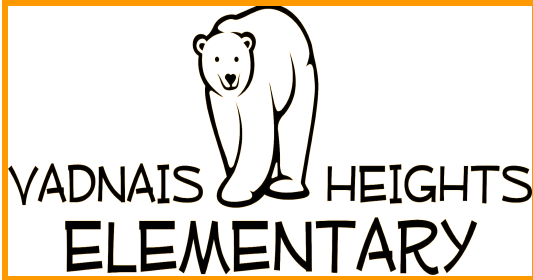


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The Vadnais Voice



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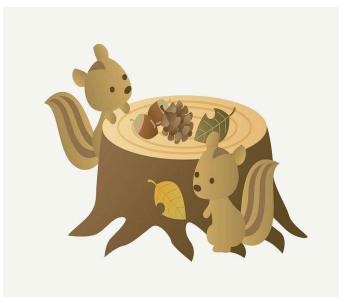
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Principal - sara.svir@isd624.org

Dear Vadnais Heights Families,

We kicked off fall with our Bear Bash and it was a huge success. We had more than 800 people attend and it was a great night of food, costumes and connections. Thanks to everyone who joined in on the fun!

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 4th, and again on the 14th. 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, 11/1, but we will have a report card at the end of 2nd quarter or at the end of January.



On November 18th 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 11th.

We are grateful to partner with you and I thank you for sharing your children with us at V.H.E.S.!

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 1st	End of the 1st quarter
November 4th	NO SCHOOL - Parent Teacher Conferences 3-7 PM Book Fair!
November 5th	NO SCHOOL - Election Day Professional Development for Teachers
November 7th	Lifetouch Retakes
November 11th	Veterans Day Program 8:55 AM
November 14th	Parent Teacher Conferences 3-7 PM Book Fair!
November 18th	Food and Toy Drive Starts
November 19th	PTO meeting in the Learning Commons 6-7 PM Everyone Welcome or Join Us Online
November 27th-29th	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
DECEMBER	
December 11th	Food and Toy Drive Ends
December 23rd- January 1st	NO SCHOOL- <i>Winter Break</i> 



Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Monday, November 4th and Thursday, November 14th from 3-7 PM. Please login to ParentVue in Synergy to select your 15 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! Our PTO sponsored community engagement night was a great success. Families were able to connect with other families, students had a great time with classmates and staff were able to visit with our wonderful school community. Over **800** people attended!



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 \$19,740 to support classrooms, programs, technology and more.

Mrs. Svir dressed up like a hot dog one day and served lunch to students another day. 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!



2024 Holiday Food and Toy Drive November 18th-December 11th



Grizzlies, Kodiaks, or Polars? Which neighborhood will collect the most?

The Vadnais Heights Patrols in cooperation with the Vadnais Heights Lions Club is sponsoring a food and toy drive. We will be collecting new, unwrapped toys and non-perishable food at school until **Wednesday, December 11th**

The food items collected will be given to the local food shelf to help keep the shelves stocked during this holiday season.

The Vadnais Heights Lions Club will distribute the toys. All toys will be given to children and teenagers who live in the White Bear Lake area. This includes the Vadnais Heights community.

The need is great for boys and girls who range in age from infant to 16 years old. We especially need toys, books and puzzles for the 8-12 and 13 - 16 year old boys and girls.



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This year in PE students are being given the opportunity to make - "The Impossible Shot". PE teachers throughout the world are integrating it into their classes as a positive reward for students. "The Impossible Shot" can be seen in the picture below. The goal is for students to throw a tennis ball into the top of the 4 inch PVC pipe. Students in grades 2-5 are about 8.5 feet away, while students in k-1 are about 6.5 feet away. During the class period I tell students what I am looking for that day in order to have a chance to attempt "The Impossible Shot" at the end of class.

Students may have the opportunity to shoot the shot based on general positive behavior or controlling reactions as competitive games can cause emotions to run high. "The Impossible Shot" has been a great way to highlight positive sportsmanship and encourage those soft skills within a game setting. I track which students have had a turn - that way all students will get a chance.



At the beginning of the year, "The Impossible Shot" was just the color of the PVC pipe. Students in grades 3-5 had the opportunity to participate in a design contest. Staff voted on each design to narrow it down to the final four from which students voted for the winner. Lillie in 5th grade had the winning design and she took "The Impossible Shot" home over MEA and painted it herself. It looks amazing! Students and staff have both commented on how great of a job she did.

Has anyone actually made "The Impossible Shot"? After 297 tries, a student finally made "The Impossible Shot"! Ariella was the first person to make the shot!

Students who make the shot get a certificate with their name on it, as

well as getting their picture taken to be posted on the P.E. Wall of Fame for all students in the school to see as they come into the gym. Three people also made it at the BEAR bash last week! If you haven't heard about it - ask your child to explain more!

Current student statistics include : 1 / 671

Mr. Busse



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.

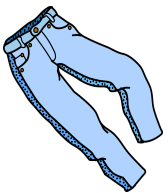
If winter weather is so severe that schools need to close, families will be alerted in three ways as soon as a decision is made:

- 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 or indicate in [PARENTVUE](#) 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!

Please remember there is

No School:

November 4th & 5th

November 27th, 28th, & 29th



December 23rd-January 1st



Happy Holidays!