
- Color in the hair, face painting, and hats may be worn; however, masks will not be allowed.
- Costumes may not be revealing in nature ... may not be see-through material, low cut, or tight fitting.
- Tights and leotards are acceptable if covered with a tutu, skirt, or shorts.
- The costume must allow students to take care of personal needs, sit at desks, and participate in school and classroom activities throughout the day.
- Rule of thumb ... if there is a question about appropriateness, it is probably best not to wear it.

Book Character Parade

Parents are invited to come watch the students as they parade around the bus loop at starting @ 10:00 a.m. We ask families to stand on the outside of the bus loop and classes will come out and walk two laps before returning to class.

Upcoming Events

- October - Parent Conference Month
- October 11 - End of First Nine Week Grading Period, Spirit & Hat Day/Woot Woot Wagon
- October 16 - Wellness Wednesday & Family Focus Night
- October 17 - Fall Conference Night @ 3:00-7:00 pm
- October 22 - SBDM Committee Meetings @ 3:00 pm
- October 28-November 1 - Red Ribbon Week
- October 31- Book Character Day, Book Character Parade @ 9:45 am - Bus Loop
- November 1 - Spirit & Hat Day/Woot Woot Wagon
- November 5 - No School - ELECTION Day

Free/Reduced Applications

- **VPE is no longer a free feeding site due to Covid**
- **Breakfast/Lunch Charges:**
 - **Breakfast - \$2.00**
 - **Lunch - \$2.75**
 - **Milk - \$0.60**
- **Last Year's Applicants Ended on September 26th - Deadline to re-apply for Free/Reduced Lunch**
 - **Students who qualify for free/reduced lunch last year need to reapply each year**