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Vista Ridge Academy's Newsletter

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Calendar at a Glance

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 In-service – ½ Day of School

Hot Lunch

Feb. 10	Loaded Nachos
Feb. 11	Grillers
Feb. 16	Haystacks
Feb. 17	Corn Dogs
Feb. 18	Pizza Buns

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.

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.

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

Wednesday: Twin Day

Thursday: No Collared Shirt Day

Friday: Red/Pink Day

Grades 7-12

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: We had a wonderful 100th day of school. Come check out their projects displayed in the hall way. Valentine's Day party will be Friday, Feb. 12, please see note in your child's folder.

Grades 3-4, Nancy Hansen: Your child still has an oral report to prepare for the science fair. I will not be helping with that, but will send home their finished reports so they can practice with parents. We are working on display boards, and need color images of parts of their system, if you have a color printer at home.

Grades 5-6, Sandy Hodgson: Science Fair reports are due on Tuesday, February 16. We will start working on display boards in class starting this Thursday. Please let me know if you need help purchasing a display board.

There will be a Valentine Party this Friday. If you are willing to send in some treats, please let me know. Students do not need to bring Valentines for their classmates, but if they do, please include everyone in the class.

Marirose Force: The 7 students that went to Union Collage Music Festival were angles! We had a great time. A huge thank you goes Kristi Shotwell for being a sponsor!

Bob Dunkin: Yes, all band members not involved in the basketball tournament in Lincoln, are expected to participate in the church service at Chapel Haven on Feb. 20. We are playing from the chorale book (they know what that is). Please wear concert uniform.

Brian Howard: If you have a couch or desk that you are willing to part with I would love to have them for the new classroom.

John Pauls: 8th grade class Parents: Your young people have decided that they would like to travel to Moab for their class trip, around the end of April. It would be for an extended weekend. I need to know, tentatively, who would be interested in helping transport and chaperone. Mr. Howard and I will be the staff sponsors. We will need rides as well as female sponsors. Details to follow!

Science: The Science Fair is a week from Thursday and a number of the girls will be leaving early next week for basketball. I will need to see outlines and write-ups this week so that they can be graded before the fair.

Earth Science and Physics: I need write-ups by Friday.

Pathfinders: Next Pathfinder Meeting is on the 22nd. There will be an inspection by our Area Coordinator, Sara Mariano. All Pathfinders must be in Class A Uniforms.

I would like to thank all those who provide snacks for Pathfinder nights. Andrea Fadden provided this weeks and Myrna Green will be providing for the 22nd meeting.

Our Winter Outing will be the final weekend of the month. Melinda is providing details via e-mails. If you're not getting the info please call and get added to her list. 720-272-3251

Sports:

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