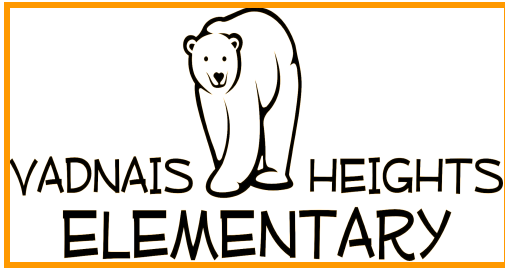


MARCH/APRIL 2026

The Vadnais Voice



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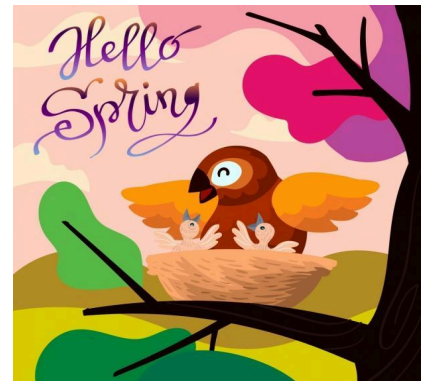
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Dear Vadnais Heights Families,

Winter is a great time to snuggle up with a good book so it's no surprise that we just celebrated I Love to Read Month in February and now the first week in March is Read Across America. Remind your kiddos to bring books home from our Learning Commons or Little Libraries for reading over Spring Break. [Reading is so important for kids](#) and maybe your family could pick a new author, new subject, a different place to read at home, or visit a library or bookstore. There's no right or wrong way - just keep reading!



We're looking forward to Parent & Teacher Conferences on March 24th and 26th. The last conferences were held in October and we're anxious to share the progress of your child. We will be sending out the information to sign up for conferences on Tuesday, March 3rd. Please bring your child to conferences so they're able to join in the conversation about everything happening at school.

March 20th is the first day of spring and we will be celebrating with our 1st and 2nd grade students on 4/1 at Spring Fling - an art and music event showcasing their talents. Stay tuned for more information from Ms. Klein and Mr. Drabek.

I don't want to wish away March yet. April brings showers and the MN Comprehensive Assessments (MCA's) for our students in grades 3-5 and you will help your child to be prepared if they continue to work on their skills. Spring Break begins Friday, 3/6 and runs through 3/15 and as Dr. Seuss said, "Reading can take you places you have never been before." No matter whether you're home or traveling over break, there are adventures, for each and every student, in books.

Please be safe and enjoy the extra time with your kids.

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

Date	Activity
March 3rd	Sign up for Parent/Teacher Conferences after 3 PM
March 6th	NO SCHOOL - Teacher Work Day
March 9-13th	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
March 18th	Report Cards Available After 3 PM
March 20th	NO SCHOOL-Professional Development for Teachers
March 24 & 26	Parent & Teacher Conferences 3-7 PM
March 31st	PTO Meeting 6 - 7 PM Everyone Welcome - Meeting is in our Learning Commons
April 1st	Spring Fling - 1st & 2nd Grade Art and Music Show
April 3rd	NO SCHOOL- Professional Development for Teachers
April 7th	Kindergarten Round-Up 4:30-6 PM

Target Your Efforts for State Tests

Testing Dates:

Reading April 14th & 15th - Grades 3, 4 and 5 (8:15-10:15 AM)

Math April 21st & 22nd - Grades 3, 4 and 5 (8:15-10:15 AM)

Science April 29th & 30th - Grade 5 (9:30-11:30 AM)

Attendance is critical and we appreciate your efforts to schedule other appointments outside of the testing dates and times.

Testing Tips:

Get plenty of rest each night before testing

Eat breakfast and drink plenty of water

Be calm and count to ten if you are stressed or nervous

Listen carefully to test taking instructions

Parents- Please encourage your child to do their very best work

I LOVE TO READ

February is designated as “I Love to Read Month” a time to celebrate literature, foster a passion for reading, and promote literacy through various activities. Emily Bradt, our Media Specialist, hosted activities for all of our students and our 5th graders enjoyed, “Book Tasting!”



Students who have read three Maud Hart Lovelace books or eight Star of the North books are invited to vote for their favorite title in the Learning Commons this month.



