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## Vadnais Heights Elementary PTO November Newsletter



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### Fall Festival & Dance

Please join us **THIS Friday, 11/2 from 6:30-8pm** in the gym! We will have a DJ with music, concessions and lots of fun. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the food shelf per student. We will also be collecting used eye glasses for the Lions Club. Please note: This is a PTO Sponsored family event. All children, ages 18 and under, must be accompanied by an adult. Please click [here](#) for more information and to get involved.

### Fall Fundraiser

Fall Fundraiser order pick-up is on **Wednesday, 11/7 from 3-6:00pm** in the gym. Feel free to contact us, or your student's teacher with any questions.

### Safety Information Night

This FREE event will be hosted at WBLAHS South Campus (3551 McKnight Road, White Bear Lake) on **Thursday, 11/8 beginning at 5:30 PM.**

Schedule is as follows:

- 5:30-6pm FREE dinner
- 6-8:30pm Breakout Sessions to learn about the following topics:
  - Mental Health Overview
  - Human Trafficking
  - Internet Safety
  - Youth Drug Trends and Awareness
  - Teen Driving Laws and Safety

This free information night is for adults only. Free childcare available for those in need. Children must be 3 years old and above and potty-trained. To register for daycare, please email [JVette@whitebearlake.org](mailto:JVette@whitebearlake.org) and include your children's names and ages.

You won't want to miss this event - it is only offered once a year, and provides you with one on one interaction with officers and staff who are experts on

these important topics. Questions? Contact Sergeant John Vette at 651-429-8511

### Coin Drive

It's time for our annual Coin Challenge! Proceeds from the challenge will purchase books for our VHES Staff and Library. In addition, for every dollar donated, Scholastic will donate a book to Kids in Distressed Situations, Inc. and Kids in Need Foundation.

Coin Challenge will take place **11/ 12 - 11/16** :

- 11/12 Penny Monday
- 11/13 Nickel Tuesday
- 11/14 Dime Wednesday
- 11/15 Quarter Thursday
- 11/16 Any Coin Friday

The winning classroom will receive extra recess time! So check under those cushions and floor mats, go digging in your laundry room or the bottom of your bags and help us give all our kids, and those in need, a chance to read!

### PTO Meeting

We had a great turnout at the September meeting and we'd love to have you join us at our next meeting on **Tuesday, 11/13 at 6:30pm** in the Media Center.

### Grandparents & Grandfriends Day

Calling all Grandparents and "Grand Friends"! You are cordially invited to a special event at the Vadnais Heights Elementary Book Fair!

On **Friday, 11/16 from 8:15 to 9:00am**, please join us in the Gym for special time with you and your little one(s). Come and check out the new books, get holiday or birthday ideas, participate in special reading time and coloring stations.

At the conclusion of the event, we welcome you to walk your student to their classroom! Parking available at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, directly across the street from the school on Centerville Road.

### Fall Book Fair

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits. Want to donate a book to your child's classroom directly? In addition to the shelves of books for sale, each teacher has a designated basket for their classroom. The basket is filled with books that each teacher hand picks for their class. Your child can hand-deliver their donated book to their teacher and will be able to read that book in their classroom!

Please note, the Book Fair is not a PTO Fundraiser. Instead, 100% of the money raised goes to the school and Media Center to support literacy programs through the purchase of books and supplies for the classrooms and library to improve our students' reading experience.

Book Fair dates: **11/16 - 11/20**

Shopping hours:

- Grandparents Day (11/16 from 8:15-9am)
- Teacher Conferences (11/19 2:30-7:30pm & 11/20 2-7:30pm) (no sales during school hours)

We are looking for help to staff the book fair, so if you are able to volunteer some time, please click [here](#).

### Teacher Conference Meal

The Fall Teacher Conference Meal is on **Monday, 11/19**. Teachers will begin eating at 3:40pm, so please have the items dropped off at the school in the Teachers' Lounge no later than 3:00pm to allow time for volunteers to set up. You can pick up your dishes (if necessary) at 7pm. We are not doing a theme this year, and instead the sign-up is based on categories (appetizer, salad, main course, dessert, and beverage.) The categories are suggestions only, so please feel free to be as creative or as basic as you would like to be with your item! We are feeding around 40 teachers, so the more food, the better! If you are able to contribute, please click [here](#).

### Donuts with Dad

Come and join us for the annual Donuts with Dad! Begin the school day with your breakfast buddy - Dad, Grandpa, Uncle or Guardian! Everyone is welcome. Enjoy **Grandma's Bakery** donuts, milk, juice, and hot, delicious **Caribou** coffee. This fun event will be held on **Friday, 11/30 from 8:30-9:00 am** in the gym and afterward, you may visit your child's classroom from 9:00-9:15 a.m. We are looking for volunteers to help set up for the event on Thursday evening (11/29/18) and serving and clean up on Friday morning (11/30/18.) To help with this wonderful event, please click [here](#).

