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VAN VOORHIS SCHOOL STUDENT/PARENT NOTES

1 DECEMBER 2008

(502) 624-5854/8519

TOTAL ENROLLMENT 379

DATES TO REMEMBER

2-5 Dec	Reindeer Lane Sales	12 Dec	Birthday Club, 11:00am
3 Dec	School Connections:	17 Dec	School Connections:
	Students Dismissed at 2:00pm		Students Dismissed at 2:00pm
4 Dec	Popcorn	18 Dec	End of 2 nd Quarter
PreK-K	Holiday Program, Durham/Thompson		No Popcorn
5 Dec	Last Day Reindeer Lane Sales		Student of the Month, 11:00am
10 Dec	School Connections, 2:00pm	19 Dec	No School for Students
	School Dismissed at 2:00p	22 Dec–2 Jan	WINTER BREAK
11 Dec	PTO Board Meeting, 2:00pm	5 Jan	Staff and Students Return



ARE YOU RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER? Please click this [e-mail link](#) to let us know that you are receiving the electronic newsletter and if you are receiving it at your preferred e-mail address. Simply type "we get it" in the subject line and send. Add your **preferred** e-mail address if we are not currently using it.



SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION: The Fort Knox Community Schools are seldom closed for inclement weather. The Garrison Commander determines when schools will close. Parents should listen to Post television station channel 98 or WAKY FM (103.5) radio for announcements regarding school closings. School closings or delayed openings are also posted on the district's website at www.knox.army.mil.

In the event of an unscheduled early dismissal of school, children who regularly attend SAS will be sent directly to SAS. **We will not dismiss any other student until we have made direct contact with the parent or guardian to ensure that someone will be home or at the child care providers' to receive the child.** If we are unable to contact you, we will hold your child at school until we have communicated directly with you.

VAN VOORHIS SCHOOL UPDATED WEB SITE: Ctrl + click on the web address under the picture at the top of this page to go to the updated Van Voorhis School Web Site. New pictures and resources have been added to our website. Post your comments and suggestions by clicking on the [Webmaster](#) link.

READING RESOURCES: Take advantage of a collaborative resource we've created to provide you with information about reading strategies and your child's Language Arts instruction. Sign on to the VV Reading Wiki and access resources, word lists, grade level vocabulary/spelling words and online reading activities. Link: www.vvreads.pbwiki.com (or type in the URL). The password is: **love2read**. Add your first name and e-mail address. Click: **Log in**. In the white box to the right, click on **Sidebar** to see the menu for the pages you can access in our Wiki. Click on any page to access the resources.

MYCHILDMY MILITARY.COM is an interactive website designed to provide military families with a real-time platform to share books and activities with their children, even while deployed. MyChildMyMilitary.com's activities are geared towards children of all ages, interests and educational levels, with books for pre-readers, advanced readers and struggling readers on a broad range of topics. Thanks to grant funding, the website's service is currently offered free to military families. To learn more about this site please visit: <http://mychildmymilitary.com/>.

ON THE WEB: FKCS BOARD OF EDUCATION E-MAIL SYSTEM: Parents and sponsors of students attending Fort Knox Community Schools are invited to contact the Board of Education via a new Web-based e-mail system. The system aims to inform the five member board and the superintendent of specific issues in a timely fashion. Superintendent Todd Curkendall said that the e-mail system will give the board time to address the issues -- questions, comments, and concerns -- prior to the subsequent school board meeting as all board members will see the e-mails. The Web link is <http://www.am.dodea.edu/knox/FKCSO/Pages/BoardE-mailSystem.htm>

JUNIOR RED CROSS: The Van Voorhis Junior Red Cross for students in grades 1 – 3 will meet on **Wednesday, 3 December** at 8:00am in the VV Library.



SAFETY MATTER: While in the POV Line before or after school, please do not drive around other cars in front of you after you have dropped off/picked up your student **UNLESS** motioned to do so by a staff member. We are concerned for the safety of all students and drivers. Please remain in the POV line until the car in front of you has driven forward. Thank you for your cooperation.



TOYS FOR TOTS: The Jr. Red Cross will be sponsoring a **Toys for Tots Toy Drive** for the Santa Workshop located on Post 12 November thru 5 December. Toys should be new and unwrapped. Please place any donated toys in the boxes in the Lobby.

DODEA LAUNCHES 2008 CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY: The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) will administer its biennial Customer Satisfaction Survey (CSS) from November 1, 2008 through February 28, 2009. The CSS provides valuable feedback to DoDEA from its most important customers - students and parents - about the quality of education it provides and areas needing improvement. Click on the icon below for further information:



Customer
Satisfaction Survey.d

SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR DEPLOYED PARENTS: Insight Communications has provided and installed a dedicated line to one of our computers here at VV to enable students to video conference with a **deployed** parent. Please let your **deployed spouse** know that **they** will need to set up a SKYPE account. **Any deployed parent with internet access can go to www.skype.com and sign up for a free SKYPE account.** Also, we are looking to place photos of sponsors/parents and their students on our Heroes bulletin board. Please send in your photos if your child's sponsor/parent is deployed.



