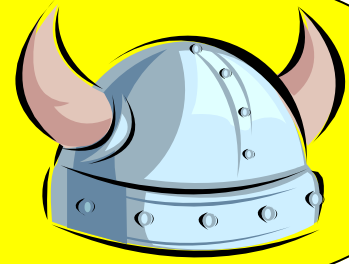


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Principal's Corner—Bike Safety Reminders

As the weather turns warmer we would like to remind everyone to keep the safety of students in mind. Walkers and bike riders will be more frequent now and we like to remind our bike riders that they should walk their bicycle to the bike rack when arriving on school property. Please remember this policy with younger siblings with their scooters and bicycles. Due to the added congestion of walkers and riders there is no bicycle or scooter riding permitted on school property.

It is always a good idea to remind your student to secure their bicycle to the bike rack with a lock as the bikes cannot be stored in the school building. Parents please practice the route your walker and bike rider are to take to school. Discuss alternate routes in the event the primary route is inaccessible.

The safety of our students is a top priority for staff.

Laraine W. Edwards, Principal
703-988-8900

Fifth Grade News



We have been working hard to incorporate more technology into our classrooms. Students have been practicing research skills in preparation for their Global Awareness Technology Project that we will be working on this spring. We have had the mobile labs in all of the 5th grade classes as much as possible practicing PowerPoint and other programs. The 5th graders are also preparing for new online testing and the new programs that go along with it.

Science finds us investigating the world's oceans and experimenting with currents and density. We have had a lot of fun so far using water in different experiments! In Social Studies we have been delving into Greece and Rome and some of the ancient artifacts that go along with these civilizations.

In language arts, the students have been practicing writing to prompts and going through the writing process. We are also practicing our reading strategies as well as identifying story elements during our guided reading groups.

Second quarter has been an adventure into new technology and we are looking forward to starting the third quarter.



Our Victorious Vikings

Congratulations to these students for being KIND, SAFE, and RESPONSIBLE

Kindergarten: Mia T., James T., Natalie O. & Jason W.

First Grade: Sophia J., Christopher P., Rachel K. & Zachary T.

Second Grade: Sydney A., Dylan N., Sarah S. & Christian U.

Third Grade: Kendall C., Ryan B., Abigail R. & Jaiden A.

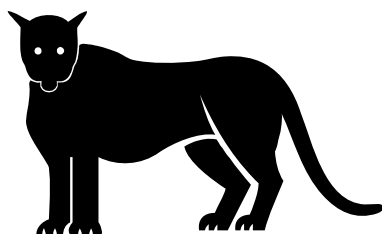
Fourth Grade: Sharon P., Raul S., Chloe D. & Anthony T.

Fifth Grade: Deanna K., Braeden A., Dayana D. & Sean M.

Sixth Grade: Lily W., Noah E., Nicole M. & Blake P.

Names are selected by random drawing at each grade level from all Victorious Viking slips earned by students each week. Names may not be drawn on weeks shortened by holidays.

Future Stone Middle School Panthers



Rising 7th Grade Parent Orientation Night at Stone Middle School will be held on Thursday, March 15th, from 7-9 pm in the gym. Typically we offer optional pre-7pm seminars on Honors classes, Special Education, and ESOL, as well as time to explore some of our elective offerings.

A detailed letter about the orientation and course selection handbook will be sent out on February 27th to the parents of all rising 7th graders.

All County Chorus

The 6th Grade All-County Choral Festival is an amazing event in which 8 of our very own 6th grade chorus members will be singing with 900 other students from the county in an amazing choral concert! This year's festival will be held Saturday, April 28th at Hayfield Secondary. The performance will begin at 3:00 p.m. The performance is free and open to the public.

Our students have been rehearsing every Friday before school and will continue to rehearse until the concert in April. We hope that you can come and support them at the concert. The students are:

Hannah B., Abby B., Olivia C., Courtney C., Nicki M., Lauren N., Molly V. and Lily W..

Musically yours,

Mrs. Sharon Everton & Mr. Jeremiah Tyler

Upcoming PTA Events

Would you like to volunteer for an event that is "out of this world"? The theme for the 2012 Science Quest is "Space Odyssey" This event is one of the "must attend" events at Virginia Run! The PTA is looking for volunteers to man the booths at this year's fair. The event date is April 24, 2012. To get involved or ask questions contact Lori Leventry at laleventry@verizon.net.

As the PTA moves forward and begins planning for Fall 2012 (hard to believe it is time to start planning for the next school year!), there is a need for someone to head up the Fall Fundraiser. If you are organized and energetic and want to get involved with the Virginia Run PTA, the Fall Fundraiser is right up your alley! Contact Joni Gorvett at gorvett@aol.com if interested.

