

January 2025

The Vadnais Voice



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Happy New Year Vadnais Heights Families!

I hope you all had a fabulous Winter Break and enjoyed the extra time with family & friends.

January is our kick-off for Kindergarten Registration and New Student Registration for the 2025-2026 school year. New families are able to [register online](#) at any time or they may come into our school office for assistance in registering online or to receive paper copies of the materials. If materials are needed in a different language, we have those available, too. If you have older children already attending Vadnais and a younger child who will be in kindergarten, please know that we appreciate you taking the time to complete the registration process at your earliest convenience. Please login to your [ParentVue Account](#) to register an incoming kindergarten student. Our school will be hosting an event called, Kindergarten Roundup, for parents and incoming students, and information will be mailed home to all families. Please make sure your name is on the list!



Our first Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meeting, for the new year, is January 14th and everyone is welcome to attend. The meeting will begin at 6:00 PM and it will be held in our Learning Commons or you may join us online from the comfort of your home. I hope you will join us to meet other parents and hear what's happening at Vadnais Heights Elementary.

Finally, the second quarter ends Friday, 1/17, and report cards will be available, in ParentVUE, on 1/29 at 3 PM and we will send home a hard copy with your child. If you have questions, contact your child's teacher.

Thank you all for partnering with us in your child's education!

Sincerely,
Sara Svir

Hmong: LUS CEEB TOOM! Yog koj xav tautsev 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
January 9th	5th Grade Middle School Information Night: Central & Sunrise/Mariner
January 14th	PTO Meeting - 6-7 PM - VHES Learning Commons Come in person or join us online!
January 17th	End of the Second Quarter
January 20th	No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 21st-22nd	No School - Teacher Training
January 29th	Report Cards Available in ParentVUE @ 3 PM
<i>Looking Ahead.....</i>	<i>February is - I Love to Read Month!</i>
February 4th and 13th	Parent/Teacher Conferences 3-7 PM Schedule your conference in ParentVUE starting on 1/13
February 14th	<i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>
February 17th	No School - Presidents' Day
February 18th	Lifetouch Spring Pictures
February 27th	Snow Much Fun - Music Event & Family Game Night from 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Parent/Teacher Conferences:

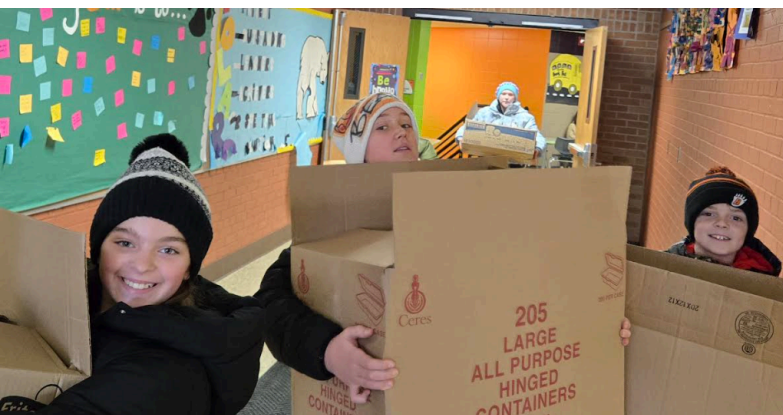
Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on February 4th and 13th from 3-7 PM. Information will be coming from your child's teacher about how to sign up for your conference. Please sign up for a 15 minute in-person session with your child's teacher in ParentVue starting on January 13th. If you'd prefer a virtual conference, that is always an option. Thank you.

December Events.....

Food and Toy Drive Pick Up

A huge thank you to all who were able to donate toys and/or food to our annual drive for the Vadnais Heights Food Shelf. It was a friendly competition between the Grizzly, Polar and Kodiak neighborhoods. Everyone was a winner in this competition!

Pictured below are members from our 5th Grade School Patrol who packed up the donations and loaded the truck for the Vadnais Heights Lions to deliver to our local food shelf. It was a great team effort to support the Vadnais Heights community during the holiday season. Thank you one & all!



Academic Achievement Award- Lyla Brush

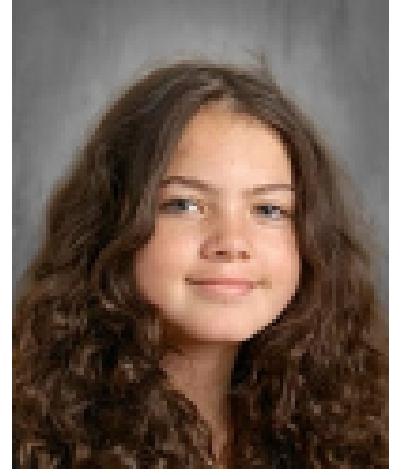
2024-2025 School Year

Vadnais Heights Elementary is recognizing Lyla Brush for the Academic Achievement Award.

Lyla is a well rounded student both academically and socially. She is well liked by her peers and she goes above and beyond to include everyone. Lyla is one of the captains of our school patrol and strives to make our school a safe place. She is a self-directed learner who collaborates well with others to learn new things and problem solve.

Lyla is a positive role model and her peers know they can count on her in good times and in challenging times. She is a leader who pushes herself and those around her to work to their potential.

Vadnais Heights Elementary celebrates Lyla Brush and her academic success as a White Bear Lake Student.



WBLAHS Boys Hockey

Members of the White Bear Lake Area High School Hockey team participated in an outreach event by spending recess at Vadnais Heights Elementary. The team members had a great time playing outside and having a great lunch in the cafeteria ahead of their big game against Hill-Murray.





Used Eyewear Donations



Do you have eye glasses at home that you no longer use? Over 60 pairs of glasses have been collected through donations to help local people in Lurin, Peru. Many emerging countries lack the resources to manufacture quality lenses and the cost of importing eyeglasses is far beyond the means of the average citizen. The glasses you donate will help people of all ages to better see and read.

Mrs. Rider, a 5th grade teacher at Vadnais Heights Elementary, will be participating in an optical mission trip to the village of Lurin, Peru. She will be working alongside other volunteers to provide vision screening and guiding individuals to corrective lenses. Her students will help collect and prepare the eyeglasses collected to give to a community in need - a great service learning project.

Please send your no longer used eyeglasses to Vadnais Heights Elementary % Mrs. Rider. Glasses for all ages are accepted. Thank you Vadnais Heights Families for your support!



Absences

If you are planning a trip and your child will be absent, please submit a note or an e-mail beforehand to **both your child's teacher and our building principal**. Mrs. Svir's email address is: sara.svir@isd624.org

- Studies show a direct link between regular school attendance and academic achievement.
- Elementary age children with poor attendance records are more likely to experience difficulty in core subjects.
- Elementary schools may refer any child living in Ramsey County to the **School Attendance Matters (SAM) Program** if that child has been absent 5 or more days during a school year without lawful excuse.
- The District has an [informational brochure](#) if you are uncertain about sending your child to school if they are not feeling well.

ATTENDANCE LINE 651-653-2859 or attendancevadnais@isd624.org



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 Schools.

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

(Sara Svir at Vadnais Heights Elementary) - 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!





Please remember there
is no school on the
following days:

Monday, January 20th, MLK
Tuesday, January 21st,
Wed., January 22nd,
Monday, Feb. 17th

Remind your kiddos to bring
their winter gear home so
they may get outside and play

DREAM

**Martin Luther King Jr.
Day**

“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is:
**‘What are you doing for
others?’”**