PTO SPOTLIGHT: The next PTO Board Meeting will be **Thursday, 11 December** at 2:00pm. If you have an interest/concern, please feel free to attend this meeting.

- Yearbooks are on sale. Flyers were sent home. Don't forget your Love Lines.
- Come out and join us on the 24th and 25th of November for the preview of Reindeer Lane and help your little shoppers make their selections for all of the special people in their lives. Reindeer Lane will be open for business for shoppers Dec 1-5.
- Just a reminder for those parents who have agreed to volunteer for Reindeer Lane that your help is still needed and greatly appreciated.



READING PROGRAM: A special parent volunteer reading program is now on-going at Van Voorhis School. The program has trained parent volunteers in skills to assist students who are learning to read. Additional volunteers are always welcome. If interested, please call the school (624-5854) or stop by and complete the volunteer form. Our next training session will be in January 2009.



PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The school needs active-duty sponsors to serve on several committees. This is an easy way to become involved in your child's school. Most committees meet monthly for about an hour. If interested, please call to speak with Ms Gibson at 624-5854 or 8519.



NURSE'S NOTES: If you find head lice on your child, please follow these instructions:

1. Call your Primary Care Clinic for a walk-in appointment to get a prescription for a special medicated shampoo. Use the medicated shampoo on your child/family according to the directions. Do not use it more frequently than recommended. It is an insecticide and can be toxic if not used properly.
2. Ft. Knox Community Schools have a NO NIT POLICY: The eggs (nits) must all be removed before the child can return to school. You must remove all the eggs (nits) that are attached to the hair. "The only way to do this is to comb or pick them out of the hair. The best comb that we have found is recommended by the National Pediculosis Association. It is called the "LiceMeister Comb" and can be purchased at Wal-Mart in Radcliff or Walgreens Drugstore in Elizabethtown. Besides being the most effective, it is sturdy and can be sterilized and used over again if needed. If it is not on the shelf, asks the pharmacist, they sometimes keep this comb behind the counter at Wal-Mart. Comb your child's hair in small sections. It will be easier and more effective. Comb your child's hair like this every day for the next two weeks. No head lice treatment will kill the eggs. That is why this is so important. If there are no eggs there to hatch, re-infestation is less likely to occur. An equal part vinegar and water hair rinse helps to loosen the eggs.
3. Re-shampoo the child's hair again in 7days if the manufacturer recommends it. **NO MORE THAN THAT.**

4. Wash your child's clothes that have been worn in the last two weeks. Don't forget hats and coats. Wash the bed linens and towels. Use very hot water, and then dry on the hot cycle for at least 20 minutes. Lice will not drown, so it is important to use very hot water. The heat is what kills them. If you cannot wash the pillows, put them in a very hot dryer for 20 minutes.
5. Vacuum everywhere. To make sure the rest of your home is louse-free, you should vacuum the carpets, upholstered furniture, and don't forget the car seats. We do not recommend using the lice sprays that are on the market. They are very expensive and not that effective.
6. Soak combs, brushes, etc., in very hot water for at least 10 minutes. The water temperature must be at least 150 degrees F.
7. This is a lot of work, but unless all these steps are carried out, there is a chance that your child or another family member may become infested again.
8. Do not worry about family pets. Human lice will only live on human hosts. Lice are a nuisance. They do not carry any disease in the United States that we know of.

NOTIFY THE SCHOOL NURSE that your child has head lice. She will then check the rest of the children in the class for head lice. Unless we find and treat every child with head lice, the infestation will continue to go around and your child may get the lice again. Your school nurse will also need to check your child before he/she returns to school. Your school nurse's phone number is (502) 624-1484/2937



COUNSELOR'S CORNER: Praise builds self-esteem! Here are some ways to praise your child without you or your child getting bored with the same old "Good Job" all the time: That's incredible! How original! Outstanding! Far Out! Great! Marvelous! I Can't Get Over How Well You've Done! Wonderful! You should be proud of yourself! Amazing effort! Unbelievable work! Phenomenal! You've Got It! Superb! You're special! Cool! Excellent! Way to go! You've outdone yourself! Thumbs up! What a great listener! Your help counts to our family! You came through! Terrific! You tried hard! Fabulous! The time you put in really shows! You made it happen! You're a real trooper! It couldn't be better! Bravo! Exceptional! You are special! You're a great example for others! Fantastic Work! Keep up the great work! Awesome! Give yourself a pat on the back! Sue Gilbert, Counselor



FROM MRS. GIBSON: Van Voorhis had a very successful Thanksgiving Lunch on November 13th. Over 300 parents and sponsors were able to join their student for lunch that day. Our cafeteria staff and many volunteers, from PTO parents to staff members from other schools and even our own staff members, spent many hours ensuring that this lunch was a very special one. Thank you to all of those who had some part in this effort.