

Vansville Elementary School



Home of the Wildcats

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REGISTRATION for PRE-K and KINDERGARTEN

Registration for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten begins on Thursday, May 6, 2010. You may register from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Only Parents and Legal Guardians may register their child. Original birth certificate listing parent's name(s), updated shot records and proof of residency (Deed, Lease, Settlement Papers, Tax Bill or Mortgage Statement with the Parent/Guardian's name listed) are **REQUIRED** when registering a child. If the parent or legal guardian's name is not listed on the proof of residency, a Shared Housing Form must be completed and **notarized**. If any of these documents are missing or incomplete, the registration process will not take place. **All documents must be submitted before registration forms can be filled out.**

Families admitted to the Pre-Kindergarten Program are on a first-come first-served basis. These families must meet the income guidelines set by the United States Department of Agriculture for free and reduced meals. Over income families will not be placed on a waiting list or enrolled into the Pre-Kindergarten Program. Pre-Kindergarten registration is scheduled at elementary schools from May 6th thru June 18th. After June 18, parents can apply for Pre-Kindergarten at any elementary school on a space available basis. Transportation will only be provided to students attending their boundary elementary schools.

Pre-Kindergarten children must be born between September 2, 2005 and September 1, 2006. Kindergarten children must be born between September 2, 2004 and September 1, 2005. If your child turns 4 or 5 between September 2, 2010 and October 15, 2010, he/she may apply for early entrance to Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten. Parents/Guardians seeking early entrance must complete the Early Entrance Applications available at the boundary school.

From the Guidance Counselor

Career Day, Friday, April 30, 2010 was "FANTASTIC". We had 26 presenters and the staff and students were delighted by the presentations. I would like to thank everyone that participated, parents, teachers, students and especially our presenters.

SPRING BOOK FAIR

It's time for the book fair again! On May 10, students will be able to preview books available for purchase starting Tuesday, May 11. To see what is available check out the book fair webpage on Vansville's home webpage...www1.pgcps.org/vansville

Truck Touch hosted by the Girl Scouts

Boys and girls of all ages come and join the fun and learn about different types of trucks and an aircraft. Join Vansville Girl Scout Troop 1961 on **May 22nd** at High Point High School from 11:30am – 3:00pm. You'll be able to touch and see all types of trucks! \$3 admission per person. Hope to see you there!

Dates to Remember

May 10-19 – Spring Book Fair

May 11 – 2nd Grade School House Rock Musical

May 13 – Choir Concert

May 18 – Ice Cream Social and Book Fair

May 20 – Instrumental Music Concert



The school year is quickly winding done and we have a few reminders from the **Library Media Center**.

Please look out for notices about late or overdue library books

If you have library books at home please return or pay for them as soon as possible

Please continue to check the library media website for updates –

<http://the-vansville-library-center.wikispaces.com/Welcome>

In June a grade/reading level Summer Reading List will be posted on the library website.

Vansville Before and After Care

May 15, 2010

The Before and After School Extended Learning Program has reserved a table at the Community Center's flea market that will be held on Saturday from 8:00–1:00 pm. Please come out support us.

May 25th and 26th

The skate mobile will visit the B & A.

Many of you are interested in registration dates for Vansville's Before and After School Extended Learning Program. Registration dates will be posted in the next few weeks and flyers will be sent home with all students in our school. If you have any questions about BASELP, call us at 301-931-2860 between 2–6pm.

First Grade

On Tuesday, May 4th, the first graders went to the musical play, Harry the Dirty Dog. The children had a great time!

This month, students will be testing on their reading level, which includes their comprehension and fluency. Students will also be tested on their word wall words and writing.

It is important to read daily and to practice retelling what has happened in the story. Also, continue to practice basic math facts and review money, fractions and time.



