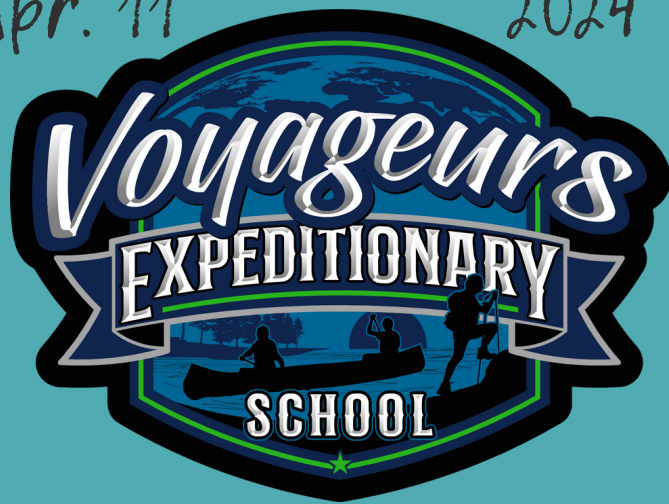


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VES Spotlight

Reminder - we DO have school this Friday, April 12!



Students can access their headrush login from our website! Have them show you what they are working on!

Check out the resources page on our website!
<https://www.voyageursschool.org/student-family-resources/>



We continue to emphasize that we have fewer days in school so STUDENTS need to make them count. Attendance, showing up as best they can, and being productive, are important. Being present in school will promote success in school. Thanks for your active participation in your students' success in school.



Please call (218)444-3130 or email attendance@voyageursschool.org if your student will be gone from school for any reason. Lunch count needs to be submitted by 8:40 am if your student plans to eat hot lunch. Thanks!

Upcoming Events

- Apr. 12 ~ Friday School
- Apr. 18 ~ MCA Math
- Apr. 18 ~ Celebration of Learning ~ Election Ballots due
- Apr. 19 ~ No school
- Apr. 22 ~ Community Service Day
- Apr. 24 ~ MCA Science ~ 8th & Select HS students
- Apr. 25-26 ~ MAAP Stars Spring Conference
- May 3 ~ Prom ~ No School ~ Staff Day
- May 4 ~ Silent Auction Starts
- May 6-9 ~ E-Week
- May 10 ~ No School ~ Staff Day
- May 15 ~ Community Service Day
- May 17 ~ Friday s
- May 20-24 ~ MarineLab Florida Trip

Follow VES:



Away for the Day - Cell phone policy update!

We had an almost perfect week of kids turning in cell phones for the day - GREAT JOB and KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK! The results will show as time goes by!

NO CELL PHONES ALLOWED



School Board Election Ballots wanted - by Thursday, April 18

Each household was mailed a ballot to cast votes for our next school board representatives. Your vote is important. Please take the time to send you ballot back to be included in the process. Thank you!

Celebration of Learning!
 Thursday, April 18, 4:30-6:30 PM

Come and celebrate with your students and the VES staff on Thursday, April 18 from 4:30-6:30 PM. Great food, celebrating grants, and seeing great student work! We all have many things to celebrate from our time together this school year.



E-Week Sign Ups, Monday, April 15

We have some great learning engagements planned for our May E-week, May 6-10! Students will be signing up for their three top choices on Monday, April 15, during Advisory ~ so they will want to be here, and on time, on Monday.

MCA testing updates

Our 6th-8th and 10th graders took the MCA reading test this week. All students present finished the test! Yay! Next week, the 6-8th and 11th graders will be taking the MCA Math test on Thursday. In addition, we have 10 HS students that will be taking the MCA Science test that day. Please make a point to facilitate your child being well-rested, well nourished, and on time to school. If your child misses the original testing date, make-up dates will need to be arranged. Working together, we can be successful!

Prom Save the Date



VES Prom is May 3rd 7-11 PM at Rail River Folk School. Grand March is at 6:30 PM. Our theme is masquerade. There will be fry bread tacos and mocktails served. All students, grade 9-12 are welcome. Cost is \$20 per person, or \$30 per couple.



SPRING CELEBRATION NIGHT



Awarded Grants

SEE YOU THERE!

Thursday, Apr. 18

4:30-6:30 PM

Please join us for food, senior presentations, grant updates and a celebration of student learning!



