



VBCC News

Vienna Baptist Children's Center

August 2018

Melissa's Note



Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new school year at VBCC! We are so glad to have you and your child(ren) with us for the 2018-2019 school year! We are excited for a fun year and cannot wait to hear our hallways filled with the sounds of laughter and learning.

VBC and VBCC will have an exciting event on September 9th to welcome in the school year together. We will host a Kickoff Community Picnic on Sunday, September 9th from 4:00pm - 6:30pm on the playground. We invite and welcome all VBCC families to attend! It will be a potluck picnic with music, food, fellowship and fun on the playground. We will send out more information about the potluck sign up soon. We hope to see everyone there!

VBCC will have a school wide Back to School Night on Monday, September 10th from 6:30pm -8:00pm. This night is for parents only and there is no childcare provided. We will begin in the Worship Room as a whole school. It will be a chance to hear important policies and procedures from the VBCC office, meet our teaching staff, hear from our VBCC Committee and learn about upcoming VBC events. We will then head into the classrooms and each teacher will give an overview of the school year for their class. We hope you can join us for this important night.

I look forward to meeting all of our new students and seeing our returning friends at our Open House event on September 4th and 5th. This will be a time you can spend with your child in the classroom getting to know the teachers and friends in the class. Each child will receive an invitation in the mail from his/her teacher in late August to let you know the day and time to come to Open House.

Please make note of a change for Fairfax County Public Schools on the days they have an early release. They have changed the calendar to 3 hour early release. Therefore, **VBCC will close at 11:30 on any FCPS early release days.** The first one is on September 19th, where VBCC will close at 11:30. Please note the other dates on the school year calendar that you received in the spring.

Please know I have an open door policy and you are welcome to drop by at any time. You can also make an appointment to make sure I am available. I look forward to seeing familiar faces and getting to know all of our new families.

See you in September and enjoy the rest of your summer!!
Sincerely,

Dress for Success

We want your children to be safe and successful at school, and especially on the VBCC playground. Your children will be running, climbing, sliding, swinging, riding bikes, and painting. Please dress them in tennis shoes or closed-toe shoes ONLY, no



crocs or flip-flops please. Please

dress them in appropriate clothes for fun, safety and any kind of weather!

NO NUTS PLEASE!



VBCC is a school free from ALL nut products. When packing a soy butter sandwich, (or other alternative), please write on the bag to let us know that it is **SAFE** to eat here at school.

September Schedule

- Aug. 24:** Class Lists emailed by each individual class.
- Sept. 4 and Sept. 5:** Open House for Children and Parents. (Morning Event. Invitations and times will be sent to each child).
- Sept. 6 and Sept. 7:** First Day of School 9:30—11:30 am (No Lunch). Parent Coffee in VBC Parlor- "Boo Hoos and Yahoos"!
- Sept. 9:** VBC/VBCC Kickoff Sunday Community Potluck Picnic on the Playground; 4:00-6:30 pm.
- Sept. 10:** School Wide Back to School Night, 6:30—8:00 pm.
- Sept. 10—Sept. 14:** School Hours 9:30 am—12:30 pm (With Lunch).
- Sept. 17:** Regular School Hours Begin, 9:30-1:30 pm.
- Sept. 19:** FCPS Early Release; **VBCC closes at 11:30**
- Sept. 26 and Sept. 27:** Parent Coop Training at 9:45am in the Adult Lounge for new and returning families.





COOP



The coop portion of our preschool program is a big deal. For some families, it's a pain; for some, it's a pleasure. Some of you love doing projects or playdough prep during your coop day; some of you would rather sit on the floor and read to kids; many of you would like a combination of both. Some of you love spending time with older children, while others of you love spending time with younger children; and some of you want to spend every coop day with your own child (sorry - that that won't happen!).

We all have our own hopes and expectations for this year. OUR hope and expectation is that during your time in the classrooms while cooping:

- You will observe and learn strategies for interacting with kids that will improve your own parenting.
- You will feel welcomed into the classroom. *You may not always feel like you know what you are doing (please always ask teachers/T.A's, "what can I do to help?")* But you should always know that your presence is valued by the staff – and hopefully by the children too.
- You will contribute positively to the lives of the children who surround you – whether that means supporting the teacher through project preparation, so that they can spend more time interacting with the children directly; whether that means snuggling a child who is upset; or whether that means getting messy and having fun with kids.

We appreciate your patience and understanding that some coop days will be awesome; some will not. Please also know that we are happy to receive feedback, questions, and requests - with the understanding that not all requests can or will be honored. We look forward to a great year with your kids – thanks in large part to your support. ☺ . [Coop Questions? Contact Coop Coordinator, Betsy - preschool@viennabc.org]

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FUNDRAISERS

As many of our returning parents know, VBCC depends on a variety of fundraisers sponsored throughout the school year. These fundraisers, in past years, have helped construct the original playground, add playground upgrades, such as the picnic tables and trash cans, and have paid for many of our in-house field trips.

Later in the fall, we will sponsor an ORIGINAL ART-WORKS fundraiser. This will present a wonderful opportunity to turn your child's original artwork into note cards, t-shirts, mugs, mouse pads and other items...unique and memorable gifts just in time for the Christmas holidays. We will announce other Fundraisers throughout the year.

Scholastic Books

Great books at a great price

Each month, you will see order forms circulated from the Scholastic Book Club. You will be able to place orders online also. VBCC earns points for the total of all orders. Our school uses these points to select books for classrooms and items for teachers and the office. More information about ordering books will be distributed in September. **Any questions, please contact Lacey O'Donnell at la-ceod@gmail.com.**



FINANCIAL NOTES



- Tuition payments due on 10th of each month
- Mail or drop off payments at office
- Accept cash, checks or electronic checks via mail
- Checks payable to "VBCC"
- Payment booklets available in office
- Write child's name on memo line if different from person's name writing check

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Drop-off and Pick-up at VBCC

Please remember that the school doors open at 9:30 am. Please arrive on time, as late arrivals can be disruptive for the class. If you arrive early, you will find a basket of books in the church foyer, so that waiting can be a fun quiet time. If your children have some early energy, you are more than welcome to use the playground in the morning. In the afternoon, please come through the blue doors when you arrive. Parents are asked to wait in the hallways until the teachers or teaching assistants open the classroom doors. Each class will let you know what the pick-up routine will be.