Voting will remain open through March 30, so students who are still reading have time to finish and participate. Each student may vote once.

Check out these amazing books and keep reading!

2026 3rd, 4th, 5th Graders participate in DIVISION 1 LOVELACE READING CHALLENGE

2026 DIVISION 1
MAUD HART LOVELACE AWARD
3RD, 4TH, 5TH GRADE

READ 3+ BOOKS TO BECOME A VOTER
Help pick the winner! "Voters" get to vote in March for their favorite book. Students across Minnesota select a 1st Place Winner and 2 Honor Winners.

STAR OF THE NORTH READING CHALLENGE

2026 NOMINEES

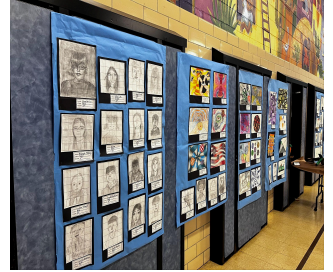
READ 8+ BOOKS TO BECOME A VOTER
Help pick the winner! Voters get to vote in March for their favorite book. Students across Minnesota select 1st Place and 2 Honor Winners.

March Madness - Many think of basketball but at V.H.E.S. it's all about books! There will be 16 books in a bracket and our staff will serve as mystery readers while our students vote on their favorite books. The votes will determine which book is the chosen favorite for our school. Be sure to ask your kiddo about the books and the mystery readers!

SNOW SHOW

Thank you to all the families who joined us for the Snow Show. It was a magical evening watching our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders transform the cafeteria into a vibrant celebration of winter through their incredible art and the rafters were ringing as the students sang and played a variety of instruments.

Thank you to our dedicated art and music teachers, our student performers, and all the families who make our school community so special.



OLYMPIC KICKOFF

MN had the 2nd most athletes, of any state, competing for Team USA at the 2026 Winter Olympics in Milano Cortina, Italy. Our school was excited for the kickoff and celebrated the athletes as they won medals and competed for the USA.



REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be available to view and/or print in ParentVUE after 3:00 PM on Wednesday, March 18. Report Cards will also be given to families at Parent/Teacher Conferences the following week. If you have questions, please contact your child's teacher.



CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Tuesday, March 24th and Thursday, March 26th from 3-7 PM. [Here](#) is information about how to sign up for your child's conference in ParentVue. Sign up opens 3/3 after 3 PM. If you have a conflict with the conference schedule, please reach out to your child's teacher. We are looking forward to seeing you at conferences!



KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

Kindergarten Roundup is scheduled for all of our incoming kindergarten students on April 7th from 4:30-6 PM. 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.

We need your help to get all incoming kindergartners registered for the 2026-'27 school year. Please click the appropriate link below if you're not already registered. Thank you!

- Current families (those who already have student(s) enrolled in the district), click [here](#).
- Brand new families (those who do not already have students enrolled in the district), click [here](#).
- Find instructions and a live link into the enrollment process [here](#).
- *For assistance, email parenttechhelp@isd624.org or call 651-407-7637.*



**Welcome Class of
2039!**



YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks are on sale for the 2025-2026 school year. They are only \$21 but there is a limited supply. Order yours today!

NEWLY UPDATED LINK AND
QR CODE



order your
yearBOOK
Today!

Vadnais Heights Elementary School
2025-2026 yearbooks are for sale!

