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Vista Ridge Academy's Newsletter

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Calendar at a Glance

Jan. 27 Basketball CWA at VRA 12:30
Jan. 31 5-6 to DMNS
Feb. 1-5 Union Music Festival (9th – 12th Grades)
Feb. 5 SA Super Bowl Party
Feb. 11 K-12 Choir and Strings to The Edge
Feb. 11 No Passport Dinner 6:00 p.m.
Feb. 13-17 Spirit Week (7th – 12th Grades)
Feb. 18 Hand Bells to Chapel Haven
Feb. 20 No School--President's Day

Hot Lunch

Jan. 18 Hot Dogs
Jan. 19 Vegetable Lasagna
Jan. 25 Bean Burritos Fundraiser Lunch
Jan. 24 – 26 Brown Bag Lunch

General Announcements

Home & School Talent Show: The Talent Show has been canceled for this Saturday night. We look forward to seeing your talent next year.

Junior and Senior Parents: You are invited to a financial aid presentation on January 29, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Taleah Valles is our Union College representative who will be here and she will be presenting all of the ins and outs of applying for financial aid. All are welcome even if your student is not considering attending Union College.

ITBS Tests: Parents ITBS tests are here. You are welcome to swing by the office and pick up your students copy.

Burrito Lunch: Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

The seniors will be offering a plain bean/cheese burrito on the 4th Wed of each month.

Please sign up on Tuesday so you can enjoy an addition for your lunch on Wednesday. Each burrito will be \$1.50, you can order as many as you want. You also have the option of using your pizza card to pay for a burrito; however your card must have room on it in order to order.

Cross Country Running Club: Cross country club will start next week January 24. On

Tuesdays: 4th grade (or 10 years old) through 6th grade practice from 3:45 pm to 5:00 pm.

Thursdays: 7th-12th grade from 3:45 pm-5:00 pm. Signed permission slips are required to participate. REQUIREMENTS: WARM long

sleeve, long pants, sweat shirts, gloves, ear protectors and running shoes to run outside. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Teresa Williams at 720-505-1752.

Ski Club: If you might be interested in ski club, there will be a sign up sheet in the office. If there are enough people interested we will take a bus to the different ski areas. You will need to purchase your own ticket and there will be a small gas fee for the bus.

Winterfest: Winterfest has been cancelled this year. The facility that usually hosts the event was unavailable. Another place could not be found. Ski and hotel discounts are still available for that weekend.

Teacher Notes

K-6 Spirit Day

Friday, January 27 is the 100th day of school. We will celebrate after chapel with a light breakfast of cold cereal.

Grades 1-2, Carisa Carr: Please make sure your child has warm clothing for recess. For the most part, recesses will be outside. For any indoor recess and PE class, student must have proper gym shoes.

Memory Verse, Spelling, and Math Tests this Friday. DIBELS assessments are in your child's Tuesday folders.

Grades 5-6, Sandy Hodgson: Please read the letter in today's folder regarding our two upcoming field trips. Permission slips are also in today's folder for our field trip to the Denver Museum of Nature and Science on January 31.

Academy Choir members, grades 9-12 only, are eligible to attend the Mid-America Choral festival at Union College in Lincoln, NE February 1-4. The fee per student will be \$60, which includes lodging, t-shirt, and all meals except lunch on the way out and on the way back. Plan on bringing cash for two fast-food meals. This fee needs to be paid at the school office no later than Monday, January 30! Transportation will be provided by the school. Sponsors are Mr. and Mrs. Dunkin. We will leave VRA at 7:30 AM on Wednesday, Feb 1st and return about 5:00 PM Sunday, Feb 5.

Math 8-12, Elba Coronado: There are some upper classmen girls that are willing to tutor math for a fee. They can teach anything from Algebra 2 and down. If you are interested please feel free to email me at elbac@vrak12.org or leave me a message in the office. This is a great opportunity for your child to get extra one on one help in math.

Hand Bells, Marirose Force: Members of Hand Bells must come with a commitment letter and first month's payment on Thursday. If you have lost your letter see me for another one. Payments are due on the first Thursday of each month. Our first performance is February 18, 2012.

7th & 8th Computer Apps and Spanish:

Students are missing daily points because they are not bringing the required supplies to class. 7th graders must have their textbook, their classwork binder and their flashdrive. 8th

graders must have their head sets, workbook binder and language dictionary.

7th & 8th Science, Taryn Clark: Parents my website is up for the students to check their homework. It is www.tarynclark.webs.com.

A&P, Teresa Williams: Students please remember to bring your headphones to class on Tuesdays.

Basketball: Please join us here on Friday January 27th for our basketball game against Cedar Wood Academy. Parents please remember if you have a child who has an older sibling playing basketball and you are unable to attend the game, you will need to arrange care for your child with another parent or they will end up in after school care with the normal charges applying.