

VBCC News



Vienna Baptist Children's Center

March 2023

Melissa's Note

Dear Parents,

We have been enjoying some gross motor play both outside and inside this winter as the temperatures change dramatically almost every day! Please remember to dress your child for any type of weather as we do try to get outside each day. We also had some fun valentines class celebrations last month and enjoyed talking about friendship. As we look ahead to spring we are excited for lots of fun in-house field trips! On March 21st and 22nd Mike Perrello will be here to perform his St. Paddy's Day Magic Show for all of our classes at 10:15. On April 11th and 12th Squeals on Wheels will visit our playground with alpacas, goats, bunnies, piglets, feathery friends, and more! Each class will get a chance to pet and visit with the animals beginning at 10:30. On May 16th and 17th we will welcome back the One Man Band who will perform on our playground stage for all of our classes beginning at 10:15.

Please also save the date for our Scholastic Book Fair! We will have our Scholastic Book Fair in the Foyer the from March 13-17. It will be open from 9-10 and 1-2 to shop each day. We will have a variety of books for pre-schoolers, older children, and even adults. There are also a lot of fun knick knacks available. VBCC receives a portion of the proceeds and we get points for new books in our classrooms and school library. Thanks in advance for supporting our book fair!

Our in-house registration is complete! If you did not hear from us, it means you got the days you requested on your registration card. Please note that the one month tuition deposit for the 2023-2024 school year will be due **May 1st**. Packets with deposit notices will be placed in mail pouches in April.

As the weather starts to get warm and sunny, please remember to apply sunscreen to your child each day before coming to school. Happy March!!

Sincerely,

Melissa



VBCC In-House Field Trip

Mike Perrello St. Paddy's Day Magic

On Tuesday, March 21st and Wednesday, March 22nd Mike Perrello will be here to perform his St. Paddy's Day Magic Show! *"Super bright, colorful and visual St. Paddy's themed magic keeps the kids non-stop captivated. Your children will be rolling in laughter as a cartoon drawing of a Leprechaun comes to life! Our new St. Paddy's themed show brings to life the celebration of Irish culture in a way your children will remember for months to come."*

The Monkeys and Butterflies will go on Tuesday and the Treefrogs and Jaguars will go on Wednesday. We are excited to welcome him to the Fellowship Hall at 10:15 for all classes to enjoy!



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 8 and 9: School Wide Vision Screening beginning at 10:00am. Each child must have a completed permission slip to be screened.

March 13-17: Scholastic Book Fair in the Foyer

March 20-31: VBCC Treehouse Parent-Teacher Conferences during school

March 21 and 22: St. Paddy's Day Magic Show at 10:15

April 3-7: Spring Break No School

April 11 and 12: Squeals on Wheels Petting Zoo on the playground at 10:30

April 13: FCPS Early Release, VBCC Closes at 12:30

April 19 and 20: Class Picture Days

April 21: Eid al Fitr, No School





Class Picture Days

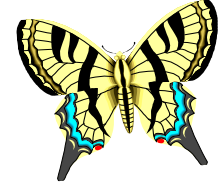
April 19 and April 20

Class pictures will be taken on Wednesday, April 19th and Thursday, April 20th. There will be no individual pictures taken at this time. All classes will have a class picture taken on these dates. More information on ordering class pictures will be emailed in April.



Spring Break—April 3-7

VBCC will be closed for Spring Break from April 3rd—April 7th. Our offices will also be closed during that time. We will return all emails and voicemails when school resumes on April 10th. We hope everyone has a relaxing week!



Financial Notes



A FEW REMINDERS:

- The April tuition payment will be the last tuition payment for this school year for most parents. Last year, when most of our parents registered, they paid a Deposit Fee which is the tuition for May 2023.
- If you plan to return next year, the amount that you will owe by **May 1st** will be the tuition for May 2024. A payment notice will be sent out to remind you of the amount.
- Please remember to make an adjustment to your automatic payments for the Deposit tuition for May 2024 if you are planning to return to VBCC.
- Please include your child's name on the check memo line if different from your last name or if a double name family.
- Please remember to notify our office if you change bank accounts or get a new credit card number that you are using to make automatic tuition payments.

Thank you, Anne Daniel, VBCC Business Manager
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Earthquake Relief Thank You

A mighty THANK YOU to all who contributed blankets and/or sleeping bags for the victims of the recent earthquake that hit Turkey and Syria.

A good "van-full" of items was taken to the Turkish Embassy. Our donations were gratefully received by embassy personnel! There were many boxes and evidence of other contributions.

In the wake of such devastation and grief, the gift of warm blankets and sleeping bags, although perhaps "a drop in the bucket" comes with our prayers and love for far-away neighbors.

Amazingly, in situations such as these, monetary funds are often the best way to respond. Gifts-in-kind are difficult to get to Syria in any case. It is possible to donate to earthquake relief for both Turkey and Syria through the Baptist World Alliance.

Please see the BWA website baptist-world.org/syria-and-turkey/ for more information and to donate on-line.

