



# Van Voorhis Elementary School

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<http://www.am.dodea.edu/knox/vanvoorhis/index.htm>

## Principal's News

Van Voorhis is in the process of creating a new Vision Statement. Below are four options the staff selected to convey the focus for our school's future. Since our mission is a partnership with our community, we would like your input in deciding the final version we will use. Please e-mail [Mrs. Gibson](mailto:Mrs.Gibson) with the number for your selection in the Subject line of the message.

### Dates to remember

- Oct. 23 - Fall Festival
- Nov. 1 - Daylight Savings Time ends
- Nov. 11 - Veteran's Day (no school)
- Nov. 12 - PTO Board Mtg at 2 p.m.

#### Number 1

Van Voorhis Elementary partners with a diverse community to provide a positive education where life-long learning is nurtured and the academic, moral, and physical development of the student is the priority.

#### Number 2

Van Voorhis School envisions students, parents, and teachers uniting to create a world class community of learners.

#### Number 3

The Van Voorhis community will provide a nurturing, diverse environment to guide each child to achieve personal success.

#### Number 4

Van Voorhis Elementary honors the needs of the military child through community partnerships to nurture personal success.

## Fall celebrations

Classroom celebrations scheduled during the last week of October do not relate to Halloween. Most teachers use these as extensions to their seasonal instruction and incorporate learning opportunities into the activities.

## Current contact information

It is imperative that we have current phone numbers and e-mails with which to reach the parents and guardians of our students. Please make sure the front office has your preferred e-mail and phone numbers on file in case you need to be reached in an emergency.

For lunch menus, transportation information and other district-wide info:  
<http://www.am.dodea.edu/knox/FKCSCO/Pages/sitemap.htm>

While we try to  
teach our  
children all  
about life,  
Our children  
teach us what life  
is all about.  
~Angela  
Schwindt

## Reading Counts!

Reading Counts! is a reading incentive program where students choose and read books for enjoyment and then test and earn points. Students are rewarded with certificates, recognition on the Morning Show, and placement of their photo on the Reading Counts! board as various point levels are reached. Students can read books from home or from Barr Library. Check out the [Media Center tab](#) on our website for titles and levels of books on which your child can test.

## Grade level news

### 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

Third grade is sailing full steam ahead beginning the second quarter of the year! We're working on

Animal Adaptations/Habitats in Science

Economy and Work in Social Studies  
Problem Solving with  
Addition/Subtraction Strategies in Math

Using the Writing Process and  
comprehension skills in Language Arts

Please encourage your child to continue to put their best foot forward with nightly reading and homework assignments. Homework is an extension and reinforcement of the skills and concepts being taught and practiced in the classroom. This form of communication enables a closer parent-school partnership to build good work and study habits. We're looking forward to a great second quarter!!

## Green Committee needs you

The Green Committee meets monthly to develop ways to be more environmentally friendly and aware in our daily efforts at school. A parent volunteer is needed. If interested, contact Mrs. Gibson at 624-5854.



### Pre-K

Butterfly was the word of the day as Pre-K students watch the release of newly hatched butterflies. One stopped for a long look before setting off.

Visit us on the Web at <http://www.am.dodea.edu/knox/vanvoorhis/index.htm>

Contact the [Webmaster](#) with problems or suggestions for items you'd like to see added to our site.

**NOTE:** Normally, newsletters will be sent electronically to your preferred e-mail address. Please insure that the school office has your preferred e-mail on file. Newsletters can also be accessed on our website via a link on the [About Our School](#) page. We encourage you to contact us with comments/suggestions for future newsletters.

## Homework help

If your student needs help with their homework, there is assistance available for them that is free! Try [www.myarmyonesource.com/cyss\\_tutor](http://www.myarmyonesource.com/cyss_tutor). It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for grades kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. It is not a tutoring source from the school system but through Army OneSource. If you have questions about it, feel free to contact Army OneSource or the School Liaison Officer, Becky Laux at 502-624-2305.

## Academic resources

Along with our Language Arts Wiki at [www.vvreads.pbworks.com](http://www.vvreads.pbworks.com), there are various learning resources on our [website](#). Select the [Student Resources tab](#) at the top of the Homepage. You will find online learning sites for your child to use to practice and refine their academic skills. These are especially useful during school breaks to help your child maintain their skills. And our site can be accessed from any computer during your travels.

## Pandemic flu info

The Department of Defense Educational Activity provides pandemic information at the site below. <http://www.dodea.edu/offices/safety/pandemics.cfm?sid=3>

There is also a wealth of information at the Kentucky Department of Public Health site at <http://healthalerts.ky.gov> (H1N1 Public Hotline Number: 877-843-7727)

The Center for Disease Control suggests the following steps to help prevent the spread of the H1N1 or seasonal flu:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you are sick with flu-like illness, [CDC recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone](#) except to get medical care or for other necessities. (Your fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.) Keep away from others as much as possible to keep from making others sick.

**In children, emergency warning signs that need urgent medical attention include:**

- Fast breathing or trouble breathing
- Bluish or gray skin color
- Not drinking enough fluids
- Severe or persistent vomiting
- Not waking up or not interacting
- Being so irritable that the child does not want to be held
- Flu-like symptoms improve but then return with fever and worse cough

**In adults, emergency warning signs that need urgent medical attention include:**

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen
- Sudden dizziness
- Confusion
- Severe or persistent vomiting
- Flu-like symptoms improve but then return with fever and worse cough