Yearbooks are **\$21 each!**

Yearbook sales will close

Tuesday, March 31, 2026

Yearbook orders are online and can
be ordered through
<https://bit.ly/3XulE2x>

SPRING BEAR WEAR SALE





**Vadnais and Bear
Wear Spring Sale**

Sales between
Fri 2/27-Sun 3/22

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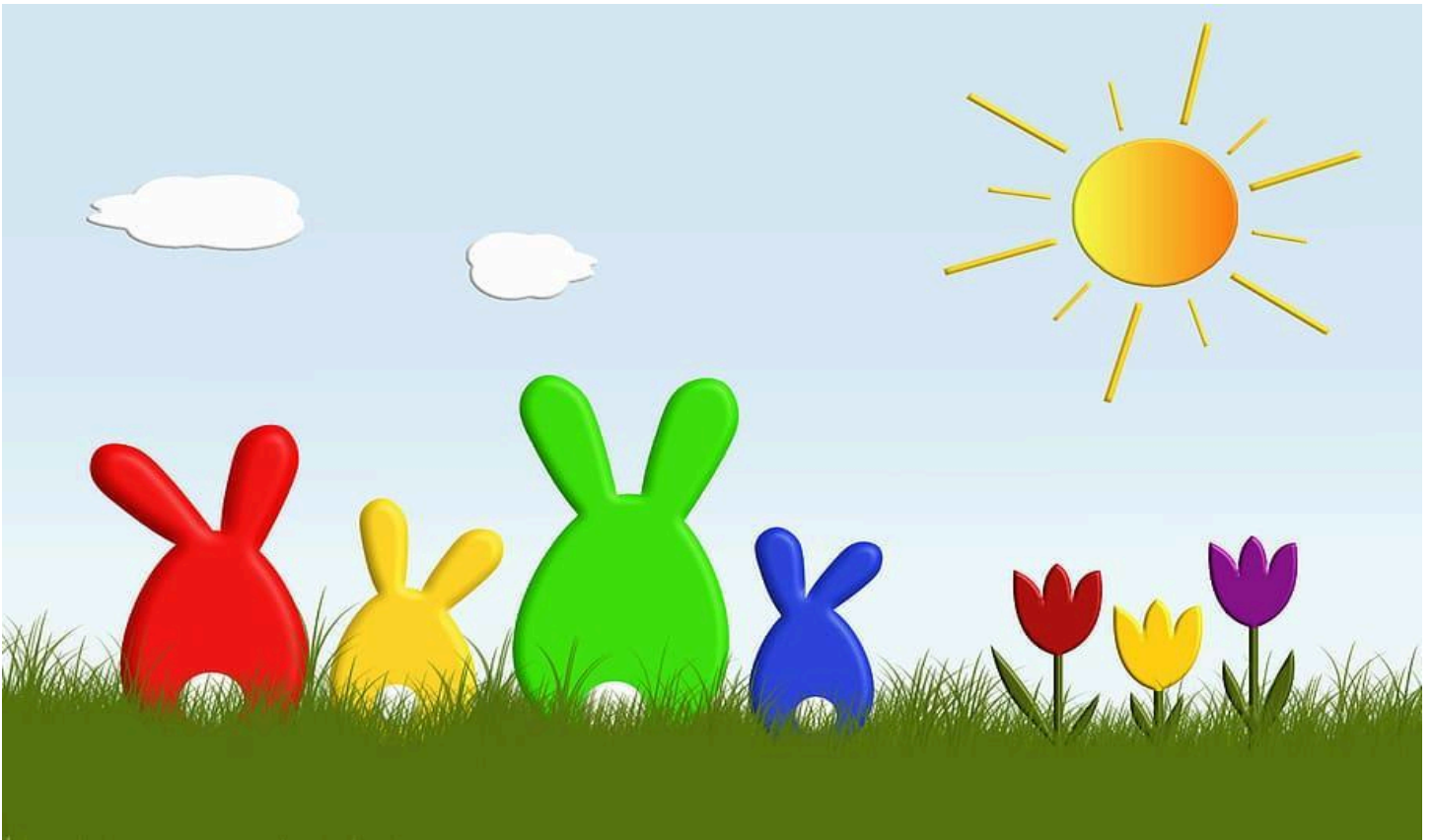


We have a new face in our front office. Please welcome Amie Maloney as you come to school or call with questions. We're excited to have Mrs. Maloney join our team and she's ready to help as she learns all about being a bear.



I am excited to join the VHES team and am looking forward to learning as much as I can to support the families, teachers, and community. I am going to try my best to fill the very large shoes Mrs. Deuel left behind! Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my husband and our son, who will turn eight this month. In the summer, you will usually find us relaxing up north at our family cabin or down at our seasonal camper with our two dogs. I am very happy to be here and can not wait to get to know everyone!

**Please remember there's no
school on the following dates:
March 6th-13th, SpringBreak
March 20th
April 3rd**



Happy Spring Break !