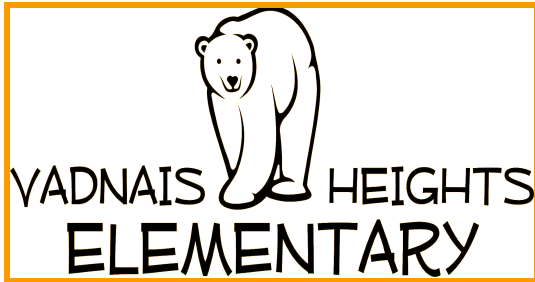


MARCH/APRIL 2025

# The Vadnais Voice



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Dear Vadnais Heights Families,

We are over halfway through the school year and we're excited for Spring Break and to welcome spring.

This March and April we have a calendar full of activities...



- ❖ We are celebrating March Madness with a daily book that will be read by a staff member. Clues will be given to see if students, in each class, are able to figure out the mystery reader. It's a book challenge and students will be voting on their favorite book as we fill out the bracket to determine the most loved book at Vadnais Heights Elementary. Always remember that kids love to read with their parents, too!
- ❖ Kindergarten Gathering is scheduled for April 1st. If you have an incoming kindergarten student, please join us to visit the classrooms, meet the teachers and your child will do a fun project that will grow right along with your child. We hope you can join us.
- ❖ The MN Comprehensive Assessments (MCA's) begin on April 22nd-23rd for reading, April 29th and 30th for math for students in grades 3, 4 and 5. 5th Graders will take the science test on May 6th. Testing will begin each day at 8:15. Please make sure your child is in school and well rested.

The weather always keeps us on our toes. Some days it feels like shorts and the next day we're back to snow pants. Please make sure your kiddos are ready for whatever the weather has in store. If ever you need anything please reach out because our district's store, The Closet, is a great place to get items for your whole family.

Have a wonderful and safe Spring Break!

Sincerely,  
Sara Svir

**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
March 3rd-7th	<b>I Love to Read Week</b>
March 10th-14th	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> - Spring break
March 18th	PTO meeting: 6-7 PM Learning Commons or <a href="#">Join Virtually</a>
March 31st	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> - Professional Development
<b>April</b>	
April 1st	<a href="#">Kindergarten Roundup</a>
April 4th	End of the 3rd quarter
April 18th	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> - Professional Development
April 22rd - 23rd	MCA Reading/8:15-10:15
April 29th - 30th	MCA Math/8:15-10:15

## Kindergarten Roundup

There will be a Kindergarten Roundup open house here at Vadnais Heights Elementary School on April 1st from 4:30-6. This is an opportunity for you and your incoming Kindergarten student to meet the teachers, see the classrooms, tour the school and hear information about the school day and curriculum. Please [sign up](#) for one 30 minute session. If you haven't registered your child for kindergarten, you can [register online](#) or get a paper copy in the main office. We are excited to get to know the Class of 2038!

### Valentines for Seniors:

Many of our students made Valentines to brighten the day of more than 100 seniors at the Vadnais Heights Senior luncheon!



# 2024-2025 Yearbooks!



order your  
**YearBOOK**  
TODAY!

Vadnais Heights Elementary School  
2024-2025 yearbooks are for sale!

Yearbooks are **\$21 each!**

Yearbook sales will close

**Friday, March 28, 2025**

Yearbook orders are online and  
can be ordered through

<http://bit.ly/3DXYStt>

## Congratulations!

The following staff have been nominated for the 2025 WBLAE Teacher of the Year:

Barb Bliss  
Karla Booth  
Ryan Busse  
Staci Docken  
James Drabek  
Melissa Gaddini  
Amy Gerten

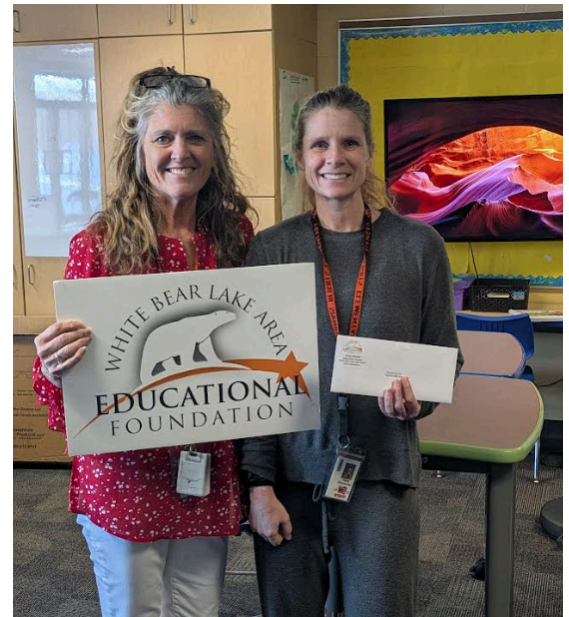
Mae Haley  
Kate Jensen  
Clare Kazmierczak  
Anna Klein  
Rachael Lapinski  
Emily Mogren  
Jodi O'Donovan  
Katie O'Shaughnessy

Jessica Petrik  
Lizzy Powers  
Sara Red  
Lisa Setter  
Mark Theissen  
Kari Thimjon  
Collen Ulfig  
Abby Witt

### Other News:

Clare Kazmierczak, one of our Multilingual Learning teachers, has been awarded a Brosious Grant!

The grant will be used to purchase books that go along with the units in CKLA/Language Studio in grades K-5. These books will be culturally diverse and represent our students, are rigorous, and lend for deeper understanding and discussions.





# Snow Much Fun!

Snow Much Fun was had by over 700 people who attended the art show, family game night and music performance on February 27th. There was student art displayed in the hallways and many classrooms had games setup for families to participate in. The night ended with singing and dancing from our students in grades K-2. A big thank you to our PTO for providing the hot dogs, chips and cookies and for the over 60 games and books won by students in a raffle drawing.





## I Love to Read Week March 3-7

One of the fun dress up days for I Love to Read Week was Twin on Tuesday. Here are a couple of staff/student twins.



## SCHOOL READINESS - VADNAIS HEIGHTS PRESCHOOL

Do you have a child who will be 4 years old by Sept 1, 2025? The White Bear Lake Early Childhood Program has an exciting opportunity for your preschooler this fall. This preschool is available to children who live within the Vadnais Heights school boundary. These additional classes are designed to offer a learning experience the year before your child attends kindergarten. Preschoolers will spend time investigating through play based age-appropriate math, writing, music, art, language, and science activities, while developing their social and emotional skills. Based on eligibility this preschool is **FREE** and includes transportation. Registration began on Thursday, February 13th at 8:00 am. Contact Early Childhood programs at 651-653-3100 for enrollment options.

Please remember there is no school:

March 10th-14th &  
March 31st.

