



Vassar News

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JANUARY 2019



Principal: Stacey Stuart
Vice-Principal: Janelle Treese

Dates to Remember

- 1-7 Students return to school
- 1-9 Student Council until 4:30 p.m.
- 1-10 Skate City Night 6:00 to 8:00 PM
- 1-11 Report cards sent home
- 1-21 **No School** - MLK, Jr. Day
- 1-30 **1/2 Day** – School ends at 11:45 AM
- 2-1 No School - Parent Conf. Exchange day

From the Administrators

As this first semester of the school year comes to an end it is a time of reflection for all of us at Vassar. We consider questions such as, what went well, how can we do better, what things do we need to change, and how can we meet the needs of every child, every day? The only way for our students to continue to grow and succeed academically, socially and behaviorally is for you to ask those questions as well. Were your children ready for school every morning on time with completed homework? Did they read every night to you or did you read to them? Is there a place for them to do their homework in a quiet place without electronics? Was school a priority in your home?

All of us can improve in every aspect of our lives and that is what we model for our children at school and at home. Being aware of our actions, words, and behaviors is important because our children see and hear everything we do. Our greatest resource is our children and we all need to work together to ensure they have the brightest future possible.

We are so grateful for the support from our parent community and continue to strive to create opportunities for you to be involved at school. The Bring your Parent to School Day is February 22nd and there are similar activities planned in the coming months like Family Movie Night and the Valentines Dance.

We wish your family a new year that is full of possibilities of success! Here's to a great 2018!

Ms. Stuart and Mrs. Treese

TESTING IN JANUARY

Access Testing

January 16th, 17th & 24th, all students who are English language learners, will take the Access Test to measure language development in the areas of Speaking, Reading, Listening and Writing. This assessment is required by the Colorado Department of Education for all students who are English language learners. Please avoid scheduling appointments, coming late, or leaving early on these dates. We appreciate your support!

Dress warm!

Wear a heavy coat, hat and gloves. All students will go outside for recess if the temperature is **20 degrees or above!**





Students Reward for Perfect Attendance

Every month students who are at school every day with out being late or taken out early will win a treat or extra recess.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Be sure your child is at school every day.

ART Class

Students in art will be starting clay as they finish their current projects!

ART CLUB will be starting **Thursdays after school from 3:15-4:30 in January for 3rd, 4th & 5th grade students.** For the first 15 minutes of Art Club, students not in Kids Connection will stand near the parent pickup line until Ms. Small is finished helping with parent pickup at dismissal. This will still allow 60 minutes for work time and clean up.

Participants will work with materials we are not often able to use during regular classes due to the potential for messiness, complexity or material cost. To ensure that Art Club is successful, students that join must agree to demonstrate the highest levels of Vassar SOAR behaviors at all times during Art Club and to attend regularly.

3rd, 4th, and 5th-grade students are invited to attend but must turn in a parent permission form first. Forms will be sent home with interested students in early January. Attendance must be capped at 25 students. **The first 25 students that turn in their signed permission form are the first added to the list.** Students turning in a permission slip after the first 25 signed slips are added to a waitlist. Should space open for additional members, a note will be sent home with the next student on the waitlist. Students that return the first 25 signed slips will bring home more details.

Ms. Small, Art Teacher

P.E. Class

In physical education we just finished up our tumbling/climbing unit and will be focusing on hockey through the month of December. We will begin dance in January after our holiday break followed by jump roping and juggling in Feb. Please make sure your child has many opportunities to be active over the holiday break.

Mr. Chapla, Physical Education Teacher

Music Notes

Vassar Elementary Choir!!

➤ Vassar Elementary School Choir for interested 2nd-5th grade students begins on Thursday, January 28th, at 8:00 a.m. in the Music Room. Students are welcome to join late if they missed the form with the start date.

➤ Choir practices are held on Monday and Thursday mornings only and only if school is in session that day. If a late start occurs, choir practice will be cancelled that day.

➤ Rehearsals run from 8:00 until the beginning of the school day, but students are dismissed early if they need to eat breakfast. There may be cancellations of rehearsals due to teacher absence or other conflicts that arise. A calendar of known conflicts and performances will be available in the music room and on the TeamSnap app.

Mrs. Gonzalez, Music Teacher

Student Council

Student Council would like to thank everyone for making donations for the coat drive. Through our efforts, we were able to make a big difference during the holiday season. Last month we came up with several steps to help improve our school through indoor recess activities, PBIS assembly games, monthly spirit days as well as outdoor recess ideas. In January we will be getting prepared for our Valentine Chocolate Rose sale and the school dance which will both occur in February.

Mr. Chapla & Mr. Fischer