

# Eagle Express- June 11, 2015

Last full Eagle Express this week....next week a very short version will be produced.

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<b>June 17</b>	<b>FULL DAY OF SCHOOL</b>
<b>June 18</b>	<b>SCHOOLS CLOSE 2 HOURS EARLY (1:55 p.m.)</b>
<b>June 19</b>	<b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, SCHOOLS CLOSE 3 HOURS EARLY (12:55 p.m.)</b>

## **FROM THE PRINCIPAL:**

**Our fifth grade will have their Closing Assembly next Wednesday June 17th at 9:45 am. Seating in the cafeteria is limited. There are no reserved seats for parents. Parents are asked not to enter the school until all of our regular students have entered the school for the day. We anticipate opening the front doors for parents attending the ceremony at 9:30 with the cafeteria opening on Mr. Bruce's signal once it is ready. Parking is limited as well, please park at the Long Gate Shopping Center and walk to the school.**

This is the last full Eagle Express before summer break. We will try to do a special edition next week listing all the important dates for the 2015-16 school year. It has truly been a wonderful year.

There are so many things that happen in a year at Veterans. Our special thanks to the PTA for all of their support. The PTA and parent volunteers are so crucial to our success as a school community. This staff truly cares about your children. You may not always agree with them but they are committed to providing a safe learning environment for your children. It is my hope that every child has a chance to relax and play this summer. An opportunity to truly 'be a kid". I also hope each of you have that opportunity as well. You are never too old to enjoy fun times with your children. Simply appreciate everything positive about each other this summer. Thanks to your children for a great year here at Veterans.

## **Special Announcement: Veterans Night -Oriole Park @ Camden Yards**

Let's plan to start the school year off right with a night at the ballpark. Weds. September 30th the Baltimore Orioles will play the Toronto Blue Jays. It is once again, another all fan Oriole Tee-Shirt give-a-way night. We have three different ticket prices available for this event, but we need to start selling our tickets early. So the sale begins today. Please see the attached flier for this

special fundraising event to help supplement technology needs. Our goal is to get another smart table for the school so we have set a goal of selling 1000 tickets to the Orioles Night. Don't wait, order your tickets as soon as possible.

**Staffing for 2015-16 School Year-**

**I am pleased to announce that the basic staffing for the school has not changed for next year. Just a few staff members will be switching positions as of this date:**

**RECC Teachers:** Jens, Maurer, Beaucage, and *Wandell*

**PreKgn Teachers:** Clink & Mattu (Both of these classes will be PM classes next year.)

**Kindergarten:** Deppen, Steinberg, Webb, Grassi, Fiackos, and Nguyen

**Grade One:** Amaro, Evans, Gillam, Kleinow, Singo, Welch

**Grade Two:** Randall, *Cassara*, Corba, Grady-Johnson, Robertson, Walker, J. Wilson

**Grade Three:** Menne, Boroweicki, Gay, Moore, Shepet

**Grade Four:** Ryan, Cartwright, Cascio, Graves, Hoffman

**Grade Five:** Folks, Cox, David, Gemp, Kazemi, Koh

**GT Teachers will be :** Cutwright, Lane, & *.5 Wright* **Reading Teachers will be:** Wade, Naylor, and *.5 Wright* .

I am also thrilled to announce that Mr. Viets will return to his fulltime band position at Veterans.

\* names in italics will be switching positions for next year.

**FROM THE FRONT OFFICE:**

**IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A CALL FROM OUR SCHOOL, PLEASE LISTEN TO YOUR ANSWERING MACHINE OR VOICE MAIL PRIOR TO RETURNING THE CALL. WE HAVE MORE THAN 135 EMPLOYEES IN THE BUILDING AND HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING WHO CALLED YOU.**

**OUR HEALTH SUITE HAS IT'S OWN LINE. FOR HEALTH RELATED ISSUES PLEASE CALL 410-313-1704. PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE FRONT OFFICE!!!**

**IN AN EFFORT TO SAVE PAPER, TONER, AND ELECTRICITY WE WILL ONLY BE SENDING FLYERS HOME TO THE FAMILIES THAT REQUESTED A PAPER COPY. FROM NOW ON ALL NON -PTA SPONSORED COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES CAN BE FOUND THROUGH A LINK UNDER "LINKS" ON OUR WEB PAGE OR VISIT <http://www.VESCommunityNewsandActivities.weebly.com> ALL PTA SPONSORED AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES CAN STILL BE FOUND ON THE PTA WEB PAGE.**

**FROM OUR HEALTH ROOM:**

Parents: If your child has medication in the health room, please plan to pick it up by the end of the school

day on June 19th. For safety reasons, medications cannot be sent home with students. Any medication not picked up will be destroyed.

