



VBCC News



Vienna Baptist Children's Center

February 2024

Melissa's Note

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe it is February already! We will have to see what the Groundhog decides about an extended winter tomorrow! It looks like we will have some warmer temperatures in the next few weeks, but please remember we go outside unless it is below freezing so keep sending in that warm winter gear.

We are working on our in-house registration process. Please remember we must have all completed registration packets and fees turned in by **February 14th** 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 2024-2025 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 23rd. Save the date! We will have our Scholastic Book fair from March 11-15 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 for this annual fun event!

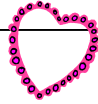
As we head towards Valentines Day please remember we have a no candy policy. Teachers will send out information about classroom celebrations and Valentines exchanges.

We have some more fun in-house field trips scheduled for the next few months. In March we will have a St. Patty's Day Magic Show, in April we will welcome our petting zoo, and in May we are excited to have Peter McCorry, The One Man Band back!

Let's hope Punxsutawney Phil does not see his shadow! I am ready for spring!

Sincerely,

Melissa



Registration for 2024-2025 School Year

Everyone has received a packet for registration for the 2024-2025 school year. **All completed registration packets are due to the VBCC main office by WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH.** If you do plan to return to VBCC for the 2024-2025 school year, please turn in your packet with your completed registration card and a non-refundable \$110 registration fee, (per child). We must receive these forms and fees by **FEBRUARY 14TH** 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 2024-2025. 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 6th and 7th to present her Winter Animal puppet show! Our Swamp friends will go from 10:15-10:30 and our Treehouse and Rainforest friends will go from 10:35-11:05.

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2024 SCHEDULE

Feb. 6 and 7: In-House Field Trip—Winter Animal Puppet Show from 10-11 in the Fellowship Hall

Feb. 14: Registration Packets DUE

Feb. 19: President's Day, No School

Feb. 23-Mar. 4: Rainforest Parent Teacher Conferences during school

March 5: FCPS Teacher Workday, No School

March 7 and 8: In-House Field Trip—Mike Perrello St. Patrick's Day Magic Show from 10:15-11:00 in the Fellowship Hall

March 11-15: Scholastic Book Fair in the Foyer

March 25-29: Spring Break, No School

April 1 and 2: FCPS Teacher Workday, No School



Financial Notes



Year End Tax Statements: Year End Tax Statements for 2023 will be emailed to all families.

Please email Sarah Knudsen, vbccfinance@viennabc.org for a hard copy of your 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,
Sarah Knudsen
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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 11th-15th. We will need some parent volunteers for set-up on the 10th and take down on the 15th. 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!

2024-2025 School Year—If you have friends or neighbors who are interested in VBCC for the 2024-2025 school year, we have one more orientation session on February 6th. They can also contact the office to schedule an individual tour, preschool@viennabc.org or 703-281-2021.

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!

Clothing Donations

We can always use extra clothes to keep on site. We are especially in need of boys pants sizes 3T and 4T. Please bring any clothing donations to the office. We will be happy to give you a contribution letter for tax purposes.

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.