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Vista Ridge Academy's Newsletter

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Calendar at a Glance

Apr. 16-20	Senior Class Trip
Apr. 21	Gr. 7-12 Service Day
Apr. 22	Gr. 3-4 Spelling Bee
Apr. 28	1-2 Class Play
Apr. 28	Gov't to State Capital
May 1	K-6 Music Students to Boulder

Hot Lunch

Apr. 21	<u>No Hot Lunch!</u> Bring Sack Lunch!
Apr. 22	Hot Dogs
Apr. 27	Waffles
Apr. 28	Cheese Ravioli
Apr. 29	Corn Dogs

General Announcements

School Bills: Please make sure that your bill is up-to-date. The school has bills to pay and needs you to keep caught up with the money that you owe the school.

Pizza Monday: If you have an outstanding debt for pizza, please pay this IOU as soon as possible. We are getting to a point where we will no longer be able to allow your student to have credit.

Track & Field Day: May 2, 2010. We will be joining Brighton Adventist Academy for our Track & Field Day. Save this date – this is a required day of school for all students. We will be meeting from 1-5 pm at VRA. Plan to have fun and make our Brighton friends feel welcome.

TV Turn-off-Week: TV Turn-Off-Week is a national event. Every student, parent, and family member at VRA is challenged to remain screen free from April 19th through April 25th. Take the challenge and find out how your life is changed by screen related entertainment.

Home and School: The Auction was a huge success we raised \$7, 862.00. Mr. Howard will be able to purchase the soccer nets as well as purchase some new soccer balls. I want to thank everyone who helped get the auction items as well as those who purchased items at the auction.

Please join us for the next Home and School meeting on May 3rd at 8:30 am at Jasmin Williams's home. Please call and let her know if you can come and she will give you directions. Our meetings are open to anyone who would like to join us.

Re-Application Forms: If you would like to reserve your student's spot in his/her classroom, please have the re-application form turned in by May 1, 2010. After that time, the open spots will be filled by the next student on the waiting list. Some classes are full with waiting lists, so please have your forms in on time.

Student Sponsorship: Please understand for the 2010-2011 school year we have a limited amount of student sponsorship. If your family is in need of Student Sponsorship please fill out and return your requests along with a copy of your 2009 Tax return by May 1, 2010. There will be no guarantees after May 1, 2010 that sponsorship will be available. Please stop by the office to pick up a Student Sponsorship form.

Hot Lunch Cooks Luncheon: All hot lunch cooks are invited to a luncheon on Wednesday, May 12 from 11:30am to 1:30pm. We will be returning to Si Senor's. Please call the office and let me know if you will be able to attend.

1st Annual Florence Cornell 5K Race for Christian Education (a.k.a. Jog-a-Thon): On Friday, May 7, we will have our FIRST 5K race! This school event is a fundraiser for the Student Sponsorship Fund. The Student Sponsorship Fund is important for the school because it helps families send their children to our school so that those children can receive a Christian

education. The importance of a Christian education is getting to know our Savior Jesus Christ! This is the most important goal for our school.

Each student is required to participate. You can either run or walk. 1st and 2nd place trophies will be awarded to each boy and girl in each classroom who has the best time. Start training now!

Start collecting your \$10 Registration Donation! Remember, faculty and staff cannot be asked for any portion of the Registration Donation. Also, start collecting the names/addresses of family/friends to whom you can send your appeal letter. The letters are in the school office and Mrs. Wright will give you as many as you need to address. Bring them back to the office addressed and they will be mailed for you. There is one prize that will award to the one person who brings in the most donations for Student Sponsorship!

We had four great entries to our theme contest. Thank you so much for your suggestions! We are thinking, however that maybe a picture logo would be better served on the T-Shirts. So, if you are artistic, see what you can come up with using the Rocky Mountains and our mascot, the Eagle. You can also submit additional themes using these pieces. The \$20 is still out there for anyone who can come with something we can use!

5k Race Sponsorship/Volunteer Opportunities: Buy a family name spot on the back of the race T-shirts for \$100. Example: The MORGAN Family. Buy a business sponsorship with your logo for \$250. Call or send me an email right away if you are interested in either or both of these sponsorship opportunities!

If you want to participate by documenting race times, registration, or running/walking with the kids, please let Cindy Morgan know soon as possible. There is always room for volunteers at such events!

Teacher Notes

Grades 1-2, Carisa Carr: Invite your family and friends to come to our play, **The Little Red Hen** on Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at 2:30 pm. Our next field trip will be on May 4 to the Butterfly Pavilion.

Don't forget that K-6 Music Groups perform in Boulder on May 1.

Grades 3-4, Nancy Hansen: Spelling Bee: Parents, If you're coming to the Spelling Bee, go ahead, and head on down to Mile High with your child! I'll take roll call at 9:15. Please let me know if you will be taking your own child, as I need to know how many spots to reserve on the bus. The bus routes will run a little earlier, due to the fact we need to leave here at 8:00 a.m. Homework: Spelling Bee words, and Mystery words.

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Grades 5-6, Sandy Hodgson: All students need a

lunch tomorrow! No Hot lunch.

Grade reports will be updated to Edline every week until school is out. Please call me if you have any questions.

Any parent wishing to join us for *Peter Pan* must let me know this evening. Reservations have to be finalized.

All students are having a math test this Friday. Last book orders from Scholastic need to be turned in this Friday.

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John Pauls: Wanted to remind everyone of the upcoming 8th grade class trip. Tentatively, we will be leaving school this Friday after school. We plan on returning on the following Wednesday around 3pm. We will be camping in Moab, Utah. Tentative activities are hiking, Mtn. biking, 4 wheeling and a visit to Arches Nat'l Park.

The adult supervision will be Mr. Howard, Mrs. Wagner, and I. Students have a packing list. I need to know how many need tents. We suggest they pool resources and share.

Permission slips are going home for this trip today. Please return to the office as soon as possible.

Mariose Force: A BIG thank you to those students who filled in for missing Hand Bell students! We couldn't have performed without you all and I appreciate you stepping up to fill in and help us out.

Music Department: Upcoming Performances

May 1 K-6 Music Groups to Boulder Church

May 12 Picnic 'n Pops all groups performing

Needed immediately – We would like to borrow black lights as soon as possible to use during Picnic 'n Pops. We would like to have them now so that we can practice with them. If you have any you are willing to loan us please call the office or Mrs. Force.

Pathfinders: Regular scheduled meetings are on May 3rd and 17th. Meetings will tentatively be finished by 6pm, however, we will be starting the kayaking honor next meeting and depending on what we can work out with the pool, we may need to stay until 6:30 for transportation and time to change. Again, keep up with Melinda on the e-mails.

Remember we have Pathfinder Fair on May 16th. It takes place in Canon City this year and starts at 7 AM. Keep an eye on your e-mails and Melinda will let you know what we are planning for travel arrangements. We are tentatively planning a Parent Appreciation Dinner and Investiture service on May 14th. Again, keep a close eye on your correspondence with Melinda as this is still a work in progress.

