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VAN VOORHIS SCHOOL  
STUDENT/PARENT NOTES  
27 OCTOBER 2008  
(502) 624-5854/8519

TOTAL ENROLLMENT 377

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

27-30 Oct	Kindergarten Fall Senses Rotation	1-30 Nov	Scholastic Book Month
27-31 Oct	Red Ribbon Week	3 Nov	Grade 3 Math Test
29 Oct	Jr. Red Cross Meeting, 8:00am		Money Due to Pre-Pay for Thanksgiving Lunch
	<b>School Connections:</b>	5 Nov	<b>School Connections:</b>
	Students are Dismissed at 2:00pm		Students are Dismissed at 2:00pm
30 Oct	Popcorn	6 Nov	Grade 2 Language Arts Test Day (1)
	Student of the Month, 11:00am		Popcorn
31 Oct	Birthday Club, 11:00am		Yellow Ribbon Event
	K-3 Fall Parties, 2:00pm	13 Nov	Van Voorhis Thanksgiving Lunch
		14 Nov	PTO Meeting, 2:00pm, VV Cafeteria

 **THANKSGIVING LUNCH:** Van Voorhis School will have its Thanksgiving Lunch on Thursday, 13 November. Parents are encouraged to pre-pay for lunch if they are planning to eat with their child. Your child will be bringing home a notice this week you may use for pre-payment. Later, students will bring home the schedule for our Thanksgiving Lunch. Please note on the schedule that some classes will be eating in the Cafeteria and others in their Classrooms. **Also, your child's lunch time may be different from his/her usual daily scheduled lunch time.**

**YELLOW RIBBON EVENT, NOV 6<sup>TH</sup>:** On Nov 6<sup>th</sup>, all students in grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>, unless their parents opt out, will be participating in an exciting event called the Yellow Ribbon Formation. We will be bussing about 200+ of our students to the airfield to help create the formation of a yellow ribbon. A photograph will be taken from the air of this. This is in honor of the Military Family month of November. An information page will be sent home to all parents for those students involved. Please ensure that students wear coats that day. There will be a rain date in case the weather does not cooperate. We are excited about having our students participate in this event. If you have any questions about this, please call the school and speak to Ms. Gibson at 624-5854.



**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/fkcsco/Pages/BoardofEducation.htm>

Also related, Channel 98 will broadcast the October school board meeting from 21 to 31 October at noon to 12:40 PM and again at 6:00 to 6:40 PM. Subsequent meetings will be broadcast similarly and air for five business days in the future on the Channel. Watch for more information.



**JUNIOR RED CROSS:** The Van Voorhis Junior Red Cross for students in grades 1 – 3 will meet on Wednesday, 29 October at 8:00am in the VV Library.



**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 drivers. 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](http://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.
- Merchandise purchased during the Fall Fundraiser will be distributed the week of 27-31 October.
- Ms Smith's PM Pre-K will enjoy an ice cream party on Friday, 31 October for being the Box top Winners for August.
- Ms Ferner's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class will enjoy an ice cream party Tuesday, 28 October, for being the Box Top Winners for September.
- Quarter Classroom Winners of Box Tops are Ms Smith AM, Ms Thompson, Mr. Range, Ms Ferner and Ms Rosenkrantz. These classes will enjoy a pizza party on Friday, 31 October.

**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, 30 October at 10:00am in Room 39.

 **WHAT DO YOU THINK:** The school would like your input regarding its mission statement. The staff developed several options and feel your input is critical. These can be reviewed on our website. A feedback form will be sent home this week for your input. Please send this back to school with your preference on the statement of your choice.

 **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.



Click on the icon below for information on a special program sponsored for middle and high school students. Although it is not for our level of students, we wanted to share the information with you.



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**NURSE'S NOTES:** Cold and Flu each are cause by a different virus that affects your upper respiratory tract (nose, sinuses, throat) - so they often produce similar symptoms. Pay attention to your primary symptoms, the symptoms that are bothering you the most. Remember to send with your kids a coat. The weather is changing and we need to protect them from these sudden changes.

**Compare:**

**Cold**

- runny nose
- Stuffy nose/congestion
- Sneezing
- cough

**Flu**

- Fever and chills
- Body aches
- Fatigue or weakness
- Eye muscle pain
- Cough (dry)



**COUNSELOR'S CORNER - RED RIBBON WEEK ACTIVITIES October 27-31:** Each year in late October, schools and communities are asked to celebrate National Red Ribbon Week. This week was begun to honor the memory of a drug enforcement officer who was killed trying to stop drug activity near a school. At our student's young age level the discussion is kept very simple and children are made aware that someday someone may try to talk them into trying

tobacco, alcohol, or drugs and they will need to be ready to say no and get help from parents or other trusted adults to keep themselves healthy and safe.

- **Monday** – Students and staff will receive a red ribbon with a safety pin attached so that they can wear this ribbon all week. Students may sign a banner outside the cafeteria at teacher's convenience with the message "I believe in me! I'm drug free!" Morning announcements will explain each day's activity.
- **Tuesday** – "Hugs Not Drugs" Day – Students may bring a favorite stuffed animal to hug.
- **Wednesday** – Wear red day – Students and staff are encouraged to wear red. Students will receive a second red ribbon and sticker provided by the PTO.
- **Thursday** – "Sock it to drugs" Day – Students and staff may wear red socks or crazy socks
- **Friday** – Students will receive a red paper to trace and cut out one of their hands to give themselves "a pat on the back for being drug free". They may tape the hand to their backs.



**FROM MRS. GIBSON:** I am sure you received the letter from Superintendent Curkendall on 10/22/08 informing you regarding the safety concern last week. With that in mind, please talk to your children about what to do if approached by an adult they do not know. Here are just a few tips you can share with them taken from the website

<http://safety.more4kids.info/125/strangers-andkids/>

1. Never talk to a stranger.
2. Never accept anything from a stranger.
3. Never get into a car with someone they do not know.
4. If a stranger looks "nice", it does not mean they are.
5. When walking home from school, walk home with someone like another friend.
6. When walking home, always go straight home, don't delay by stopping somewhere with friends.
7. If a stranger comes up to you, run in the opposite direction and scream HELP.
8. Tell a teacher or other adult if someone tried to approach you or bother on your way to school.
9. If a stranger says to you that your mommy or daddy told them to pick you up after school, don't believe them. Run away and find a teacher and report it.