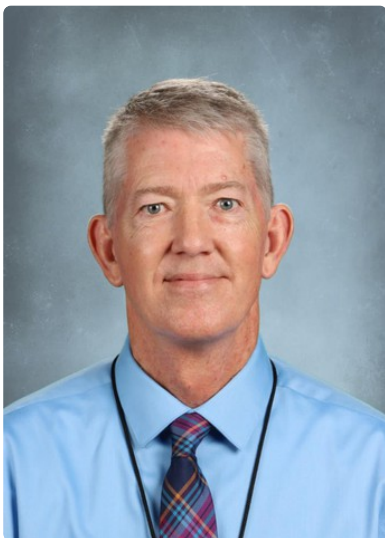


Voyager News

January 2024



Principal's Message

Greetings!

The week of January 22nd is designated as Paraprofessional Recognition Week in Minnesota schools. Day after day, our VES paraprofessionals play a vital role in supporting students and assisting teachers; they are true difference-makers for so many! What's more, many of them help supervise students during less structured times of the day, such as lunch and recess, promoting positive behavior and keeping students safe.

Thanks to the following VES paraprofessionals for being such an integral part of our learning community:

Larry Ackerman, Amber Becker, Bernice Berg, Deborah Bye, Maegan DuChene, Ashley Eckhoff, Sandy Emmons, Margaret Halvorson, Tracy Hartshorn, Stephanie Huebner, Faith Juntunen, Brooke Larson, Angel Manzano, Jessica Moe, Leslie Ogaard Leraas, Jenna Olivero, Sarah Reiter, Sue Santelman, Catherine Sebasky, Marcia Siira, Krystina Stans, Tammy Stark, Nicole Waltzing, ShiAnn Wells and Kristi Westberg

Mark Your Calendar

PAC Meeting - Festival Planning, 6:30 PM in Media Center.....	1/9
No School; Martin Luther King Jr. Day.....	1/15
End of First Semester.....	1/19
Report Cards Sent Home.....	1/26
Two Hour Late Start	2/7
No School.....	2/16
No School - Presidents' Day.....	2/19
No School - Conferences.....	3/8
Conferences.....	3/11
No School.....	3/15
No School - Easter.....	3/28-4/1

VES Exemplary Students Earn Code Kid Recognition

Let's celebrate these Voyager students who have earned December Code of Conduct Awards! They were seen demonstrating our Code of Conduct traits of responsibility, honesty, respect, fairness, and kindness. Thank you, students!



Code Kids

Matthew Wencil, Henry Bluett, Madison Horan, Kinley Olson, Briar Piotter & Hayley Maus.
Not pictured: Cole Richardson



Code Kids

Rhyan Clark, Callie Knott, Langston Messer, Miles Johnson & Harmony Cimenski



Code Kids

Linnea Hartsell, Alayna Ziegelmann, Corbin Cimbura & Liam Ellenson



Code Cash Winners


Emmett Mass, Riley Sutherland, Elijah Larson, Olivia Amundson, Payzlie Wingerter & Rocklan Collins.

School of Excellence Parent Survey Input Needed

Parents, we need your input. VES is participating in the Minnesota School of Excellence Program (MN SOE), which entails gathering information from stakeholders on national standards for quality elementary schools, studying that information, and then creating a Voyager plan that celebrates strengths and identifies growth areas. Please take a few minutes to provide feedback on Standard 2: Diverse Communities ([here](#)) and Standard 6: Community Engagement ([here](#)). Just answer to the best of your ability; the surveys should only take about five minutes each. The survey window will close at the end of January.

Parenting for Resilience

Simple strategies with a BIG impact



PARENTING FOR RESILIENCE

ALEXANDRIA Public Schools
Early Education

Thursdays
January 11 - 25

A class for parents of children 2 - 8

ONLINE
8 - 9:00 pm

Only \$5

You can use simple, everyday parenting practices to support a healthy foundation of resilience in your kids.

Learn how from the comfort of your living room!

ALEXANDRIA.CE.ELEYO.COM **320.762.3305**

Parenting for Resilience is an online 3-week series for parents who have children birth-age 8 to learn positive strategies for building relationships, guiding behavior, and supporting a healthy foundation for development. Plus, it is conveniently held after bedtime, from the comfort of your own home. Register at www.alexandria.ce.eleyo.com. See attached flyer.

Early Childhood Screenings Available

Do you have a preschooler in your home? Early Childhood screenings are required for every Minnesota student just after turning age 3. The screening is a free and simple check of how your child is growing, developing and learning. Please register at www.alexandria.ce.eleyo.com. See adjoining flyer.

EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING

Required for every Minnesota student just after turning 3

Schedule online or by phone

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At your appointment, a trained professional will check:

- Thinking, language, and communication
- Growth, immunizations and movement
- Social and emotional development
- Vision and hearing

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Cancer Fundraiser

Help the Cardinals CRUSH Cancer!
All funds go to the American Cancer Society!

- Fill a water bottle with dimes to raise... **\$100**
 - Bring the water bottles to your teacher
 - The class that raises the most money will win a pajama party!
- 1/3 to 1/15



If you want to donate directly instead, scan the QR code. And just say the name of your child's teacher.

Help CRUSH Cancer!

A group of DECA students from Alexandria Area High School is planning a fundraiser to help crush cancer. See attached flyer.

Dress for the Weather

Please make sure that students are coming to school with appropriate winter gear: boots, snow pants, gloves, and caps. We go outside for recess unless the "feels like" temperature is colder than -10, so it's important that students are safely dressed. If providing appropriate winter gear is a challenge, please contact our school social worker Jen Jurchenko.

Order your child's yearbook today!

It's not too early to start thinking about ordering your child's yearbook. See adjoining flyer.

SO MANY MEMORIES
ONE LOW PRICE

Good deal. Order a yearbook by November 17, 2023 to get it for only \$12.00 – that's the lowest price of the year.

SAVE NOW



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