PTA Meeting

Thursday, September 10, 2026

Boosterthon Thank You

WOW! This was our BEST year in over 10 years raising $88,397.00!

HUGE THANK YOU to all the families who participated!

- Top 10 Freshies Ice Cream Party Today
- $250 Earners - Donuts with Dabney Friday
- Wigging Out - Friday

SPIRIT & HAT DAY!

FOR VETERANS PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



- Starting Sep 4th
- Dress in Your VPE Spirit Colors: Red, White, & Blue!
- Wear Your Favorite, Appropriate Hat!

GO PATRIOTS! SPIRIT STARTS HERE!

VETERANS PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL • JOIN THE FUN! #VPEspirit

Safety Drills

Keeping our students and staff safe is our top priority. We want to inform you about our upcoming safety drills for the month of September.

On **Friday, September 18th**, we will be conducting our annual fall **lockdown drill**. This is an important opportunity for us to review and practice our safety procedures with all students.

Additionally, we will be holding our monthly **fire drill**. These drills are crucial in ensuring that everyone understands the correct procedures to follow in the event of an emergency. While we hope we never have to use these procedures for a real event, practicing them helps us to be prepared.

For more information on the safety procedures and protocols used by our district, you can visit the FCPS District Safety Tracker at the following link: https://www.fcps.net/families/school-safety/school-safety-emergency-procedures.

Safety Drills

Here is a brief overview of the different safety protocols:

- **Heightened Alert**: This is used when there is a potential threat outside the school building. All activities continue as normal inside, but no one is allowed to enter or exit the building.
- **Lockdown**: This is initiated when there is a possible threat inside the building. Students and staff remain locked in their classrooms, hidden from view, until released by law enforcement.
- **Evacuation**: This procedure is used when leaving the building is the safest option, such as in the case of a fire or gas leak.
- **Severe Weather**: This is when students and staff are relocated to a more secure area within the school building.
- **Bus Accidents**: In the event of a bus accident, school and district staff will respond to the scene, and students will be transported back to campus for family reunification.

Legacy Lunch

You are welcome to invite grandparents or any other person important to your student to enjoy lunch with them at VPE.

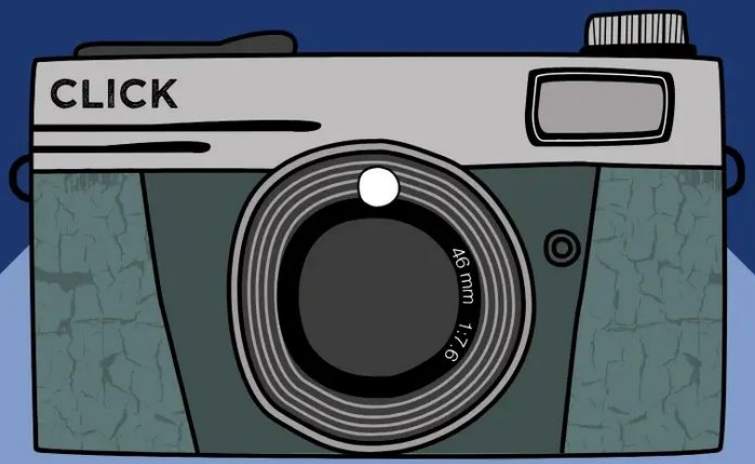
Please see the chart below for adjusted lunch times on this day!

Sept 14th

If you wish to purchase lunch, adult lunch is $6 (cash or check only) or you may bring your own packed lunch!

Legacy Lunch Times

Line 1	Lunch Times	Line 2
Kindred	10:30-11:10	Rowe
Schaffer	10:35-11:15	Scott
	10:40-11:20	Boone
Miller	10:45-11:25	Queen
Randall	10:50-11:30	Waters
	Break - 10 min	
Belcher	11:00-11:40	Nally
Robeson	11:10-11:45	Stephens
Hogan	11:15-11:55	Workman
Grossi	11:20-12:00	Jones
	Break - 10 min	
Lanter	11:30 - 12:10	Geldhof
Carter	11:35-12:15	Knight
Sharp	11:40-12:20	Thayer
	Break -10 min	
Nudd	11:50-12:30	Pottorff
Rogers	11:55 - 12:35	Rawls



FALL PICTURE DAY

Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 15TH


VETERANS PARK
ELEMENTARY
OPEN
HOUSE
Please plan to visit your child's classroom and tour the school
THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 17TH
5:30-7:00 PM
Food trucks will be available in the bus loop if you'd like to purchase dinner!

Transportation Changes

- If families need to make a transportation all transportation changes can be hand written and sent to school with your child, faxed to 859-422-0025 or emailed to the following email by 1:15 daily: vpetransportation@fayette.kyschools.us



Cell Phone & Electronic Device

- Fayette County Public Schools policies states that students who bring any telecommunication electronic device, such as a cell phone or smartwatch, must store it in their backpack in the off position throughout the instructional day.
- Thank you for ensuring your children are aware of and follow this policy.



