

**Veterans Elementary School**

**4355 Montgomery Road**

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**Eagle Express Volume 41, June 12, 2014**

**June 12** End of Year Picnic, 6:00 – 8:00p.m.

**June 13** Marlene Waddy Day at VES

**June 17** Grade 5 Closing Assembly 9:35 (Parents are reminded to not arrive before 9:25 pm)

**June 18, 19 & 20** School closes at 12:55p.m.

**June 20** LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!!!!!!

**June 30** Play Date on school playground. Parents must stay & siblings are welcome, 6:30 p.m.

**July 15** Play Date on school playground. Parents must stay & siblings are welcome, 6:30 p.m.

**July 30** Play Date on school playground. Parents must stay & siblings are welcome, 6:30 p.m.

**August 7** Play Date on school playground. Parents must stay & siblings are welcome, 6:30 p.m.

**July 29 & July 30** Kindergarten Assessments. If you did not sign up for a time slot at Kindergarten

**Aug. 12 & Aug. 13** registration, call the school at 410-313-1700 to do so. A Kindergarten teacher

will meet and talk with your child for about 15 minutes. No prep work is necessary.

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL:**

One more week of school and that means one more Eagle Express next week. I want to encourage everyone to attend the PTA End of Year Picnic on Thursday June 10<sup>th</sup> from 6-8. It will happen rain or shine. Friday June 13<sup>th</sup> is Marlene Waddy Day, show your appreciation by sending in a note, card, or letter wishing Mrs. Waddy well in her retirement. Mrs. Waddy is very modest, she is a tireless worker, and an advocate for all of your children. She will be missed.

I want to personally thank everyone for a great year here at VES. Whether you are a staff member, parent, student, or community member, all of you continued to keep your focus on the mission of the school and school system. Collectively, we move as a community. Collectively, we give all of our students hope and encouragement. Collectively, we are proud of their academic accomplishments and we encourage all to constantly improve. Next week, I will fill you in on any staff adjustments before you get a well-deserved summer break. Have a great week.

**FROM MRS. WADDY:**

**It is with a heavy heart that I say goodbye. As I look forward to my retirement, I will definitely miss you. I have come to love you all so much over the past seven years, and some even longer. Sharing your hopes and dreams for the future and creating a framework for our children to achieve, has brought me tremendous joy. Thank you so much for your support and collective investment in our children – continue listening to, spending time with, and showing love to them.**

**With much appreciation and all the best!**

**Mrs. Waddy**

**REMINDER FROM THE HEALTH ROOM:**

**If your child has medication in the health room, please remember to pick it up by the end of the school day on June 20th. Medications cannot be sent home with students. Any medications left by the end of the school day on June 20th will be disposed of.**

**If you have any questions, please call the health room -410-313-1704.**

**PLEASE GO TO OUR WEEBLY PAGE FOR OVER 20 PAGES OF SUMMER ACTIVITIES,**

**[www.VESCommunityNewsandActivities.weebly.com](http://www.VESCommunityNewsandActivities.weebly.com).**

**ENTERING THE BUILDING:**

When visiting our building during school hours please follow the directions stated here. When entering the building, please ring the bell by pushing the button in the black box located on the side wall closest to the office. Wait until after the door releases to pull it open. **PLEASE DO NOT PULL ON THE DOOR UNTIL IT RELEASES. Please read the directions that are posted on the doors.**

**OUR SUPPLY LIST CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEEBLY PAGE.**

**MEDIA CENTER NEWS:**

The last day for students to check out media books is Friday, June 6th. All media books are due no later than June 13th, so we can complete our inventory of over 21,000 books by the end of the school year!

Overdue notices are being sent home frequently as a reminder to please return all books as soon as possible. If the media book is lost, we ask that you send in payment, so we may purchase a replacement.

**FROM OUR P.E. DEPARTMENT:**

To all parents and guardians of 4th and 5th grade students:

As some of you may be aware, students across Howard County participate in a bianual physical fitness test known as FitnessGram in PE. Your child's scores are recorded and privately shared with them after the tests. In the past we have sent home individual reports on paper that students are expected to share with you. This year, however, we will be sending them home electronically. Any questions and/or concerns you may have about your child's FitnessGram report can be answered by going to our PE website at <http://vesphysed.weebly.com>.