If your student has medicine in the health room and is attending Summer School at VES, please call the health room at 410-313-1704.

**MEDIA CENTER NEWS:**

All students are receiving information in Media classes this week on Howard County Public Library's Summer Reading Program. They are very excited about this program which will help prepare them for the next school year. Studies show that students who read over the summer are approximately 6 weeks ahead of those who do not, by the time school begins in the fall. For more information on HCPSS's initiative to Keep Reading Live This Summer, please click on the following link or visit the Howard County Public Library Website.

["http://www.hcpss.org/news-posts/2015/06/keep-reading-alive-this-summer"](http://www.hcpss.org/news-posts/2015/06/keep-reading-alive-this-summer)

All media books are now due. We will continue to send out overdue notices and requests for payments for books that are lost or damaged. If you have any concerns about these notices, please contact the Media Center at 410-313-1700.

**FROM ELLICOTT MILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL:**

Please Join us at Ellicott Mills Middle School For Our Parent/Student Orientation:

**Who:** Incoming 6th grade students & parents  
**When:** Thursday, August 20, 2015  
**Where:** Ellicott Mills Middle School  
**Time:** 1:00-2:30 P.M.

**\*Please mark this date on your calendar. At this orientation you will be able to meet teachers and staff, walk through your schedule, and practice opening your very own locker. We look forward to seeing you!**

**FROM THE PTA PRESIDENT:**

The school year is nearing an end and I know we're all ready for summer to begin, but the PTA has to start thinking about next year right now. Below you will see a list of open committee chair positions. The PTA depends on our parents to achieve our goals of support to our school – without you, we could not function. There are two committees that are particularly important to fill right now – the Fall Fundraiser chairs and the Ice Cream Social. Both of these things happen at the very beginning of the year, so we have to make sure the planning is in place before the start of the school year. Please consider volunteering for one of these jobs. Grab a group of friends

and make it a team effort! Thanks very much for your consideration.

#### **PTA ELECTIONS:**

Thank you to everyone who was at the PTA General Membership meeting just prior to the Band & Strings concert on Monday, June 8. The following people were voted into office for the 2015-2016 school year:

President: **Kelly Martin**

1st Vice President: **Suzanne Rothrock**

2nd Vice President: **Candice White**

Treasurer: **Gerrie Bost**

Recording Secretary: **Deeanna Franklin-Campbell**

Corresponding Secretary: **Amy Noggle**

Delegate: **Ruchi Sondhi**

Delegate: **Haiyan Chen**

Thank you to the above people who are generously giving their time and energy to enrich the academic and social experience of all the students at VES next year.

#### **PTA OPEN COMMITTEE CHAIR POSITIONS:**

The Nominating Committee is still busy trying to fill some open Chairperson positions. Over 40 parents have volunteered to run other events/activities but we still need a few more positions filled. If no one steps forward, we will not be able to have these activities next year:

- **Fall Fundraiser – 2 Co chairs needed**
- **Ice Cream Social Co Chair needed (1 co-chair already filled)**
- Book Fair - 2 Co- Chairs needed – 2 co chairs already filled
- Book Fair – Family Fun Night – spring time – 1 co chair
- Cultural Celebration – 1 co chair needed - 1 co-chair filled
- End of Year Picnic – 1 co chair needed - 2 co chairs filled
- Green School – 1 Chairperson needed
- Holiday Shop – 2 Co chairs needed
- Kindergarten Activities Co Chair needed (1 co chair filled)
- Parent Programs – 1 Chairperson
- Reflections – 1 Chairperson
- Restaurant night - 1 Co Chair need (1 co chair filled)
- Science Fair – 2 Co Chairs needed

If you are interested in finding out more about any of the above positions, copy and paste the following link into your web browser and see the details on our VES PTA website: <http://ves-pta.weebly.com/open-pta-positions.html> or contact Sharon at [Sharon\\_Boone@verzion.net](mailto:Sharon_Boone@verzion.net) with any questions.