COPS Collection ~ Pennies for Patients

EVERY PENNY COUNTS!!

This week we are collecting 'Pennies for Patients', in support of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS). Since 1994, students and educators throughout the United States & Canada have raised over \$172 million in support of the LLS mission to cure blood cancers and improve the lives of patients and their families.

All you have to do is collect coins and other donations, put them in your collection box and bring it back to school. We'll be collecting your coins when you



arrive to school. So, start looking under cushions and car seats and dig through your backpacks and pockets... every penny counts!!

For more information on the LLS, please visit their website: www.lls.org

If you would like to volunteer to come collect and count change Thursday or Friday morning, please email suemurphy4@verizon.net

Sponsored by the Virginia Run PTA

New Recycling Program to VRES - Ink Cartridges

The VRES PTA is teaming with Cartridge World, located by Shoppers Food Warehouse in Centreville, to recycle ink cartridges. Cartridges should be new (used only once) or from Cartridge World.

Cartridge World will give our PTA \$1.00 for every cartridge we collect. Also, when you shop at Cartridge World, 5% of your purchase will come back to our school!! Refilled cartridges are significantly less expensive than new.

Be sure to mention at checkout that you are with Virginia Run.

Spread the word and thank you for your support!

**Save the Date! VRES
Movie Night!!**

Friday, February 24, 7PM

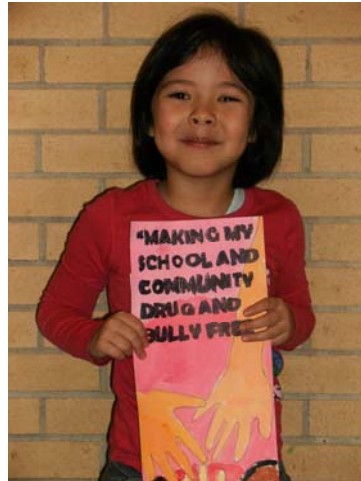
See if you can guess which movie--
it features:

Swordfighting! Magic Beans! and a
Golden Goose!

... and those aren't even the best
parts!

**Look for the Movie Night flyer in
the Wednesday
envelope to sign up!**

**Bookmark Contest Finalists
Amy (1st Grade) & Sharon (4th Grade)**



Garden Club



Believe it or not, spring is just around the corner (or one could hope)! That being said, our Garden Club is looking for a new chairperson this year. If you, or someone you know, are interested in continuing this wonderful club for our interested students, please let me know as soon as possible. Without a chairperson, this club will not be able to function. Please contact Lori Leventry at laleventry@verizon.net, if interested.

Thank you!

Chick-fil-A

6th Grade Spirit Night

You did it! The 6th grade Chick-fil-A fundraiser was a super success thanks to the entire VA Run Community! In 2 short hours, after surpassing the minimum sales that Chick-fil-A requires, we earned \$510.25. This dinner time was great fun - a wonderful gathering to visit with each other - and most of all, we were all greatly entertained with the efforts of Mr. Antoncic, who joked and laughed with everyone (while serving over 100 drinks!) and Mr. Tyler, who walked around and visited with folks, cleaned-up after people (yes, he did that!) and then whipped out his guitar and sang! The Chick-fil-A cow danced a bit of a salsa, the children broke into song, and the Chick employees were quite ... dumb-struck...with our community. (In a good way of course!) The attendance of these two special teachers really made a huge difference for the fundraiser and we thank them very much.

The last 6th grade fundraiser will be to provide refreshments at the VA Run Variety Show that is being held at Westfield High School this year.

**Thank-you again VA Run Community
for your support.**



Back Page Photos



Mrs. Proulx's 3rd Graders
Math Posters &
Hearts for Cancer



Mrs. Schilling's
Poetry SLAM!



6th Grade &
1st Grade
Buddies





February Info

- Feb. 1 PTA Meeting,
9:30 a.m.
- Feb. 20 President's Day
Schools and Office closed.

February

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 PTA Meeting, 9:30 a.m.	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20 President's Day - Holiday, Schools and Offices Closed	21	22	23	24
27	28	29 Interims Sent Home		
				2012

March Preview

- March 2 Read Across America Day
- March 5 5th Grade SOL—Writing
- March 7 5th Grade SOL—Short
Paper
PTA Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- March 23 5th Grade Greek & Roman
Festival
Virginia Run vs Cub Run
Volleyball Game (7-9 p.m.,
Westfield High School)
- March 30 Third Grading Period Ends