



VALLEY COTTAGE NEWSLETTER

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On May 22, 14 grade 4 students participated in the district-wide Math 24 tournament. Students used the 24 game, in their classrooms, throughout the year and then participated in a grade level tournament. The 14 highest scoring players went on to represent VCE! The tournament was so much fun!

Michelle O'Sullivan, Math Specialist

Spring has sprung in our social skills clubs!

Students participating in VCE social skills clubs are learning that Kindness extends beyond what we do and how we behave directly towards others. Together students are learning that caring for our pets, our homes and our community is another way we can show kindness to others and our planet. By cleaning up after ourselves and the environment, we help preserve our earth and communities for ourselves, our friends and families as well as for others to enjoy. Our social skills students have been coming up with ideas to be extra kind such as "taking care of my dog", "clearing off the cafeteria table", "recycling" to name a few. Thinking about and doing for others without expecting a reward or acknowledgement is an important way to be kind. Our students here at VCE are kind STAR students!

Margaret Byrne, Psychologist

The 1st and 2nd grade students perform a Spring Concert on Thursday, June 7th at 9:30am in the Gym. Please park in the back playground blacktop area!

The 4th and 5th grade band, orchestra, and chorus students perform a Spring Concert on Monday June 11th at 7pm at Nyack High School!

Kristen Johnsen, Band Teacher

GRADE 5 MOVING UP CEREMONY is Thursday, June 21st at 9:30am in the Gym. Please park in the back playground blacktop area.

Please do not park on the grass.

June 2018

- 1 Kindergarten Screening by appointment
- Gr.5 BRIDGES at MS (students only)
- Assembly: VC Librarian visits Gr.1
- 4-5 Kindergarten Screening by appointment
- 4 Gr.4 Science Written Assessment
- 5 Gr.1 trip to Aquarium, 9:30-2pm
- School Bd Mtg, 7:30 HS
- 7 Gr.1-2 Concert, 9:30am, Gym
- 8 Gr.5 STEM Fair, Gym
- Gr.3 Instrument Recruitment, Café
- Library books due
- 9 Color Run, 9am, McCalman Field
- 11 Student Assembly: Gr.4-5 performance
- Gr.4-5 Concert, 7pm HS
- 12-14 PTA Used Book Fair (June 12-15)
- 13 New Kindergarten Orientation, 9:30am
- 14 Library Assemblies, Gr.K-2; Gr.3-4
- Gr.5 Trip: Sturbridge, MA 7am-5:30pm
- 15 Kindergarten Moving Up 9:30am Café
- 18 Gr.5 to Congers Lake
- 19 School Bd Mtg, 7:30 HS
- 20 Early Dismissal, 11:45am
- 21 Gr.5 Moving Up Ceremony, 9:30am
- Early Dismissal, 11:45am
- **Last day of school. 10AM dismissal**

June notes from the Library

All library books are due back June 8. Please make every effort to have your child bring their book(s) back. Call or email the school library if you have any questions or need to pay for a book.

The Library welcomes the youth services librarians from the public libraries. Miss Danielle & Miss Melinda, from Valley Cottage Public Library are visiting with students in grades K-4, May 29th to June 1st. On Thursday, June 14th Miss Aldona, from the Nyack Public Library will conduct two assemblies: one for kindergarten through grade 2 and one for grades 3 and 4. The librarians will be reading to children, informing students how to obtain a library card and give information on summer activities including summer reading program: **Libraries Rock!** The Young Adult librarians from Valley Cottage and Nyack visited on in May to discuss summer reading and programs Tween and Teens. Nora Quinn, Nyack Middle School librarian also visited our 5th graders to give them a taste of what library will be like there. We thank them all for coming and giving the students library flyers with summer programs and library information.

Nyack School District Summer Reading Packets will be distributed later this month in your child's backpack. Included in the packet is information on a new reading website called **myON**, a digital book library for students with thousands of books to read on digital devices that is being offered free of charge through the NYS Library. User name and password will be included in packet. Reading a digital book on **myON** counts for summer reading as well as print books.

It has been a pleasure reading and literacy learning with your children this year. Don't forget to cool off with a great book this summer.

Carolyn Travers, School Library Media Specialist, 353-7295 ctravers@nyackschools.org

Mrs. Gabrielson's K/1 class is excited to have chick eggs in our classroom! The incubator is keeping the eggs warm and the chicks are expected to hatch on Tuesday, June 5th. In the meantime, the students are learning all about the chicken life cycle, what chicks need to live, and how to take care of chicks. We can't wait to invite all of VCE to our classroom to meet our new additions!

Tara Gabrielson, Gr.K/1

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AWARDS:

The Physical Education Department will honor 2 boys and 2 girls from the highest grade in each school who excelled in Physical Education throughout the year. At VCE, the P.E. teachers of our students will speak about each student and a certificate will be presented soon in morning program.

LOST AND FOUND: The end of the year is near and "lost and found" will be purged. When visiting the building, check for any lost items. There are numerous pairs of children's eyeglasses in the office!

DISMISSAL: Parents, we encourage you to follow normal dismissal procedures at all times. However, if you must dismiss children early on class trips, concerts, or moving up ceremony days, and if siblings are needed, please send notes to the attention of each child's teacher via backpack on the event day so that teachers know what time to dismiss students to the office. *A specific time is necessary; children may be traveling throughout the building.*

The student sign out book will be at the security desk on event days. Thank you for your cooperation.

There will be NO class placement changes made during the summer. Report cards will be handed out on the last day of school. Summer reading packets will be sent home during the last week of school. Packets are listed on the website.



HAVE A FUN, SAFE SUMMER!



Notes from the Nurse

GET YOUR PHYSICALS DONE IN THE SUMMER!!

Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd and 5th grade students, as well as all **new students at Valley Cottage** are required to hand in a recent physical that was done within the past year.

Please keep your child home if he/she vomits before coming to school. A stomach virus is very contagious and generally children are sick for 24-48 hours.

- If your child is home or was sent home with a fever, they must have a normal temperature (98.6) for **24** hours before returning to school.
- It is the parent/guardian responsibility to report illnesses/absences to the nurse. Please do so **before the start of the school day at 353-7290**. Voicemail is on every day all hours for you to leave a message.
- **Please do not email teachers for daily absences.**

Patricia Kozar, RN, Professional School Nurse

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