



# VALLEY COTTAGE NEWSLETTER

**Valley Cottage Elementary**

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We are so very excited for our Kindergartners' debut singing performance! Please join us on Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am for a Valentine's Day Singing Celebration.

All students in Kindergarten will come together to form a chorus and entertain you with songs about love and friendship.

*Barbara Anderson, Music*

## February 2019 Events

- 1 Friday C day
- Gr.5 DARE Graduation, 9:30-11am, Café (Gr.5 students only & parents/guardians)
- 5 School Bd Mtg H 7:30pm
- 8 PTA Build-a-Bear fundraiser, 7pm, Café
- 11 Universal Pre-K Info Session, 7pm-8:30pm, Café
- 13 PTA Mtg 7:30pm
- 14 Spirit Day! Wear red and white
  - Gr.K singing performance, 9:3am, Café
  - Rockland Read-In ("Love to Read")
  - PTA Sweet Treats Buffet (for Staff)
- 15 Assembly: Mad Science: 9am-Gr.3-5, 10:15am Gr.K-2
- 18-22 Schools Closed, Mid-Winter Recess**
- 25 Schools Reopen (Monday)
- 28 Assembly: Colonial Man: 9-9:45am Gr.4 (followed by workshops throughout the day)

LOST AND FOUND has many articles of clothing. If you happen to be in the building, please claim your belongings.

## From the Library



### ROCKLAND READ-IN

On Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, all our students will participate in the 35th annual **Rockland Read-In**. This is a day when all students read for pleasure in all their classes throughout the county. In the past we have come in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place for a school of our size. We will start the day with a group read in morning program with our guest reader, Mrs. Cappiello, and we will continue reading throughout the day.

This is a wonderful way to celebrate Valentine's Day by loving to read!

### Need something to do over Winter Break?

Nyack and Valley Cottage Public libraries have books, magazines, movies, video games along with free activity and craft programs for kids, teens and adults. See their websites <http://www.nyacklibrary.org> and <http://www.vclib.org> for more information on dates and how to register.

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The Kindergarten students will be taking part in our very special 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School Celebration coming up soon. The students will be making projects at home which will be displayed on our bulletin boards. They will also enjoy rotating to each of the Kindergarten classrooms to participate in a fun filled 100<sup>th</sup> Day activity. Hip hip hooray for the 100<sup>th</sup> Day!!!

*Kindergarten Team*



## 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.

- 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.
- All dismissal changes must be by written note to the teacher or a call to the main office as early as possible.
- To report illness-related absences, please call the nurse 353-7290.
- Listen to your voicemail to see who it was that may have left you a message if you missed a call from the school. Thank you for your cooperation!



Winter is here and it is cold!!! 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 temperatures are above 25°, conditions permitting.



### 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.

As we enter the cold winter months when it seems more people are sick, I would like to review basic guidelines to help you decide if you should keep your child home or send them to school.

#### Send to school:

Vague complaints of aches, pains or fatigue. Sniffles, a runny nose and a mild cough without a fever.

#### Keep home from school:

Any physical or emotional condition that would prevent him/her from participating comfortably in class.

**A fever** of 100° or more, coupled with a rash, ear ache, sore throat, sluggishness or nausea. Fever may signal a highly contagious infection. Keep home until fever free for 24 hours. Give Tylenol/Motrin or Advil.

**A persistent, productive cough** and wheezing coupled with a thick or constant nasal discharge. An undiagnosed rash, especially when there is a fever and behavioral change.

**Pinkeye** - in which there is a white or yellow discharge, often with matted eyelids after sleep, eye pain and redness.

**Head lice** - Keep home until treated and all nits are removed.

**Chicken Pox** - Keep home until all blisters are scabbed over and dry.

**Diarrhea or vomiting** more than once or accompanied by fever, rash or general weakness.

**Impetigo** - Keep home for 24 hours after starting antibiotic treatment.

**Ringworm** (contagious fungus infection) - Keep home until treatment is started. Ringworm on the scalp requires an oral medication. Ringworm on the body can be treated with a cream applied directly to the affected area and covered with a Band Aid.

*Patti Kozar, RN, Professional School Nurse*

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