VES Art Show
Watermark
Gallery

VES student art is being showcased at the Watermark Art Gallery for the month of April. The grand opening is tomorrow, April 5, from 5-7 PM (Brett will be there) and will be showcased through April 25th. Come and celebrate what our students have created! They are amazing!



Don't forget to register your student for busing for the upcoming school year. You will find a link on the upper right corner of our website. The deadline to assure that busing will be available at the beginning of the school year is May 1.

MS Update Sam's
Advisory



Happy Spring from all of us down in the middle school, we are in the midst of a very busy week here at Voyageurs! It is the start of our final grading block and we are beginning our MCA testing, one day a week for the next three weeks. We have a lot of extra activity days this block including testing, E-week, Earth Day, and a service day; these scheduled days can be seen on the school calendar available on the website. While these days give us a break from regular class, it also makes it all the more important to have kids in class as often as we can for the next 7 weeks. The end of the school year is in sight but we still have important topics to cover in all of our classes before we get there.



HS Update
Nicole's
Advisory

Block 5 is definitely underway and The Dreamy Bulls are planning to finish strong. Lots of exciting changes are going on this block as well: new schedules/classes, MCA testing, 4-day E-WEEK!, Celebration of Learning, no electronic devices during class time, and plenty of school activities and trips. This week 3 of our own are off at Osprey Wilds - Izzy, Adri and Joe. 31 more days! VES, we got this.



Starting April 8, 2024...

VES is Cell Phone Free

The VES School Board passed an “Away for the Day” cell phone policy for grades 6-12. This goes into effect on **April 8, 2024.**

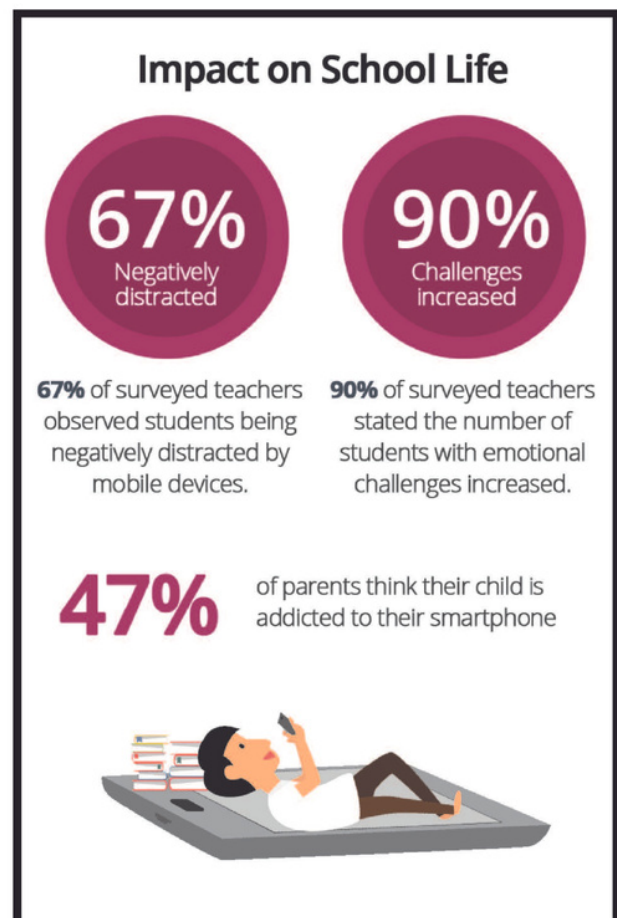
- Students may not use a cell phone or have a phone out from 8:30 - 3:05 except during lunch.
- Cellular phones and other personal electronic devices shall be either:
 - Left at home, turned off and placed in a secure location, turned in to the office/admin before 8:30 am, or turned in to the student’s advisor before 8:30 am

The Why:

- Help students stay more present and engaged in their learning
- Increase academic success
- Promote healthy, face-to-face social interaction
- Decrease distractions

Additional Info:

- More specifics will be communicated in the next few weeks leading up to April 8.
- This is an adjustment for all of us and will take effort, support, and commitment from families, students, and staff.
- Please reach out to Ryan with any questions or concerns.



Please visit Awayfortheday.org for more information about the impact of cell phone use in schools