Kindergarten

In April, the kindergarten classes enjoyed a field trip to the College Park Aviation Museum. The children got to learn about the Wright brothers, see different kinds of airplanes, and dress like aviators. We are looking forward to two more special activities in May -- a visit from "Neptune's Classroom" to conduct science experiments about states of matter and a visit from Blue Sky Puppet Theatre to learn about peaceful conflict resolution. All kindergarten students will soon be assessed on their present reading level, and should continue to practice reading sight words, using reading strategies, and retelling stories.

SPRING CONCERTS

The 2nd grade "School House Rock" musical will be Tuesday, May 11th at 7:00 p.m. and the chorus will be performing on Thursday, May 13th at 7:00 p.m. Students need to be in the music room at 6:30 p.m. in order to warm-up.

Instrumental Music Concert

The concert on May 20th will start at 7:00 p.m., Students should report at 6:15 p.m. Student Attire is White top/shirt, Black pants/bottom, and Dress shoes. All are invited to attend, but we especially welcome 3rd graders and their families to come and look and listen to the concert. They can join next year and are encouraged to take this opportunity to explore what they might want to play.

Second Grade

For the last week of April we were very excited to be a host to 1000s of visitors. Ms. Cobb's 2nd grade class and Ms. Payton's 5th grade class hatched Shad (fish) eggs. The fish arrived Monday morning and students got to work sorting the fertilized and unfertilized eggs. On Friday the eggs hatched into "two eyes and a wiggle", and were released into the Anacostia River as part of repopulation effort.

Congratulations to second graders Amaya and Sherry for winning the PGCPs's Earth Day poster contest. Amaya was the first place winner and Sherry won 2nd place for all K-2 students in the county.

Pre-Kindergarten

Our current theme is Growing and Changing. We appreciate the parents who helped their child to complete the Timeline project. These wonderful projects are displayed outside the classrooms. Please continue to work on reciting and identifying the alphabet, counting and number recognition, and position words. These skills are needed for Kindergarten. Information about the end of the year program and field day will be forthcoming. Thank you for your continued support.

Parent Liaison Corner

It's hard to believe that this school year is about to end. Time went very fast. As the summer break approaches, I've invited a speaker for the next PTA meeting, who will talk about activities and resources available in Prince George's County Memorial Library System. She'll share valuable and useful information. Don't miss her presentation!

Also, if you want to schedule a Teacher/Parent conference, please e-mail at: ximena.guzman@pgcps.org or call at 301-931-2830 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

For more information about activities, news, etc, please visit <http://parentengagementwithpgcps.blogspot.com/>

Help Vansville Elementary Go-GREEN!

Did you know your child created their own Eco T-shirt? You can purchase your child's eco-designed shirt at www.iloveearth.com.

For every Eco t-shirt you buy; the children will raise \$5.00 for the school.

Shirts will be displayed on-line until May 21, 2010. On the website, find the link to your child's grade and homeroom teacher. We invite friends and family to buy shirts too!

PE Department

Vansville has raised \$6683.60 for it's annual Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser, surpassing last year's amount of \$5700. The top student fundraiser in each class will get to be PE teacher for a day. The top student fundraiser in each grade got to cut Ms. Donn's ponytail, which will be donated to a non-profit organization that creates wigs for children with cancer. Furthermore, the top two student fundraisers get to be principal and assistant principal for a day. Teachers were also involved with doing a dare if they surpassed the amount of \$165.

The top student fundraisers were:

Pre-K Angela Ahanmisi (Mrs. Plue) \$150

Kindergarten - Tremaine O'Neil (Ms. Richards) \$125

1st grade - Angelo Salvador (Mrs. Beveridge) and Comfort Ahanmisi (Ms. Geitner) \$160 each

2nd grade - Soleil Chapman (Ms. Coleman) \$120

3rd grade - Khianna Thomas (Mrs. McRae) \$177

4th grade - Sahara Chapman (Ms. Brown) \$160

5th grade - Timothy Seay (Ms. Daugherty) \$130

6th grade - Justin Boykin (Mr. Lanahan) \$300