



Dear VES Families,

We closed 2025 on a festive note and the New Year is off to a great start! Ms. Lacy and Mrs. Glover opened the year with visits to each classroom to re-establish and reinforce Blazer’s Beliefs. Students reflected on areas of success and set goals for improvement! Please continue to reinforce Blazer’s Beliefs with your child. We honored the life of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with lessons on fairness, service to others and making the world a better place. The history, culture and contributions of Muslim Americans was also highlighted during our Muslim American Heritage Month celebration.

February is Black History Month! Historian, author and journalist, Carter G. Woodson is known as the Father of Black History Week which later became Black History Month exactly 100 years ago. Black History Month was federally established 50 years ago during the bicentennial of our country by then-President Gerald Ford as it was important to highlight the importance of African Americans when telling our national story. Students are engaged in class lessons and a school wide culminating project.

Lots of positive energy is in the air at VES! Villagers joined 2 million children around the world in a [Global Play Day](#). You can read more here about the benefits. The MES PTA-sponsored Scholastic Book Fair was a success. It further inspired students' love of reading while also supporting our school and classroom libraries.

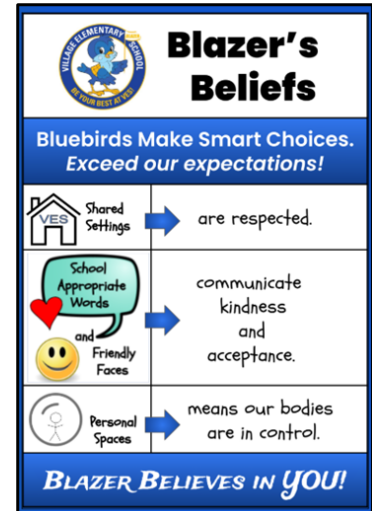
Villagers are learning about the Presidents Day holiday, the Lunar New Year/Year of the Horse and Ramadan! If your child will be fasting during Ramadan, please let us know as a comfortable gathering place will be available for students as needed.

Special thanks to our room representatives for coordinating Caring and Sharing Valentine’s Day parties focused on friendship and creativity. Villagers will be further empowered to build a culture of kindness during Kindness Week with inspiration from our School Counselors, MHS Peer leaders and a motivational assembly with Jared Campbell!

In March, we look forward to celebrating Women’s History Month, Irish American Heritage and Read Across America. We are also excited to welcome guest authors and the Princeton Symphony Bravo performers.

Stay up to date with visits to the [VES](#), [MES PTA](#) and [MSEPTA](#) websites for program information and school events.

Ms. Susan Lacy, Principal
Mrs. Glover, Assistant Principal



Young Scholars Institute Service Project - Thank you for your support!



Our 31st annual YSI holiday project was a success thanks to the support and generosity of our entire community! VES Peer Partners filled a box truck and took a trip to deliver holiday gifts to the Young Scholars Institute. YSI families extend their thanks and appreciation to you, our staff and all of our students! Jerri Morrison, the Executive Director of the Young Scholars Institute is grateful for the difference we have made for many families and will be visiting VES this month to decorate a bulletin board of appreciation outside of our cafeteria. Many thanks to Ms. Hum, Ms. LaVelle and Mrs. Vanatta for coordinating this annual service project!

Souper Bowl Collection

Thank you for the generous donations for our Souper Bowl Collection in support of the Montgomery Food Pantry. Students' predictions were on target with the Seahawks table earning the greatest number of donations! This year we had about 450 donations. Students demonstrated unity in our community through this service project!

February and March School Spirit Days



Friday, 2/6: Superbowl Spirit!

Wear a jersey or tshirt to represent your favorite sports team!

Friday, 2/13: Share the Love Day!

Wear red or pink to show how much we care and share the love at V.E.S.!

Friday, 2/20: Dreaming of Kindness!

Wear your pajamas to school!

Friday, 2/27: School Spirit!

Wear V.E.S. or Monty gear to show school spirit!



Wednesday, 2/18: Ride the Kindness Wave!

Wear your beach shirts, sweatshirts, hats, etc. (No bathing suits please!)

Thursday, 2/19: Backwards Day!

Words that hurt cannot be taken back. Wear your shirt backwards.

Friday, 2/20: Dreaming of Kindness!

Wear your pajamas to school!

Tag @Monty_VES on Instagram on Monday 2/16 and Tuesday 2/17 to show us the kind acts you are doing on your days off!





MARCH SPIRIT DAYS

Village Elementary School

Friday 3/06: Pajama Day!

Wear your pajamas and cozy up to a good book!

Friday, 3/13: Celebrating our Abilities Day!

March is Developmental Disabilities Month. Wear clothes or accessories which represent a skill or talent you have, or wear clothing showcasing the color or symbol representing a (dis)ability you want to learn more about or support.

Tuesday, 3/17: St. Patrick's Day!

