



# VBCC News



Vienna Baptist Children's Center

October 2023

## Melissa's Note



Dear Parents,  
 October has arrived!! You can still see a few tears each morning at drop off but they only last a few minutes and then we begin to join in play. Everyone has started enjoying circle time activities and exploring new toys in the classrooms each morning. The Rainforest and Treehouse have started to enjoy center time and the Swamp will start next week. I have seen a lot of fun fall art work being created as well! There have been lots of gross motor activities out on the playground and we will start bikes this month! Our chapel program will begin this week and everyone is settling into their classroom routines. The calm of October is here and another fun school year is now in full swing!

During the month of September all of our students were busy making a special art project for our fall fundraiser ,Original Works. It is a program that takes your child's artwork and turns it into custom keepsakes featuring each child's masterpiece. A preview of the artwork will be sent home around October 23rd and the deadline for online ordering is November 6th. This deadline will ensure that the special keepsakes arrive before Christmas break. They make great gifts! For more information about the program visit [originalworks.com/parents](http://originalworks.com/parents).

We are excited to welcome our Rainforest families to the Parlor for parent teacher conferences next week. Our Treehouse conferences will start at the end of the month and the Swamp conferences will begin in November. It is a great chance for teachers to connect with families about how everyone is adjusting to a new school year.

We hope you enjoy some wonderful family time of apple picking, pumpkin farms and fall festivals!

Sincerely,

Melissa

## **VBCC Trunk or Treat and the 77th Annual Town of Vienna Halloween Parade**

**Walk in the 77th Annual Vienna Town Halloween Parade with Us! - Wednesday, October 25**

Children and their parents are invited to come and walk with us in the 77th Annual Town of Vienna Halloween Parade! Arrive in your costumes and meet us at 6:30pm in the United Bank parking lot (corner of 374 Maple Ave. NE and Branch Road). Look for the VBC and VBCC banner! For more information, contact Pastor Ginny, VBC Pastor for Youth and Children at [ginny@viennabc.org](mailto:ginny@viennabc.org). We hope to see you there!

**Trunk or Treat - October 28, 4:30-6:00pm**

Join us for a spooktacular afternoon of outdoor Halloween fun in our parking lot! Decorate your car, wear a costume, hang out with other community members, and hand out treats to participants. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors! For more information and to RSVP, check out, <https://bit.ly/vbctot2023>. **This event is weather permitting.**

We will need volunteers to direct parking, host trunks by handing out treats to participants, and more. If you are available to help, please email Pastor Ginny, VBC Pastor for Youth and Children at [ginny@viennabv.org](mailto:ginny@viennabv.org).

## **VBCC FALL SCHEDULE**

**Oct. 9:** No School, Indigenous Peoples' Day

**Oct. 17 and 18:** In-House Field Trip; Fire Safety Puppet Show and Fire Truck Visit starting at 10:15

**Oct. 24 and 25:** Individual Student Picture Days; On Oct. 24th all TTH classes, the Butterflies and Monkeys will attend. On Oct. 25th all MWF classes, the Jaguars and Treefrogs will attend.

**Oct. 25:** Town of Vienna Halloween Parade, 6:30pm meet time; parade starts at 7:00pm

**Oct. 28:** VBC Trunk or Treat from 4:30-6:00

**Oct. 10—Nov. 17:** VBCC Parent-Teacher Conferences (During School)

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





Coming up—Thanksgiving Food Drive for CHO (The Committee for Helping Others)

We are excited to bring back some of our mission projects this year! Later this month and into early November VBCC will host a Thanksgiving Food Drive for CHO, which is a local organization helping families in need in our area. Each classroom will have a collection box where families can donate specific items they are really in need of or general food items as well. More information on the food drive will be sent out soon and look for the classroom collection boxes in the next few weeks. Thank you in advance for supporting families in need in our area.



**Financial Notes**



- Monthly statements will be emailed by the end of each month.
- Tuition is due on the 10th, with a 5 day grace period. A Late Fee of \$15 is applied after the 15th and Late Notices will be sent out.
- Automated payments will be automatically deducted on the 15th of each month.
- There is a \$35 Return Check Fee for any checks that are returned to VBCC.
- **Please remember to write your “child’s name” on the check memo line if different from person’s name writing check.**
- Please email any changes in address, phone numbers, and emails to [vbccfinance@viennabc.org](mailto:vbccfinance@viennabc.org) and [pre-school@viennabc.org](mailto:pre-school@viennabc.org).

Any questions please contact: Sarah Knudsen, Business Manager:

[vbccfinance@viennabc.org](mailto:vbccfinance@viennabc.org) or 703-281-2021, ext 116

**VBCC Snow Day Policy**

We know it is early to be thinking about snow! However, we wanted to remind everyone of our snow policy.

When Fairfax County Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather, virtual learning days, or other reasons, VBCC will be closed.

When Fairfax County Public Schools have a 2 hour delayed opening, VBCC opens at **11:30**.

When Fairfax County Public Schools close early, VBCC closes at **12:30**.

VBCC does not make announcements when school is closed or delayed on snow days. Please listen to local news for FCPS closing announcements. You can also check the FCPS website at [fcps.edu](http://fcps.edu) for school closing/delay announcements or sign up on their website to receive alerts on your phone/email.



**VBCC Picture Days**

**October 24th and 25th**

Victor O'Neill Studios will be at VBCC on Tuesday October 24th and Wednesday, October 25th to take individual student pictures. There will be multiple packages and backgrounds to choose from.

**All classes, including Ducklings, will go to their classrooms for drop off at 9:30, just like a regular school day.** All classes will go as a group during school with their teachers to have individual pictures taken. All families will receive a digital proof of the pictures 10 days after picture day. The proof will also have options for online ordering and many backgrounds to choose from!

***Sibling photos are taken from 9:00-9:30am each day by appointment. Please email [pre-school@viennabc.org](mailto:pre-school@viennabc.org) to sign up for a sibling picture.***

**Chapel Begins This Week!!**

We are excited to start our chapel program this week with Pastor Ginny, the VBC Pastor for Youth and Children. The Rainforest classes will attend chapel on Wednesdays at 10:10, the MWF Owls and Monkeys will attend chapel on Wednesdays at 10:40 and the TTH Owls and Butterflies will attend chapel on Thursdays at 10:10. We are excited to start our program and visit the Worship Room!