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Vista Ridge Academy's Newsletter

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Calendar at a Glance

Jan. 27	B-Ball Home Game against MHA
Jan. 30	Home & School Talent Show – 6 pm
Feb. 3-6	UC Music Festival
Feb. 5	B-Ball Home Game against Greeley
Feb. 6-7	Great Depression Lock-In

Hot Lunch

Jan. 27	Cheese Ravioli
Jan. 28	Pizza Buns
Feb. 2	Hot Dogs
Feb. 3	Baked Potato Bar
Feb. 4	Bean Burritos

General Announcements

No Passport Required – Germany: Join us at the Castle of the Black Knight for a five course meal of German cuisine...and stay for the mystery played out before your eyes! Can you solve the mystery before the dinner is over? Can you figure out who-done-it? Where the hidden treasure is? Who fell in love? Please come support the student actors and servers of VRA. The profit from the dinner will go to the Student Sponsorship Fund. The dinner will be on February 13 at 6:00 pm. The cost is \$25 per person.

ITBS Tests: The results of the ITBS testing are available in the office. Come by any time to pick up your student's test results.

Science Fair: We are gearing up for the Science Fair on February 18. We are excited to have other schools to join us for this year and are expecting a big group. If you are willing to serve as a judge, please notify the office.

Talent Show: The Talent Show will begin at 6:00 pm on Saturday evening. Come support our students as they share their talents.

Fruit Orders: Fruit will arrive this week. We ordered extra grapefruit and honey-bells for all of you who are still wanting delicious Florida fruit. Please talk to a senior to be sure you get some of the extras.

Pennies for Patients: Pennies for Patients is one of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's School & Youth programs designed to educate students about blood cancers and what we can do in the battle against these diseases. It is also a great way to further educate our students about community service and the difference it can make in the lives of others.

VRA will host this campaign for the month of February. Each classroom will have a collection box for coins. Collection boxes are also available if parents would like to put one up in their local office/business.

The top fundraising classroom (minimum \$400) receives a catered lunch. The school also might be eligible for prize gift certificates based on the total amount raised. The point is not to win prizes for ourselves but rather raise money to help fund research and support patient programs.

So bring in your loose coins to fill your boxes and let's help to make the difference in a child's life!

Summer Day Camp: We are planning on having summer day camp at Vista Ridge Academy during this coming summer. We would offer classes in the morning and different classes in the afternoon. Campers would have the option of taking two classes a day or could come for only part of the day when they were interested in the classes. We will offer hands-on educational classes such as Origami, cooking, sewing,

hands-on history complete with historical reenactments. We will also offer active classes such as hiking, biking, canoeing, etc. Each class would run for one week. The benefits of this idea are twofold: 1) Parents would have their students supervised during the summer. 2) Students would continue learning and be active throughout the summer. If you are interested in having us pursue this venture, please call the school office and let us know. Also, if you have any questions, please call the office and speak with Miss Schneider.

Teacher Notes

Home & School: The next Home and School meeting is set for February 1st at 8:30 am. Don't forget to bring your goodies to the Talent Show on January 30th.

Kindergarten, Teresa Blankenship: We are proud to announce our class offers for the Class of 2010.

President – Ruth Mena

Vice – President – Hannah Burke

Secretary – Aiyanna Nunez

Pastor - Jade Johnson

Srgt.- At- Arms – Alex Jensen

Valedictorian – Sawyer smith

Our Graduation is May 19, 2010. We would like to invite our school family to share this special occasion with us.

Grades 1-2, Carisa Carr: We have made our animals for the animal dioramas for the science fair. We will begin to work on our information boards this week, please help your child gather some pictures and 5 interesting facts about the animal.

I am looking for a volunteer to come in on Mondays to help with our Snack-Shack from 11:35-12:30, please let me know.

Grades 5-6, Sandy Hodgson: We experimented last week with working on our science fair projects during science class. Students did not utilize their time wisely so we will be working on textbook material during science time. They will have writing time to work on their reports and I will be providing time the week before the fair to work on displays. If you need help purchasing a display board, please let me know. Students are always welcome to use any free time in class for science fair research. Please contact me if you have any questions.

As a reminder—students need to journal twice a week for Bible.

We are enjoying our unit on Ameritowne! Students are learning how to write deposit slips and checks as well as recording them in a register.

Gary Force: Jury selection is going this week. The classroom/courtroom trial will be on Feb. 9.

Gymnastics will be performing for the Talent Show this Saturday night. Please have your child there no later than 6:30 with their gymnastic shirt and black shorts.

Tony Wuerfel: Grades 7-8 will be participating in the Great Depression Night Activity. This night is designed to help students visually and actively live through a brief experience of what it was like to live during the Great Depression. We will start the night with worship and lead into an opportunity to hear first hand accounts of experiences during this time. There will be games and group activities following that incorporate learning activities associated with this time period. Food will be provided for dinner as well as breakfast in the morning. When: 5:00 p.m., February 6 - 9:00 a.m. February 7 (pick up at IHOP on the corner of 120th and Sheridan) This is going to be an exciting night! Meet at Vista Ridge Academy

Reminder: 11/12 Students: You're novels for the American Lit Academic Decathlon should be read and some research should follow.

Sports:

Jan 29: 12:30 pm VRA @ BAA Girls

1:30 pm VRA @ BAA Guys

Practice Schedule

Jan 26: Guys

Jan 27: Girls

Jan 28: Girls

The Lady Eagles will be participating in the Union College Basketball Tournament in Lincoln, Nebraska from Feb.17-21. All 5 Junior and Senior girls are 100% committed to attend to ensure we have a team to participate. Several other 8th grade girls will be asked to go as substitute players. We need transportation for approximately 14 people. If you would be willing to drive, please contact Gary Force or Carol Schneider.