



VBCC News



Vienna Baptist Children's Center

November 2018

Melissa's Note



Dear Parents,
 We have had an exciting fall here at VBCC! As I visit the classrooms I see lots of learning through play happening about leaves, apples, pumpkins, spiders and bats! We are enjoying the nice fall smells coming from the kitchen as many of our classes are participating in cooking projects. Outside, we have enjoyed lots of pumpkin art, gourds, some water play, and even a volcano pumpkin experiment! It is fun to see the friendships forming as the school year is now in full swing! Teachers have also begun meeting with parents for parent-teacher conferences. Thank you for taking the time to attend. It is an important time to connect with your child's teacher. The Rainforest and Treehouse finished and the Swamp began this week. Please let me know if you have any questions about your conference.

We are heading into the holiday season which is always busy! Please look at our calendar in this newsletter to make sure you know all of our closings and early release dates for the holidays. We have also started our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for CHO, (The Committee For Helping Others). This is a charity that helps people in our local area and especially helps children in need in NOVA. Please check out the list of items we are collecting in the newsletter. You can bring donations directly to your child's class. Each class has decorated a collection box and the class that has the most donations will win a pizza party for lunch! Thank you in advance for your support.

Please remember that we have our monthly Scholastic Book Club. Each month you can order books online for your child. There are also book club flyers on the tables near the kitchen and elevator. VBCC uses bonus points earned from each order to obtain books for the school library which all of our classes use. You can order online each month at www.scholastic.com/bookclubs. Please use our class activation code of DX2HW. The code is very important to ensure your order is delivered to VBCC and that we receive the bonus points from your order. This is a great time to purchase holiday books and gifts! Thank you for supporting our monthly book club! I would like to recommend a fun tradition in the area, which is the 39th annual Tiny Tots Concert, presented by the James Madison High School Band. The concerts for this year will be held on Thursday, November 29th at 10:00am or a "Jammy Friendly, Wear Your Favorite Holiday PJ's" show on November 29th at 7:00pm. There will also be a performance on Friday, November 30th at 10:00am. All tickets for groups of 10 or less must be purchased online at <https://james-madison-band.ticketleap.com/tinytots2017/>. If you are interested, please purchase tickets early. They do tend to sell out. For more information please email tinytots@jmhsband.org or call 703-615-4283.

VBCC is thankful for our wonderful parent community and amazing cooperating parents. I wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving and enjoy your time with family!

Sincerely,

Melissa

Thanksgiving Food Drive

We are having a Thanksgiving Food Drive until November 9th here at VBCC.

The food will be distributed by "The Committee for Helping Others," which serves Vienna, Oakton, Merrifield, and Dunn Loring.

CHO is in need of the following items: canned fruit or shelf stable fruit (fruit cups, etc), applesauce packets, dried fruit and raisins, snacks (snack crackers, snack packages, oyster crackers, etc), plastic squeeze jelly (no glass jars please).

Please bring donations directly to your child's classroom. Each classroom has a decorated box to collect food donations.

Thank you in advance for your support of the food drive!

VBCC CALENDAR

- Nov. 5 and 6:** School Closed, FCPS Teacher Workdays
- Oct. 26–Nov. 9:** CHO Thanksgiving Food Drive; The due date for collection is **November 9th**.
- Nov. 12, 13, and 14:** Portrait Packages for sale in the Foyer from 9-12
- Nov. 19:** Original Art Works Orders **DUE**
- Nov 21–23:** VBCC Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
- Nov. 27–30:** Discovery Toys Fundraiser in the Foyer
- Dec. 1:** VBC Movie Night in the Fellowship Hall
- Dec. 2:** VBCC Dining For Dollars Fundraiser at MOD Pizza in Vienna
- Dec. 14:** FCPS Early Release; VBCC Closes at **11:30**
- Dec. 16:** VBC Living Nativity at 6:00pm
- Dec. 18 and 19:** Christmas Sing Along at 12:45pm in the Worship Sanctuary. **All parents are strongly encouraged to attend.**
- Dec. 20–Jan. 4:** Christmas Break
- Dec. 24:** VBC Christmas Eve child-friendly service at 5:00pm in the Sanctuary
- Jan. 7:** School Resumes



Important Reminders:

Please remember that the school's doors open at 9:30 am. You will find a basket of books in the foyer so that waiting can be a fun quiet time. The playground is open before school if your child has early-morning energy.

Please know you are welcome to use the playground after school as well. The foyer is a quiet area after pick up, so please do not allow running or boisterous play in that space; we want to keep everyone safe and provide a quiet environment for the church office staff.

Please check your child's mail pouch every day for important VBCC information.

Please be sure to inform the office of any change of address, phone numbers and email addresses.



COOP

CORNER



The second (green-colored) coop calendar was recently distributed into mail pouches. This calendar covers November 26th-February 1st. Please note all of your dates and be sure that your family is assigned appropriately. Let Betsy know if you have question: preschool@viennabc.org.

Coop tip of the month: Dress for the weather! We try to spend an hour on the playground, clouds, sunshine, or snow. So please dress your child – and yourself – appropriately for outside fun.

Please remember...

ALL COOP E-MAIL COMMUNICATION SHOULD BE SENT TO:

preschool@viennabc.org

ALL FINANCIAL E-MAIL COMMUNICATION SHOULD BE SENT TO:

vbccfinance@viennabc.org

Financial Notes



Please make sure you write your child's name on the check memo line if last name is different from person writing check.

If you are away for one or two weeks, the full monthly tuition amount it still due.

Monthly statements are placed in your child's mail pouch located next to the classroom.

If you are going to be away, please mail your payment to the school: VBCC, 541 Marshall Road, SW, Vienna, VA 22180.

Yearly tax statements will be placed in mail pouches in January. A statement will be printed with all of the charges and payments for the entire year along with our Tax ID #

Contact Anne Daniel or Sarah Knudsen: vbccfi-

VBCC Snow Policy

Hard to believe that winter is right around the corner, so we wanted to remind everyone of our snow policy: **We follow all Fairfax County weather-related determinations.**

So, when Fairfax County Schools are CLOSED due to inclement weather, VBCC will be CLOSED.

When Fairfax County Schools have a 2 hour delay in opening, VBCC opens at 11:30am.

When Fairfax County Schools close 2 hours early, VBCC closes at 12:30pm.

VBCC makes announcements on NBC Channel 4 News.



Save The Date—Dining For Dollars VBCC Fundraiser!

On Sunday, December 2nd VBCC will have a dining for dollars fundraiser at MOD Pizza in Vienna. They are open from 10:30am-10:00pm and VBCC will receive a percentage of sales throughout the entire day. Flyers will be distributed in mail pouches closer to the date and will be emailed as well. You must present a printed or digital copy of the flyer to the cashier for the sales to be applied to VBCC. We hope you will enjoy some delicious pizza and support VBCC! All proceeds will go to playground improvements!