



VBCC News

Vienna Baptist Children's Center

August 2019

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 2019-2020 school year! We are excited for a fun year and cannot wait to hear our hallways filled with the sounds of laughter and learning.

VBCC will host three playdates on the playground for families to get to know each other before our school year begins. Each suite will have one date. Please refer to the playdate information in this newsletter for the schedule. It will be an open time for everyone to come and play on our beautiful playground. You are welcome to bring a nut free snack and water bottle for your child. You are also welcome to stay and have a picnic lunch afterwards! Teacher information will not be given out during the playdates. It will be sent via email on August 23rd. I look forward to seeing new and returning friends on the playground!

VBC and VBCC will have an exciting event on September 8th to welcome in the school year together. We will host a Kickoff Community Picnic on Sunday, September 8th from 4:00pm - 6:00pm 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 9th 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 3rd and 4th. 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 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.

See you in August and enjoy the rest of your summer!!

Sincerely,
Melissa

VBCC August Playdates on the Playground!

We will have three playdates on the playground for families to get to know each other before our school year begins! Each suite will be invited on one date to come and enjoy some play time together. Please feel free to bring a nut free snack, a water bottle, or a picnic lunch for later for your child. The dates will be:

- **Wednesday, August 7th from 10:30-11:30**—Swamp Friends which are the Ducklings, Turtles, and Alligators our 1, 2, and 2 1/2 year olds
- **Friday, August 16th from 10:30-11:30**—Treehouse Friends which are the Butterflies, Owls, and Monkeys our 3 year olds
- **Tuesday, August 20th from 10:30-11:30**—Rainforest Friends which are the Boas, Treefrogs, and Jaguars our 4 and 5 year olds

All siblings are welcome! We look forward to seeing everyone on the playground!!

August/September Schedule

Aug. 7, 16, and 20: VBCC Playdates on the Playground

Aug. 23: Class Lists emailed by each individual class.

Sept. 3 and Sept. 4: Open House for Children and Parents. (Morning Event. Invitations and times will be sent to each child).

Sept. 5 and Sept. 6: First Day of School 9:30—11:30 am (No Lunch). Parent Coffee in VBC Parlor- "Boo Hoos and Yahoos"!

Sept. 8: VBC/VBCC Kickoff Sunday Community Potluck Picnic on the Playground; 4:00-6:00 pm.

Sept. 9: School Wide Back to School Night, 6:30—8:00 pm.

Sept. 9—Sept. 13: School Hours 9:30 am—12:30 pm (With Lunch).

Sept. 16: Regular School Hours Begin, 9:30-1:30 pm.

Sept. 25 and Sept. 26: Parent Coop Training at 9:45am in the Adult Lounge for new and returning families.





VBCC 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.

The coop portion of our preschool program is a big deal. For some families, it's a pain; for some, it's a pleasure. We all have our own hopes and expectations for this year. OUR hope and expectation is that during your time in the classrooms while co-opping:

- 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 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 she 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 the kids.

We appreciate your patience and understanding that some coop days will be awesome; some will not. In any case, we hope that the new system for signing up for your own days will make the scheduling portion of the program more convenient.

Please recall that the coop sign-ups for October—December will open August 16th for families with restricted schedules and August 19th for those with more flexibility. Please let me know if you have any questions about the sign-up process. You will receive an e-mail to your inbox inviting you to sign up, along with the link. New families, save the date for September 25th or 26th for the coop training, 9:45-10:15.

We look forward to a great year with your kids – thanks in large part to your support. ☺

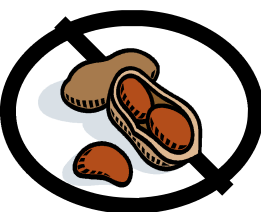

COOP




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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.

FINANCIAL NOTES



- Tuition payments due on 10th of each month
- Mail or drop off payments at office or sign up for Tuition Express, our automated payment system
- Accept cash, checks or electronic checks via mail. You can also use Tuition Express, our automated payment processing system to pay directly from your bank account or debit/credit card
- Checks are made 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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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!

