



VALLEY COTTAGE NEWSLETTER

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Musically speaking ...

March, is "Music In Our Schools", month and seven of our fifth graders are starting off with an excellent opportunity performing at the All-County Music festival. Every year the Rockland County Music Educators Association (RCMEA) hosts festivals for the best musicians in Rockland. The intermediate festival is for students from Rockland County schools in grades five and six. On March 7th, our students will be performing at Pearl River High School at 4:00pm. The best singers from all over Rockland County will come together to form a chorus of about 150 singers as well as the All-County Band and Orchestra. Best of luck to our young musicians, we are so very proud of the following students who will be participating:

Angelina Bassi, Sanaya Bazile, Antonio Bucobo, Bethanny Castro, Willvensky Coichy, Cesar Rivas-Mendoza, and Ryder Strayton. All of the preparation for this performance was done by our children outside of class. Mrs. Anderson sends a BIG thank you to them for their dedication to Music in Our Schools!!

Barbara Anderson

Mrs. Gabrielson's class visited the Valley Cottage Post Office to mail letters to author Jan Brett. The students read some of Jan Brett's wonderful books and wrote letters sharing their favorite books. The children also learned about the role of the mail carrier. The trip allowed the students to see their learning in action.

March 2020 Events

- 3 Spring Picture Day
 - School Bd Mtg at VC 7:30pm
- 5 Mrs. Gabrielson's trip: to VC Firehouse 10:30am
- 6 Assembly: Tanglewood Marionettes- The Dragon King; Gr.K-2 9; Gr.3-5 10:15
 - Spirit Day: Dress for Success Career Day Dress For Your College Colors!
- 8 Daylight Savings, Move clocks ahead 1 hr
- 12 International Night, 7-8:30pm, Café (snow date is March 13th)
- 13 PTA Spirit Day: Sports Day!
 - Gr.4 Heroes and Cool Kids, 9am
- 17 School Bd Mtg H 7:30pm
- 18 PTA Mtg 7:30pm
- 19 Gr.5 Workshops: Story Pirates 9-11am
- 20 Schools Closed, Supt. Conf. Day for Staff
 - Elementary Trimester 2 Ends
- 25 Gr.3-5 NYS ELA testing
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 - Gr.1-1SE Trip: Tarrytown Theatre Works
- 27 Spirit Day: Dress for Success
 - Dance-a-Thon 7pm, Café

APRIL 2020

- 2 Grade.4 Chorus Day at the HS

Join us in celebrating our 3rd annual VCE International Night. Students and their families showcase culture and tradition through food, dance, music and art. This event takes place on Thursday, March 12th at 7-8:30pm in the cafeteria.





SNOW DELAYS

When Nyack School District has a 2-hour delay, VCE school begins at 10:50AM. Students should be in school by 10:45AM. Our doors open at 10AM and not before. Please do not drop children off before 10AM and make sure when you arrive, there is someone there to receive them.

On snow delay days there will be NO morning STARS program.

School breakfast is not served on these days.

School buses follow a 2-hour delay schedule. Please be at bus stops a few minutes early.

To Note:

- To report illness-related absences, please call the nurse 353-7290.
- All dismissal changes must be by written note to the teacher or a call to the main office as early as possible.
- Please do not email teachers regarding absences or changes in dismissal as email messages will not be received if teachers are out of the building or if computers are having technical difficulties.
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Dress your children warmly—a sweater in case they get cold, a warm winter coat, hat and gloves for outdoor recess. Students go out for recess when weather permits.

From the Library Media Center March 2019

Rockland Read-In

On February 13th, we celebrated how much we love reading by participating in the Rockland Read-In. Schools count up minutes read and send to the School Library System. Our morning program began with Mrs. Addison-Harris reading to all the students at morning program in her dragon pajamas. It was wonderful to see kids reading all over the building and thank you to our many parents and guest readers that joined in on the reading fun. Our total minutes of reading that day exceeded 100,000.



Students in fourth and fifth grade are reading books to complete the March into Reading book brackets. We are down to our Elite 8 titles after our first vote this week. Look in the display case for the book bracket display as we journey to the tourney through reading.

Happy 116th Birthday Dr. Seuss. Special shout-out to Green Eggs and Ham, which celebrates 60 years. Oh, the places we have gone reading your books!

Spring into Reading with a blooming book!

Carolyn Travers, School Library Media Specialist



Notes from the Nurse

Remember to notify voicemail at 353-**7290** before the start of the school day if your child will be absent due to sickness. Voicemail is on 24/7. Medical Doctor signature is required for all medications to be administered during the school day. This includes over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol, Advil, etc.

Patti Kozar, RN, Professional School Nurse

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