Parent Square Messaging

- **FCPS is utilizing ParentSquare for all communication with families.**
- **Students will only be using traceable communication platforms approved by FCPS to communicate with teachers/staff...i.e. Google Classroom, District Email, ParentSquare**
- **Parent Square will translate into over 100 different languages**
- **Parent Square will be used for permission slips and volunteering so make sure you have your preferences set!**

Quick Guide to Social Media & Messaging

PTA Directory Sign Up - Closes Tomorrow

- Each year, Veterans Park families are invited to ‘opt-in’ to our PTA Directory. If you choose to participate, you can use the QR code or web address below to share your contact information with other families of VPE. Information you provide will only be available to VPE families and will not be shared publicly. If you participated last year, you will still need to ‘opt in’ again this year if you would like to be included in the 2026-27 directory as well.
- We will be accepting 'opt in' submissions until Friday, September 11th!
- https://go.fcps.net/VPEPTAdirectory

Brenda Cowan & Veterans Park Elementary
Family Resource Center

GOD'S PANTRY FOOD BANK MEMBER OF FEEDING AMERICA

SHARING THANKSGIVING

Sharing Thanksgiving

Families MUST call to register.

Las familias deben llamar para registrarse

Call God's Pantry September 1- 30th

(closed Sept. 7)

Mondays - Fridays

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Llamar God's Pantry del 1- 30 de septiembre

859-402-0050

Questions? Contact the FRC Coordinator, Nicole Love
nicole.love@fayette.kyschools.us or via ParentSquare

Veterans Park Elementary

GIFTED & TALENTED/PTP INFO MEETING



Join us to learn more about gifted policies, identification procedures, and service options per FCPS guidelines.

September 23, 2026 5:00 pm

We will be meeting through Google Meet. Join us at the following link:



https://go.fcps.net/GTinfo

Free/Reduced Applications

- VPE is NOT a free feeding site
- Breakfast/Lunch Charges:
  - Breakfast - $2.50
  - Lunch - $3.50
  - Milk - $1.00
- September 24th - Deadline to re-apply for Free/Reduced Lunch
  - Students who qualify for free/reduced lunch last year need to reapply each year. Nicole Love is able to help with questions/concerns when filling out applications. (All Online Only)

Walk, Bike, Roll to School



Join us on National Walk and Roll to School Day!

Wednesday, October 7th

Veterans Park Elementary

September SPIRIT Project

Each month, we teach our students to give back to our community through a "Spirit Project". During the month of September, Veterans Park is supporting the Kentucky Blood Center with a blood drive on Thursday, September 24th from 12:00-5:00 pm.



Volunteers

VPE loves to have volunteers helping throughout the school day, attending field trips, and helping out in the building. Any and all adults accompanying a school group while on a field trip must first undergo and pass the background checks required for all FCPS volunteers through the volunteer application system. This applies to listed chaperones, volunteers, and anyone who travels separately to join the group at the respective venue. If you plan on coming to help in the building or on a field trip at any point in the future, when allowed, you will need to complete the following background check:
https://www.fcps.net/leaders-support/departments-offices/family-community-engagement/volunteering-in-fcps
Parents don't need to be approved to eat lunch with their child, attend parent/teacher conferences or attend evening events. All other activities will require you to be an approved volunteer. These background checks are good for four years.

STILL NEEDING HOMEROOM PARENT VOLUNTEER(S)!

We're still looking for a homeroom parent volunteer(s) for the following classes:

1st Grade:	Ms. Belcher
2nd Grade:	Ms. Lanter
4th Grade:	Ms. Rawls



Please email ptaveteranspark@gmail.com to sign up!

Parent Volunteer Training & Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

- Parent Volunteer Training - Following September PTA Meeting Today!
- On the horizon...
  - SBDM Committee Parents (need 2)
    - In School Performance & Student Achievement
  - Homeroom Parents (need 3)
  - Kentucky Kids Day - Silent Disco
  - Eagle's Nest Helpers (October 9th)

Upcoming Events

- Grandparent/Legacy Luncheon & SBDM- Monday, September 14th
- Picture Day - Tuesday, September 15th
- VPE Open House - Thursday, September 17th 5:30-7:00 pm
- Gifted & Talented Parent Night - Wednesday, September 23rd @ 5:00pm
- KY Kids Day Celebration- Friday, September 25th
- Fall Break - Monday, September 28 - Friday, October 2nd
- Inservice - Monday, October 5th - No School
- Walk to School Day - Wednesday, October 7th
- PTA Meeting - Thursday, October 8th
- Spirit & Hat Day / Eagle's Nest Shopping Day - Friday, October 9th