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Vista Ridge Academy's Newsletter

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Calendar at a Glance

Feb. 3-6	UC Music Festival
Feb. 5	B-Ball Home Game against Greeley
Feb. 6-7	Great Depression Lock-In
Feb. 8-12	Spirit Week
Feb. 10	B-Ball against MHA
Feb. 13	No Passport Required: Germany
Feb. 15	No School: President's Day
Feb. 24	Teacher Inservice – ½ Day of School

Hot Lunch

Feb. 3	Baked Potato Bar
Feb. 4	Bean Burritos
Feb. 9	Cottage Cheese Loaf
Feb. 10	Loaded Nachos
Feb. 11	Corn Dogs

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.

Fruit Orders: Fruit has arrived. Please pick up your order this week. We do have a few extra cases of oranges, 5 cases of grapefruit, but no cases of tangelos left.

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.

Spirit Week: Feb. 8-12

Grades K-6

Monday: Surprise Day

Tuesday: Hat Day

Wednesday: Twin Day

Thursday: No Collared Shirt Day

Friday: Red/Pink Day

Grades 7-12

Monday: Modest Pajama Day

Tuesday: Crazy Hair Day
Wednesday: Girls' Heart Day
Thursday: Guys' Heart Day
Friday: Valentine's Surprise

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.

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

What a first week! The kids brought in \$451.31! Thanks for caring about the lives of others. The classroom results so far are as follows:

- Grades 1-2: \$212.43
- Grades 7-8: \$114.96
- Grades 3-4: \$ 86.10
- Grades 5-6: \$ 27.58
- Grades K-P1: \$ 9.00
- Grades 9-12: \$ 1.24

Let's keep going and see who is in first place after week 2. What classroom will get the catered lunch at the end of the month? Remember – each classroom has a penny pad with sheets that can be purchased for \$1 or \$5. Write your name on the sheet and have it posted on the lockers.

Teacher Notes

Grades 1-2, Carisa Carr: Most of the dioramas are finished and we will be working on the display boards this week. There are a few students who have not done their diorama or brought in their display board, if these things are not finished in class they will be sent home to be finished. I have finished the DIBELS assessment, look for a note in your child's folder.

Grades 3-4, Nancy Hansen: There will be a Valentines party Friday, Feb. 12. If your child wants to bring something they are welcome to do this for everyone in the class, but it is not necessary to bring something.

Grades 5-6, Sandy Hodgson: In order to have the Science Fair reports judged/graded in time for the fair, they are due on Tuesday, February 16. Don't forget to let me know if you need help purchasing a display board.

Scholastic book orders will be placed this weekend. Please have your order in by Friday.

There are still several students who are not turning in their weekly Bible journals missing out on 20 points☹.

Does anyone have a desire to help with a Valentine

Party on February 12? Let me know.

Gary Force:

7th & 8th Grade: Bible/History mini mid-term tests on Feb 3 and 4.

9th & 10th Grade: Health mini mid-term test on Tuesday, Feb. 2

11th & 12th Grade: Government courtroom in the classroom is Feb. 9. Feb. 10 is the Bible mini mid-term test.

Brian Howard: We are finally moving on the addition to the school and my new classroom! I'm looking for someone that wants to unload some old couches or other furniture. Let me know if you have anything.

John Pauls: ATTENTION ALL SCIENCE STUDENTS

– Remember that Science Fair is rapidly coming up, if you haven't started, hurry! The written portion of your projects are due on the 11th of February so that I can grade before hand. Stay focused!!

Pathfinders: Regular scheduled meeting – Feb. 8th, class B uniforms.

Bible Bowl – Feb. 6th, Denver 1st. Will begin at 3pm. Attendance is optional for those not on the team.

Regular Scheduled Meeting – Feb. 22nd.
Inspection by Area Coordinator, Class A required.
Winter Outing – Feb. 26th – 28th.

Sports:

Feb. 2	Boys Practice
Feb. 4	Girls Practice
Feb. 5	GACS @ VRA 11:45 am Boys 12:45 pm Girls
Feb. 8	Girls Practice
Feb. 9	Boys Practice
Feb. 10	VRA @ MHA 4:00 pm Girls 5:00 pm Boys
Feb 16	Boys & Girls Practice
Feb 16-21	Union College Tournament for Girls