

April 12, 2026

# THE FOXHOLE FLYER



## PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Hello VOL family!

This past week, we celebrated Assistant Principal Week, and it's a perfect time to recognize the incredible VVS Dream Team that works tirelessly on behalf of our students and families.

While Melissa Shaw is officially designated as our Assistant Principal, leadership at VVS has never been about titles alone. Alongside Melissa, Specialist Amy Ervin and Coordinator Kim Matthews bring steady guidance, expertise, and a deep commitment to doing what's right for kids. Together, they help shape not just how we operate, but who we are as a school.

They are joined by an outstanding team—Christina Avram, Vicki Hamlin, Chanda Larson, Bonnie Markell, Mary Temarantz, Liz Perdomo, and Juli Gippert—whose dedication, heart, and behind-the-scenes work keep VVS moving forward every single day.

I am truly grateful for this team. Their passion, professionalism, and care for your children make VVS a special place, and I am honored to serve alongside them.

If you have the chance to connect with any of these incredible professionals, please let them know how much their work means to your child and your family.

Thank you and have a great week!



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## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- The end of the school year will be here before you know it.
  - Our expected target completion date for all seniors is **May 6th**.
  - Our expected target completion date for students in grades K-11 is **May 18th**.
  - Please review your child's progress in each course to ensure they are able to complete their courses on time.
  - Schedule DBAs early to ensure teacher availability.
- VOL students are required to participate in state testing. Please review testing emails sent from Dr. Markell to ensure your student reports for these important state assessments.
- Tentative course schedules for the 2026-2027 school year for returning VOL students will be shared via email the first week of May.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- VOL's **FINAL STEAM event** of the 25-26 SY is almost here! Don't miss the fun, creativity, and hands-on excitement on **April 23<sup>rd</sup>**. More info to come.
- **3rd Grade** heads to the **Reptile Discovery Center** on **April 24th**! It'll be a reptile-filled adventure!
- Join us for **SAC** on **March 27th** from **4 to 5 pm**. Your voice matters!
- **History Explorers Club** Finale! Our final event of the year is a **Daytona Tortugas baseball game** at **Jackie Robinson Stadium** on **Saturday, May 2nd**! Come enjoy a fun night at the ballpark! 🏟️
- Class of 2026 Reminder! **Cap and gown pickup** will be in person on **May 7, 4-6 PM**, at **VOL's Headquarters**. We can't wait to see you at graduation!

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## Alexa Pustejovsky - 10th Grade

She was nominated by Mrs. Bianco.

"Alexa was accepted as a volunteer at the Marine Discovery Center in the roles of Camp Counselor and Field trip Assistant. Alexa is currently enrolled in Algebra 2 Honors with me. Alexa is a motivated learner whose discipline, curiosity, and work ethic allow her to thrive in rigorous academic settings. She served as the FLVS High School SGA Vice President. Alexa also serves as the President of the National Honor Society, where she leads her chapter and coordinates service projects with professionalism and initiative. She brings maturity, responsibility, and enthusiasm to every commitment she undertakes."



## Emma Hiffner - 8th Grade

She was nominated by Mr. Dunaway.

"Emma is a bright, dedicated student with strong academic skills and a genuine love of learning. She's a talented piano player and an animal lover, especially when it comes to her dogs. Emma enjoys beach trips, swimming, and spending time outdoors. Her energy, kindness, and enthusiasm make her someone people naturally enjoy being around."



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## Celebrating Our Outstanding Educators!

This time of year gives us the opportunity to stop and celebrate the incredible educators who go above and beyond for our students every single day. Their dedication, passion, and commitment to excellence truly make a difference, and we are so proud to recognize their hard work and achievements. Please join us in congratulating the following staff members on these well-deserved honors!

**Sara Koteff** - Secondary Math Teacher of the Year

**Nicole Cange** - Elementary Math Teacher of the Year

**Lisa Murphy** - ESE Teacher of the Year

**Juli Gippert** - ESE Support Teacher of the Year

**Rosalind Little** - School Counselor of the Year

*Congratulations!*



# We Need Your Input!



Family Engagement Survey.

(English)



Family Engagement Survey.

(Spanish)



## Your Voice Matters!

Please share your feedback!

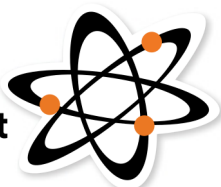


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3M and Discovery Education are inviting students in Grades 5–8 to harness the potential of STEM innovation and imagine a better future. Dozens of students are named winners every year in the 3M Young Scientist Challenge. Sample prizing for winners includes a **Grand Prize of \$25K** and **an exclusive one-on-one mentorship with a 3M scientist!**

# 1

### Get started

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# 2

### Ideate

[Identify a Problem](#)

# 3

### Submit

[Enter Your Solution](#)

Don't Wait, Enter Today!

All it takes is a 1–2 minute video submission explaining students' unique solution.

Enter in minutes at [YoungScientistLab.com](https://YoungScientistLab.com)  
**Challenge Closes: April 30, 2026 | 11:59pm ET**

### Connecting Students To 3M Scientists

The Top 10 National Finalists in the 3M Young Scientist Challenge get to spend a summer collaborating with a dedicated 3M Mentor. Students will hone their ideas with help from real-world STEM pros, whose guidance provides inspiration well beyond the challenge.

### Rock the Resources

Find all the information and inspiration needed to engage students from every background in this special project-based learning opportunity at [YoungScientistLab.com](https://YoungScientistLab.com). A comprehensive toolkit of challenge resources includes [Entry Topics](#), [FAQs](#), [Rules](#), [Challenge Support Resources](#) and more.



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