Wear green from head to toe, or dress in a rainbow of colors!

Thursday, 3/19: March Madness!

Wear your favorite college gear to officially kick off March Madness!

Friday, 3/27: Let's Play Ball!

Baseball season has officially begun. Wear your favorite team jersey.



READ ACROSS AMERICA

Village Elementary School

Monday 3/02 : Books Knock Our Socks Off!

Wear your favorite comfy or printed socks!

Tuesday 3/03: Wild About Reading!

Wear your wild animal prints!

Wednesday 3/04: Wacky Wednesday!

Dress up in your wackiest clothes (mismatched colors, patterns, socks, shoes, etc.)

Thursday 3/05: Reading is Relaxing!

Dress in your favorite vacation clothes (sunglasses, destination shirts, hats, etc. - No bathing suits please)

Friday 3/06: Pajama Day

Wear your pajamas and cozy up to a good book!



Wednesday, February 18 (Kindness Week): Ride the Kindness Wave!

Wear your beach shirts, sweatshirts, hats, etc. (No bathing suits please!)

Thursday, February 19 (Kindness Week): Backwards Day!

Words that hurt cannot be taken back. Wear your shirt backwards.

Friday, February 20 (Kindness Week): Dreaming of Kindness!

Wear your pajamas to school!

Friday, February 27: School Spirit!

Wear V.E.S. or Monty gear to show school spirit!

Monday, March 2 (Read Across America Week): Books Knock Our Socks Off!

Wear your favorite comfy or printed socks!

Tuesday, March 3 (Read Across America Week): Wild About Reading!

Wear your wild animal prints!

Wednesday, March 4 (Read Across America Week): Wacky Wednesday!

Dress up in your wackiest clothes (mismatched colors, patterns, socks, shoes, etc.)

Thursday, March 5 (Read Across America Week): Reading is Relaxing!

Dress in your favorite vacation clothes (sunglasses, destination shirts, hats, etc. - No bathing suits please)

Friday, March 6 (Read Across America Week): Pajama Day!

Wear your pajamas and cozy up to a good book!

Friday, March 13: Celebrating Our Abilities Day!

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Tuesday, March 17: St. Patrick's Day!

Wear green from head to toe, or dress in a rainbow of colors!

Thursday, March 19: March Madness!

Wear your favorite college gear to officially kick off March Madness!

Friday, March 27: Let's Play Ball!

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Cold Weather and Recess



We will be holding outdoor recess whenever the weather allows. Please ensure that your child is dressed accordingly. Hats, gloves, scarves, heavy jackets and appropriate footwear are **MUST HAVES!** **Be sure to label your child's belongings so we can easily return lost items. Check the Lost and Found during your visits as unclaimed items will be donated later in the year.**

A Message from the Health Office



Dear Families,

It's cold and flu season! Please review [CDC information](#) and [Prevent the Spread of Colds & Flu](#) to help your family stay healthy.

Remember to thoroughly wash your hands to wash away germs!

Nosebleed Prevention - If your child suffers from winter nosebleeds it may be from the dry air. Try using a cold air humidifier in your child's room at night. Saline nose drops or petroleum jelly may help too. If severe, consult your pediatrician. Wishing you healthy days ahead!

Dry Skin- If your child suffers from Dry/chapped or skin with Eczema moisturize daily and consult with your pediatrician if there is no improvement.

Remember that until the weather gets warmer, remind your child to dress appropriately for outdoor recess.

Mrs. Cizin, School Nurse

Reminders for Reporting Your Child's Absence and other information can be found [here](#).

Important Dates

[Click here for MES PTA Events, News, and Updates](#)



February 16: Schools Closed

February 17: Schools Closed (Staff In-Service); Lunar New Year and Ramadan Begin

February 18-20: [Kindness Week](#)

February 19: [Scoops for Kindness Principals' Roundtable](#)

February 20: Jared Campbell Assemblies

February 21: [Young Aerospace Engineers Event](#)

March 2-6: [Read Across America](#)

March 2: Bands 1 and 2 Concert, MPAC; 7 PM

March 3: Orchestra Concert, MPAC; 7 PM

March 4: PTA Bingo Party

March 9: PTA Meeting, OHES; 10 AM

March 17-19: Parent-Teacher Conferences -- Early/1:35 PM Dismissal for Students (Lunch is served on early dismissal days. Recess is canceled. Parent pickup will begin at 1:20)

March 20: Schools Closed (Staff In-Service); Eid Al-Fitr

March 24: 3rd Grade Author Visit, Carmen Rubin

March 25: Princeton Symphony Orchestra, 3rd Grade Bravo Brass Assembly; 4th Grade Author Visit, Gita Varadarajan

March 30 - April 6: Schools Closed; Spring Recess

April 8: Princeton Symphony Orchestra, 4th Grade Percussion Assembly