

VCS YARD SALE

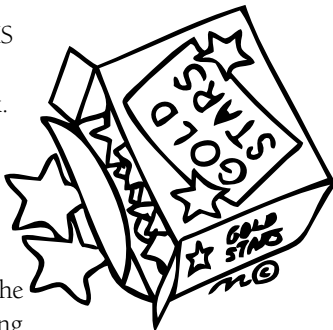
SATURDAY, SEPT. 26

The Village will be holding its annual yard sale on Saturday, September 26 from 9:00 AM – until we are done, here at the school. Many items for sale will be from the school storage unit, but we are hoping that our families will contribute things to sell as well. You can bring your sale stuff to the school on Friday, Sept. 25th or early on the morning of the sale. If you are interested in helping organize or run our yard sale (come on...it will be fun), please sign up on the white board outside the office.



WE CAN'T SAY IT ENOUGH!

Once again, I say THANKS to our community for its generosity and hard work. Here is a glimpse of what was accomplished this summer...



Thank you Lee and Craig Anderson for completing the pathway in the front parking lot, general yard work and clean up and for helping to dig out and move the giant tractor tire. To Sharon and Dan Post for the donation and re-construction of the beautiful play structure in our yard...the children love it! Also, to Sharon for your willingness to take on any task asked of you. Thank you, Scott Montrose for helping with the tire removal, the placement of the new railroad ties in the parking lot, helping Dan with the play structure and the relocation of the backstop. Thanks to Scott Morris for general yard help and watering, always remembering to put our garbage out on Sunday night and for helping Dan with the play structure. Thank you Melanie Sanders (and her father) for having our carpets cleaned (wow, what a difference that made!) and for the many other things you do behind the scenes at our school. Naomi Campbell...that cashew table in Bonnie's room is beautiful! Thank you, Cory Silva for the cleaning the windows in Malika's room and thank you, Lisa Dragna, for the thorough cleaning of our bathrooms and for redoing our school sign. Chris Van Stone, you are always here, fixing things, building, designing...thank you for your time and energy. Carolyn Jensen...is what you and family did this summer in your job description? Thank you for the days of hard labor (Jimmy and Johnny were key in the tire removal and backstop move), weeding, tools and quiet support. To Joseph Antaree and Andrea Kofahl for taking your time to water--our gardens and children say thanks! Thank you, Daniel Claudon, for the donation of the lawn mower and the regular mowing and edging of the yard...not an easy job. Thanks, Lisa Sanchez and Howard Frazee

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

– SEPTEMBER –

Friday 9/4 - Monday 9/7

Labor Day Weekend (4 days)

Monday 9/14

Board Meeting - 5:45-8:00

Saturday 9/26

VCS Yard Sale - 9:00-done

Monday 9/28

Board Meeting - 5:45-8:00

Monday 9/28 - Friday 10/2:

Parent/Teacher Conferences (all classes minimum days all week)

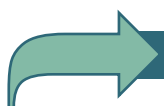
for hauling our stuff to Goodwill. And to Ken and Jen Higgins for help in the yard, with the play structure and planting. Jessica Quirt. Should I mention the rock? We miss you and look forward to having you back here working again.

I am sure I have missed someone and I know that many of you were here helping our teachers prepare their classrooms for this year. To all of you, I am forever grateful.

TO DO: Looking for ideas?

There is a to do list outside of the office that people can sign up on.

Send submissions and corrections to:
alicia@laladesign.com

 Saturday Cleaning for 8/22: Norris, Dubay, Loughran, Frazee/Sanchez

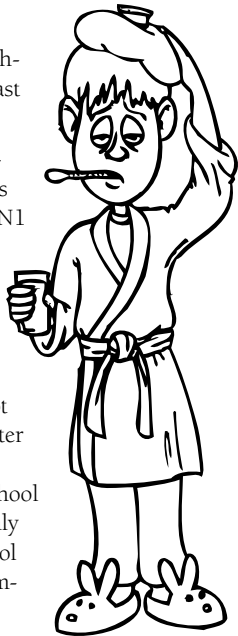
H1N1 VIRUS

(AKA THE SWINE FLU)

As you have all heard, we can expect to see increased cases of the flu this year. Here are some of the precautions we are taking at the school regarding the flu/H1N1Virus.

- Teachers will encourage regular hand washing throughout the day.
- Teachers will encourage children not to share personal items and to cover their coughs and sneezes with tissue or using the elbow, arm or sleeve.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in each room.
- Tables, door knobs and bathrooms will be cleaned at least once a day.
- The community will be notified immediately if there is a confirmed case of the H1N1 Virus reported.

In addition to what we are doing here, we ask that you have discussions with your child about the importance of hand washing and about not sharing personal items like water bottles, cups, etc. with other students. Please contact the school if your child is out sick and only have your child return to school after he/she has been fever/vomiting free for at least 24 hours.



EXTENDED CARE

I hope you have all had a chance to meet Skye, our new Extended Care Director. He has a strong background working with children of all ages and a world of enthusiasm!

It has been decided that we will offer E.C. services over our long weekends and select holiday breaks. The E.C. hours for these days will be 7:30 AM - 4:00PM and the cost will be \$30.00 per day regardless of how many hours your child is here. E.C. will be offered on Friday, Sept. 4th. We will not offer E.C. on the 7th as that is a legal holiday. Please sign up with Skye if you are going to be using E.C. on the 4th. If you have any questions please see Skye or Rebec ca.

ADDITIONAL CHILD CARE

I know how challenging it can be to find childcare and I am sorry that we cannot provide care for all school events, such as the previous classroom meetings. It is my hope that as a community we can find creative ways to support each other...any ideas?

NOTEWORTHY QUOTES:

The universe is full of magical things patiently waiting for our wits to grow sharper.

— EDEN PHILLPOTTS

ANIMAL OF THE WEEK



Albatross

An albatross aloft can be a spectacular site. These feathered giants have the longest wingspan of any bird—up to 11 feet! The wandering albatross is the biggest of some two dozen different species. Albatrosses use their formidable wingspans to ride the ocean winds and sometimes to glide for hours without rest or even a flap of their wings. They also float on the sea's surface, though the position makes them vulnerable to aquatic predators. Albatrosses drink salt water, as do some other sea birds.

These long-lived birds have reached a documented 50 years of age. They are rarely seen on land and gather only to breed, at which time they form large colonies on remote islands. Mating pairs produce a single egg and take turns caring for it. Young albatrosses may fly within three to ten months, depending on the species, but then leave the land behind for some five to ten years until they themselves reach sexual maturity. Some species appear to mate for life.

Albatrosses feed primarily on squid or schooling fish, but are familiar to mariners because they sometimes follow ships in hopes of dining on handouts or garbage.

KIDS: COLOR ME!