**KINDERGARTEN PLAY DATES:**

Do you want to meet some friends (both students and parents) before the school year starts? Come to the Veterans Elementary School Play Dates. All play dates are on the VES playground located on the right hand side of the building. Monday, June 30 - Tuesday, July 15 - Wednesday, July 30 - Thursday, August 7, start time is 6:30 p.m., Siblings can attend, parents must stay, bring a water bottle.

**ELLICOTT MILLS' PARENT/STUDENT ORIENTATION TIME HAS CHANGED, SEE BELOW:**

**Who:** Incoming 6th grade students & parents

**When:** Thursday, August 21, 2014

**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:**

This has been a great year in PTA – thanks to all of you! I appreciate all the parents, teachers, staff, and students who made my job as president so much easier. Only one more week and then sweet, sweet summer!

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR 2014-15:**

The PTA still needs to fill some Committee Chair positions. Many of these needs are for popular activities, if we are unable to fill the chair positions, we won't be able to offer them. A few of the committees in need are Scholastic Book Fair, After School Activities, Staff Appreciation, Community Outreach, and Reflections. Go to our website (<http://ves-pta.weebly.com/>) for more information (you may need to copy and paste the link into your browser). Email [VeteransPTA@gmail.com](mailto:VeteransPTA@gmail.com) if you are interested or have questions.

**END-OF-YEAR VES PARTY: JUMP, JIVE, JAM!!**

See you tonight (Thursday), 6-8pm, for a great end of year celebration!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ACTIVITIES:**

Parents/Guardians, YOUR HELP IS NEEDED at the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Picnic on June 18. We also need help taking down decorations on June 19, as well as at the Bowling Party on June 20. Click on the following link to sign up for a shift (or two), and help your student have some great final days at VES: <http://vols.pt/uxr1rA> (you may need to copy and paste the link into your browser).

### **5<sup>th</sup> GRADE ACTIVITIES –LOTS OF FUN AHEAD!**

June 17: Closing Ceremony, 9:45am. Parents are welcome to come to the cafeteria for a special ceremony. Afterward, there will be a short reception with cookies and juice in the student's homeroom classroom. Due to limited space, each student is limited to two guests.

June 18: 5th Grade Class Picnic, 9:30am. A fun-filled, half-day of school for the students. Lots of parent volunteers are needed. Sign-up at: <http://vols.pt/uxr1rA>

June 20: 5th Grade Bowling Party, 2:00-4:00pm. A flier went home last week for the students to sign up and purchase advance tickets, which are half price (\$4). Siblings of 5th graders are welcome to come, too, but they cost the full price (\$8), and the parent must stay and chaperone the sibling. Anyone coming the day of the event will also have to pay full price (\$8). Contact Sharon Moore at [Sharon.Moore@allenbank.com](mailto:Sharon.Moore@allenbank.com) with any questions. Want to volunteer? Sign up at: <http://vols.pt/uxr1rA>

### **5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE THANK YOU'S!!**

The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade class and staff were treated to a wonderful breakfast donated by Eggspectations on Friday, June 6. The students dined on muffins, bagels, and fresh fruit while receiving their 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Awards for Honor Roll, Citizenship, and Principal's Awards. Thank you to Becky Dagenais and Ruiyan Li for organizing the event! Thank you to the following volunteers who also helped the day of the event: TJ Dagenais, Angela Watts, Sharon Boone, Steven Boone, Alaina Dagenais, and Julie Watts.

In addition, kudos goes to the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students who performed in the talent show on June 6! You all were amazing and wonderful! Thank you to Ms. Kazemi, Rosalind Brooks, Elissa Reineck, and Angela Watts for coming into school to help the students rehearse and for organizing the fabulous talent show!

**ALL END-OF-YEAR VOLUNTEERS: COMPLETE COUNTY-MANDATED TRAINING:**

This is a reminder to all parents who would like to volunteer at the end-of-year class picnics. If you have not yet done so, you **MUST** complete the Child Abuse Training, which is mandated by the County. You can find the Power Point presentation at <http://ves.hcpss.org/>. On the right hand side, in the Helpful Information section, click on the "Parent Volunteer Training." Once you have read the seven slides, print the certificate on Slide 8, fill it in, and then send it into your child's homeroom teacher. It's so simple!!!