



VBCC News



Vienna Baptist Children's Center

November 2023

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! Outside, we have enjoyed lots of pumpkin art, gourds, leaf pools, and apple and pumpkin hunts!! We have also started introducing bikes outside! 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 is finished, the Treehouse finishes conferences next week, and the Swamp begins next 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 closing dates for the holidays. 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. Please see Mr. Jay's email for more detailed information on how to order online. Orders get shipped directly to VBCC. 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 42nd annual Tiny Tots Concert, presented by the James Madison High School Band. The concerts for this year will be held on Thursday, November 30th at 10:00am or a "Jammy Friendly, Wear Your Favorite Holiday PJ's" show on November 30th at 7:00pm. There will also be a performance on Friday, December 1st at 10:00am. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. If you are interested, please purchase tickets early. They do tend to sell out. For more information please email tinytots@gmhsband.org.

VBCC is thankful for our wonderful parent community and all of our amazing students!! 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 10th here at VBCC.

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

There is a collection box located outside of each classroom. They appreciate all donations but they are most in need of wipes, detergent, cooking oil, small bags of white rice, tomato sauce, cans of corn and beans, small fruit cups, and kids snacks.

Thank you in advance for supporting our food drive and helping local families in need!

We will also work with VBC for a Christmas mission project to support families in need at Marshall Road ES. More information to come!

VBCC CALENDAR

Now-Nov. 10: CHO Thanksgiving Food Drive; The due date for collection is **November 10th**.

Nov. 3: FCPS Early Release; VBCC closes at **12:30**

Nov. 6: Original Art Works Orders **DUE**; all orders will arrive at VBCC around Nov. 28.

Nov. 6 and 7: FCPS Teacher Workdays, No School

Nov 22-24: VBCC Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Dec. 12 and 13: Christmas Chapel and Sing Along at 12:45pm in the Worship Sanctuary. **All parents are strongly encouraged to attend.**

Dec. 14-Jan. 1: Christmas Break

Jan. 2: School Resumes





Important Reminders:

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.

Please make sure to park in a parking space in the main parking lot. The fire lanes in front and to the side of the building should be free from cars at all times. There is no drop off or pick up in that area.

Please label all peanut butter alternatives. We will call if it has no label to make sure it is safe to have at school.

Please bring all birthday treats to the office so we can make sure they are school safe. They must say school safe, be free from nuts, and not processed in a nut factory. They usually carry them at Giant or Whole Foods. We also welcome popsicles for birthday celebrations..

Please do not let children play in the memorial garden located to the left of the front doors. It is a special area for the church.

Every year VBCC partners with Original Works to bring you fun and imaginative ways to display your child's creations. Oh sure, you can do coffee mugs and magnets. But there is a whole world of trinkets, products, and awesome apparel for you to display your child's inspirations. They make great gifts for the holidays too!

Each child has their own code which was sent home with the sample artwork last week. You can go to <http://store.originalworks.com/gallerylogin> to enter the school code and your child's student code.

This is one of our favorite fundraisers and any funds we receive go towards our in-house field trip events.

All orders must be placed by Monday, November 6th. The products will arrive at VBCC around November 28th and will be distributed to classrooms. Thanks in advance for supporting our fundraiser!!



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 sent via email each month.

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 sent via email in January. Hard copies are available by request.

Questions, Sarah Knudsen: vbccfinance@viennabc.org, 703-281-2021.

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.

If Fairfax County calls for a distance learning day due to inclement weather VBCC will be closed.

VBCC does not make announcements regarding weather closings or delays. Please watch your local news or sign up at fcps.edu for FCPS alerts.



Save the Date—Christmas Chapel!!

We will have our very special Christmas chapel on December 12th and 13th at 12:45. This is a school wide event and all classes attend for our very special sing along and nativity story. All parents are strongly encouraged to attend so each child can have a family member with them. All TTH classes, the Monkeys, Butterflies, and Jaguars will go on the 12th. All MWF classes, the Treefrogs, and Boas will go on the 13th. We look forward to this very special event!!