#### **YEARBOOK NOTE OF THANKS:**

Thank you to Vicky Chiei, Cheryl Cudzilo, Stephanie Jurkovic, Yongle Pan, Alix Latona, Ina Koutris, Barbara Bowers and the many parent photographers who submitted pictures to make the Yearbook such a success.

#### **5TH GRADE ACTIVITY UPDATE:**

We still need many help for upcoming events held in the final few school days. Volunteers do not need to be available for the entire event. We are happy to work with your schedule! Please contact Susan Su at 301-247-3475 or email [ves5thgrade2015@gmail.com](mailto:ves5thgrade2015@gmail.com) if you can help any.

**6/16** Decorating for Closing Ceremony (any time from 4 pm to 8 pm): need 2 helpers.

**6/17** Help with slicing navel oranges for 5th grade picnic (any time after 2 pm): need 2 helpers.

**6/18** 5th Grade End-of-School Picnic (8:30 am – 12:30 pm): still need many helpers. Please Sign up to help! <http://vols.pt/p2fW64>

Come and join us the 5th grade year-end picnic! June 18 is a two-hour early dismissal day but we would like to make it a day full of games, laughter, fun and sweet memories for our 5th graders! Rain or Shine.

**6/19** Bowling Party (this is the last day of school, 2 pm – 4 pm): The deadline for RSVP is extended to June 11

5th grade family, let's finish off the year at the 5th grade bowling party! RSVP flyer is sent home in Thursday folder. Cost is \$3 per VES 5th grade student and \$7 per sibling/adult bowler.

Transportation to and from the event is NOT provided. Parents must sign in and out of students. We need 4 chaperones on the day of the event.

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS:**

#### **GIRL SCOUT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT VES!**

There is interest in starting an additional Girl Scout troop for VES girls heading into 2nd grade next year. To make this happen, we need 2 or more adult volunteers, one of whom is willing to be the troop leader. You will get training and plenty of support. The time commitment is manageable and you will provide a wonderful opportunity for girls who are excited to be Girl Scouts! Other volunteers for VES troops and our school-wide Scouting committee are also always welcome.

For more information please contact: [VeteransGS@gmail.com](mailto:VeteransGS@gmail.com)

#### **"Stop Summer Camp Boredom!!**

***The Okinawan Karate Dojo*** (our business partner and facilitators of the after-school program - More Than Karate) *is hosting it's 10th summer camp season!* Their *Fitness is Fun Ninja Camp* offers swimming, health lessons, fitness challenges, karate classes, scavenger hunts and more. They can keep your kids moving, engaged, learning, and laughing! Camps run during the weeks of June 22nd, July 20th, and August 17th. Please call/text 410 818 6982; visit see their website <http://www.okinawakaratedojo.com> or email [okinawakaratedojo@gmail.com](mailto:okinawakaratedojo@gmail.com) with any questions. Conveniently located in a safe environment and run by a certified, caring, and experienced camp staff, why go anywhere else?"

**BETHEL KIDS SUMMER CAMP:**

Join us this summer as we go on an adventure into the unknown! “Journey off the Map” Camp dates are July 12th- July 17th, 2015 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Please call 410-465-5690 to register. Activities include music, dancing, dramas, crafts, snacks, games, prizes, movies, challenges and so much more!! **100% free.** At Bethel Baptist Church, 4261 Montgomery Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043

**HAVE YOU OR ARE YOU MOVING **OUTSIDE OF** HOWARD COUNTY BY AUGUST 24**

If so, please complete the attached form and return it to the front office as soon as possible.

**HAVE YOU OR ARE YOU MOVING **WITHIN** HOWARD COUNTY BY AUGUST 24**

If so, please complete the attached form along with your new deed or lease and return it to the front office as soon as possible.