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VAN VOORHIS SCHOOL STUDENT/PARENT NOTES

7 NOVEMBER 2008

(502) 624-5854/8519

TOTAL ENROLLMENT 375

DATES TO REMEMBER

11 Nov	Veterans Day (School Holiday)	19 Nov	Make Up Picture Day
12 Nov	District Connections, 2:00pm: Students are Dismissed at 2:00pm		School Connections, 2:00pm: Students are Dismissed at 2:00pm
	Toys for Tots Drive Begins	20 Nov	Popcorn
13 Nov	Mid-Point of 2 nd Quarter		Student of the Month, 11:00am
	No Popcorn		School Board Meeting, Fort Knox High School, 1:30pm
	Thanksgiving Lunch (Ctrl + Click for Schedule)		Hoopin & Hoppin
14 Nov	PTO Board Meeting, 2:00	21 Nov	1 st Grade Field Trip, Ireland AH/Fire Department
		26 Nov	No School
		27 Nov	Thanksgiving (School Holiday)
		28 Nov	No School



Welcome! **NEW PRINCIPAL AT VAN VOORHIS SCHOOL NAMED:** Van Voorhis School is pleased to welcome Mrs. Laura Gibson, former Interim Principal, as the new Principal of Van Voorhis Elementary School.



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.

YELLOW RIBBON EVENT: Van Voorhis' 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade students participated in the formation of the Yellow Ribbon record-breaking event. To view the picture Ctrl + click on the icon below:



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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/FKCS/CO/Pages/BoardE-mailSystem.htm>

JUNIOR RED CROSS: The Van Voorhis Junior Red Cross for students in grades 1 – 3 will meet on **Wednesday, 12 November** at 8:00am in the VV Library.

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



SAFETY MATTER: While in the POV Pick Up Line after school, please do not drive around other cars in front of you after you have picked up your student. This could lead to an accident and we are concerned for the safety of all of our students and our drivers and students. Please remain in the POV line until the car in front of you has also driven forward. Thank you for your cooperation.



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 **Friday, 14 November** 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.
- Your Van Voorhis PTO would like to extend a warm thank you to all of the sponsors and volunteers, both parents and teachers that helped our Fall Festival be so enjoyable for all.
- 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.
- Through the hard work of our students we have raised over \$500 through our Box Tops for Education Campaign. Great work students and keep it up!!



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 is scheduled for **Thursday, 13 November at 10:00am in Room 39.**



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: The Fort Knox Community Schools require that students who need medication during school hours adhere to the following: Only medications prescribed by a physician or other authorized medical authority can be administered by school personnel. Prescription proof is either the pharmacy label on the medication container or a separate written prescription listing the child's name, medication, date, medical authority's name, dose and frequency. **Remember the parent/guardian must bring the medication to the school. No child may ever transport any type of medication to school.** The parent/guardian must complete the Parent Request to Administer Medication at School form. **This form is valid for only the current school year. The parent must notify the school nurse immediately of any medication changes such as discontinued meds or changes in type, dosage, or administration times. No over-the counter medications will be given at school without a doctor's prescription. The medication bottle must have a pharmacy label with the child's name or it must be an unopened bottle/package accompanied by a written doctor's prescription.**



COUNSELOR'S CORNER: Van Voorhis students have been introduced to the Caught Being Good Program starting this quarter. To reinforce good choices and appropriate behaviors children may be caught doing the right thing, making a good choice, doing what they are supposed to do at school. When caught, a student is handed a Caught Being Good ticket which the child signs. A weekly drawing will draw out three lucky winners from each class and these children will get to come to the counselor's office to choose a reward. Winners are encouraged to give themselves a pat on the back for making themselves lucky and also making learning easier.



FROM MRS. GIBSON: One of the areas the teachers have been training in this year relates to math. The new training is called Building a System of Tens. We are very excited about it for it has shown us several new ways to allow children to demonstrate as well as their mathematical thinking. Due to this, you may not see quite as many worksheets and instead be seeing written problems that your student has worked on in a number of ways. We are striving to have our students not only learn the basic math facts, but also explore numbers, be flexible thinkers, and develop strategies that they can justify. This may seem somewhat different from what you and I did in math, at times, when we were in elementary school. If you are ever in doubt about what your child is working on, please don't hesitate to contact the teacher. But please know that we are excited about the little mathematicians with big ideas we have here at Van Voorhis!