



VBCC News



Vienna Baptist Children's Center

February 2023

Melissa's Note

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe it is February already! The groundhog did see his shadow so we may be in for 6 more weeks of winter! Although we have had a nice warmer winter so far, the upcoming temperatures this weekend feel like winter is not done with us yet!

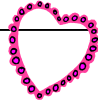
We are almost done with our in-house registration process. Please remember we must have all completed registration packets and fees turned in by **February 15th** in order to secure your spot for next year. You will only hear from us if you did not get the days you selected. If you do not hear from the office by the end of February, it means you got your first choice of days and your spot is secure for the 2023-2024 school year. Please remember that teacher placements are not finalized until August, so we will not know until then which teacher will be with each class. Finalized class lists with teacher information will be emailed by class on August 25th. Save the date! We will have our Scholastic Book fair from March 13-17 in the Foyer. Families will have a chance to shop and purchase books during drop off and pick up from 9-10 and 1-2 each day. We are so excited to bring back this fun event!

We are also looking forward to having our Vision Screening back this year. The Prevention of Blindness Society will be here on March 8th and 9th for a school wide vision screening beginning at 10am. The cost is \$5 per child and participation is voluntary. More information will be emailed and distributed in mail pouches as we get closer to the date.

Here's hoping the groundhog is wrong!

Sincerely,

Melissa



Registration for 2023-2024 School Year

Everyone has received a packet for registration for the 2023-2024 school year. **All completed registration packets are due to the VBCC main office by WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH.** If you do plan to return to VBCC for the 2023-2024 school year, please turn in your packet with your completed registration card and a non-refundable \$95 registration fee, (per child). We must receive these forms and fees by **FEBRUARY 15TH** in order to secure your spot for the upcoming school year. After we receive all completed packets, we will place all currently enrolled students and siblings. You will only hear from us if you did NOT get your first choice of days. If you do not hear from us, it means you got the days you selected and have placement for 2023-2024. If you do not plan to return to VBCC, please inform the office.

VBCC In-House Field Trip Winter Animal Puppet Show!

VBCC is excited to welcome Caroline Seitz from Kids Nature Shows for our February In-House field trip. Caroline will be here on February 7th and 8th to present her Winter Animal puppet show! Our Swamp friends will go from 10-1:15 and our Treehouse and Rainforest friends will go from 10:30-11:00.

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2023 SCHEDULE

- Feb. 7 and 8:** Winter Animal Puppet Show from 10-11 in the Fellowship Hall
- Feb. 15:** Registration Packets DUE
- Feb. 20:** President's Day, No School
- Feb. 22-28:** Rainforest Parent Teacher Conferences during school
- March 2:** FCPS Early Release, VBCC closes at 12:30
- March 3:** FCPS Teacher Workday, No School
- March 8 and 9:** School Wide Vision Screening beginning at 10am
- March 13-17:** Scholastic Book Fair in the Foyer
- March 13-24:** Treehouse Parent Teacher Conferences during school





Financial Notes



Year End Tax Statements: Year End Tax Statements for 2022 can be emailed or a hard copy can be placed in your child's mail pouch. Please email Sarah Knudsen, vbccfinance@viennabc.org for a tax statement.

Tuition and option fees are calculated on an annual basis and divided into nine equal payments. Tuition payments remain the same regardless of absences for any reason, including holidays, illness, shortened hours, teacher work-days, vacations, closings due to inclement weather, catastrophes, or any emergencies affecting personnel or the use of the building or school grounds.

Please remember to put your child's name on the check memo line if the name on the check is different from your child's name.

Please contact us if you have any questions regarding your statement or tuition payments.

Thanks,
Anne Daniel and Sarah Knudsen
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703-281-2021, ext 113 or 116



DRESS FOR SUCCESS

Children must have warm coats, hats, gloves and boots to enjoy our winter fun outside on the playground. We try to go outside each day unless it is raining, below freezing or very windy.



VBCC Snow Policy

- When Fairfax County Schools are CLOSED due to inclement weather or other reasons, VBCC will be CLOSED.
- When Fairfax County Schools have a 2 hour delay in opening, VBCC opens at 11:30.
- When Fairfax County Schools close 2 hours early, VBCC closes at 12:30. If we experience bad weather conditions during school hours, parents or caregivers may pick-up children at anytime before school closes.
- FCPS makes announcements on local news channels or fcps.edu where you can sign up to get alerts for closings and delays.



VBCC Reminders

Valentines Day—As we look ahead to Valentines Day, each teacher will let you know the plan for a small class celebration. Please remember VBCC has a no candy policy for any classroom Valentines to share.

Save The Date, VBCC Scholastic Book Fair—We will have our Scholastic Book Fair in the foyer from March 13th-17th. We will need some parent volunteers for set-up on the 12th and take down on the 18th. Please let the office know if you are interested in helping. There will be no regular Scholastic Book Club flyers in March so we can gear up for the book fair!

2023-2024 School Year—If you have friends or neighbors who are interested in VBCC for the 2023-2024 school year, we have two more orientation sessions on February 2nd and 7th. They can also contact the office to schedule an individual tour, preschool@viennabc.org or 703-281-2021 ext. 2.

VBCC Parking Areas—All VBCC families must park in a parking space in our main parking lot. We ask that you keep the area in front of the church and in the fire lanes free from cars at all times. There is never any pick up or drop off in that area, even for a quick pick up or drop off. Please let other families members or adults know of our parking policy if they bring or pick up your child from school. Thank you for helping to keep everyone safe in our parking lot!

TA's and Substitutes Needed

We are looking for a few more teaching assistants for our younger classrooms. We also always needs substitutes. If know if anyone who wants to find out more information about the positions available please have them contact Melissa.

Birthday Celebrations

We are always excited to celebrate birthdays in our classrooms! I wanted to remind everyone of our birthday treat policy. We welcome "School Safe" cupcakes or cookies that must say "School Safe" or be free from any nut products. They have them at Giant or Whole Foods. We also welcome popsicles.