### Culver's Night

Please join us on **Tuesday, 12/4 from 5-7:30pm** at the Vadnais Heights (Centerville Road) Culver's location. You can take a night off from cooking and the best part is that 10% of all sales benefits VHES! Students in 1st-5th grade can sign up for a 15-minute serving shift when they arrive at the restaurant.

### Spirit Wear Orders

Need a Vadnais Heights Elementary School t-shirt? A White Bear Lake sweatshirt on your holiday list this year? You're in luck! Order forms will be coming home with your student the week of 11/5 for WBL School District Spirit Wear at reasonable prices. Orders are due back with payment by **Wednesday**,

**11/28.** The orders will arrive the week of 12/17. Take a look [here](#) at the order form for more information on the clothing offered this year. To see the options available this year, please click [here](#) or they are also available to check out in the main office during Parent/Teacher conferences on November 19-20.

### Coming Soon: Disney Ticket Silent Auction

We have exciting news! We will be auctioning off a set of 4 Single Day Hopper tickets to Walt Disney World (valid only at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida)! These tickets allow you to explore 4 world-class theme parks near Orlando, Florida. Walt Disney World Hopper tickets allow you to see what you want, when you want. Whether you visit one park a day or enjoy Park Hopper options that allow you to visit more than one, you can customize a day to suit your needs. Look for more details soon!

### Box Tops

Please make sure you're clipping and saving those Box Tops! Our next classroom contest is **January 15**. For more information on the Box Top app, click [here](#). You will need to set up your profile and make sure you assign the benefits to Vadnais Heights Elementary before you start using the app.

### Amazon Smile

We have exciting news to share: Amazon will be raising the donation percentage from **10/29-11/2** to 5%!! To date, AmazonSmile has donated over \$100 million to charities around the world! To celebrate, they're launching their biggest bonus donation to date - **5% for 5 days**. From Oct 29 - Nov 2, they're donating 5%, ten times the usual rate, on all eligible Amazon Smile purchases.

You only need to log into the Amazon Smile website and designate the Parent Teachers Organization in Vadnais Heights, MN as your charity of choice once and every time you use Smile.Amazon.com, a portion of your spending will be donated to our PTO. You can do all your shopping as usual: your prime account will work the same way on as it does with the regular Amazon site and there are no additional fees or charges- all the prices are the same! It costs you nothing and it generates money that goes straight to the school.

Some families have reported difficulties using Amazon Smile on their mobile devices. We've found two work-arounds:

- On your mobile device, access Amazon Smile through your web browser (not the app) and it should work.
- The other option is to shop on the app and fill your cart, but complete the transaction through your web browser either on your mobile device or a computer.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. Happy Shopping!

### Want to stay connected?

Simply sign up on the [homepage](#) of our website to receive these newsletters from us and like us on [Facebook](#)!

If you are considering getting more involved and giving of your time or treasure, we have some great options. There are lots of opportunities to volunteer throughout the year and some event coordinator positions available as well. Check out the coordinator positions [here](#). Please take a look and consider joining us! If you're interested in volunteering, but don't feel ready to take over a coordinator position, feel free to check out our website or email us if you still have questions. Sign Ups will be posted on the website and Facebook page when they are activated. Sign Up Genius pages are typically available a month before each event.

### Important Upcoming Dates:

- October 31 (Wednesday), Rainbow Run
- November 2 (Friday) from 6:30-8pm, Fall Festival & Dance in the gym
- November 7 (Wednesday) from 3-6:00pm, Fall Fundraiser Pick-Up in the gym
- November 8 (Thursday) from 5:30-8:30pm Safety Information Night for parents at WBLAHS South Campus
- November 9 (Friday), No School
- November 12-16 (Monday-Friday), Coin Drive
- November 13 (Tuesday) at 6:30pm, PTO Meeting in the Media Center
- November 15 (Thursday), Give to the Max Day
- November 16 (Friday) from 8:15-9am, Grandparents Day in the gym
- November 19-23 (Monday-Friday), No School
- November 19-20 (Monday-Tuesday), Book Fair in the gym during parent/teacher conferences
- November 19 (Monday), Teacher Conference Meal
- November 28 (Wednesday), Spirit Wear orders & payment due
- November 30 (Friday) from 8:30-9am, Donuts with Dad
- December 4 (Tuesday) from 5-7:30pm, Culver's Night
- December 24-January 1, No School

### Your 2018-19 PTO Board:

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Thank you for your support!**