



THE BLACKBIRD BUGLER

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APRIL SHOWERS = MAY FLOWERS



Certainly, the official kick-off of Spring is symbolic of the positive energy infused into our days at Voorheesville Elementary School. With the weather on the verge of getting warmer, students are able to venture outside for recess, and take advantage of the many benefits the creative playground has to offer. Our Garden Committee is excitedly preparing the Blackbird Paradise for its third season of growth, and classroom teachers continue to foster a hands-on, interactive approach to teaching and learning.

With the onset of spring is also a new set of extracurricular programs and activities. Our *Go Beyond* Series continues to flourish, with record attendance at our language classes. The cast and

crew of *Alice In Wonderland, Jr.* continue to fervently rehearse for their big debut, set for April 8th –10th. Though March tends to be month associated with monotony and routine, our classrooms are anything but such an adjective. Our staff continues to work diligently to implement the best instructional practices. From classrooms using the Renzulli Learning System (www.renzulli.com) to the whole grade-level trial of grade four, maintaining student engagement is certainly the daily norm.

Certainly, the onset of spring and Vernal Equinox represents both an astrological and climactic "rebirth." For Voorheesville Elementary School, it is not as much a rebirth or reinvention, but more a season that brings even

more opportunities to our academic and social learning community.

I look forward to enjoying the remaining months of this wonderful school year, still as thankful as I was in September to have the opportunity to lead such a wonderful building. Have a wonderful Spring Vacation.

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The Lake George Opera performing *Jack and the Beanstalk*.



Students preparing refreshments for senior citizens through our Go Beyond program.

Upcoming Dates of Interest

April 8th - Early Dismissal - 11:50 AM - PM Kindergarten in session

April 8th - 10th - Alice in Wonderland, Jr.

April 11th - BOE Meeting 7:30 PM HS LGI

April 13th - PTA Meeting 9:30 AM - Elementary School Conference Room

April 14th - Spring Picture Day

April 15th - School Is In Session

April 18th - April 25th Spring Recess

April 26th & 27th - Kindergarten Screening

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Please use the following directory for your convenience:

Voorheesville Elementary School 765-2382
 Thomas B. Reardon, Principal

School Nurse:
 Colleen Bracket 765-2382 Ext. 506

Attendance Office:
 Deann DellaPenta 765-2382 Ext. 514

Kid's Club Program (afterschool) 765-2043
 Cindy Abelseth, Director

Transportation Department:
 Mike Goyer 765-2382 Ext. 508
 Priscilla Clark 765-2382 Ext. 521



Students in Mrs. Mancuso's first grade class building a birdhouse with Mr. Altimari.

REMINDERS

Reminder to All

Parents: Please be sure to go over your family's plans in the event of an early dismissal. It is very important that your child know what they should do if the school has an early dismissal. This will prevent pick-up and drop-off confusion and make such days less stressful upon your children.

As we begin looking at the 2011 - 2012 school year, if there is any information you'd like to share with me regarding your child's learning style, please don't hesitate to send me an email at treardon@vcsdk12.org, or call me at 765-2382 throughout the month of April. Though we are confident that we know your child very well as a student, any other pertinent information is always helpful when making class placements. Because of the many variables considered when creating class lists, please use this exchange to add information about your child without requesting a specific teacher. Please note that teacher preferences cannot necessarily be honored, but we certainly guarantee your child will have a healthy, successful school year. Please, contact me with any questions!

Please help us prevent parking lot back-ups by dropping off students without getting out of your vehicle. If you need to assist your child further, we do ask that you park your car so that others can continue to drop off and exit. Thank you for your cooperation.

Remember to sign-up

for SNN! This will allow immediate email updates about events and procedures at V.E.S. Please visit <http://snn.neric.org/vcsd/> for further information.



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS! WE NEED MEMBERS FOR THE VOORHEESVILLE P.T.A. PLEASE CONSIDER SERVING IN A LEADERSHIP POSITION! YOU WILL HAVE PLENTY OF GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT. NEW HELP IS VITAL! PLEASE CONTACT JENNIFER HAMPSTON (JENHAMPSTON@YAHOO.COM) FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Blackbird Paradise, 2011

Join our team of parents and community volunteers, contact villegarden@gmail.com

