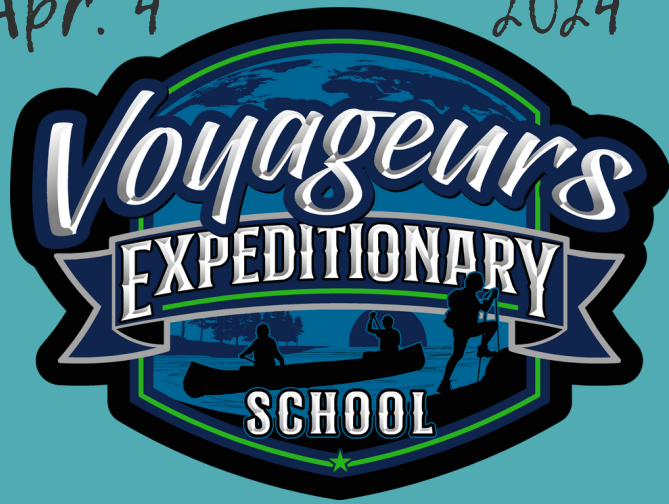


Apr. 4

2024



VES Spotlight

Away for the Day - Cell phone policy starts Monday!

Please see the attached informational sheet. We look forward to good family support to help make the transition to more focused learning easier.

NO CELL PHONES ALLOWED



Block 5 (last of the year) begins Monday

We have one more block to do our best in school this year. Please help to ensure your student is in school every day possible to help them finish the academic year well.

Osprey Wild Junior Class Trip - April 10-12

Some of the juniors will be going to the Osprey Wilds Environmental Learning Center in Sandstone, MN, which is an all-inclusive camp that encompasses over 600 acres of land. They will be learning by a hands-on approach in biology, team building activities, MN wildlife, and environmental stewardship. Students will earn credit and community service time. The groups leaves promptly at 8:30 on Wednesday and will return before the buses leave for the day on Friday. Any junior not participating is expected to be in school those days.

MCA testing starts next week

MCA testing starts next week on Wednesday, April 10. All 6th-8th and 10th graders will be taking the MCA reading test. 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!

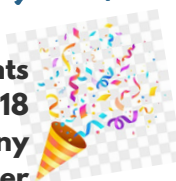
Prom Save the Date

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.



Celebration of Learning (Board Election Voting deadline) Save the Date

Come and celebrate with your students and the VES staff on Thursday, April 18 from 4:30-6:30 PM. We all have many things to celebrate from our time together this school year. Also - don't forget to send in your ballots for the school board election.



Reminder - we DO NOT have school this Friday, April 5!



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

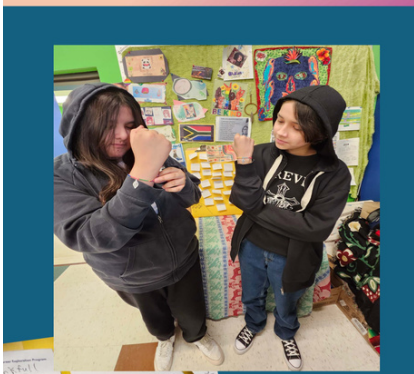
- Apr. 5 ~ No school ~ VES Student Art Grand Opening at Watermark Art Gallery 5-7 PM
- Apr. 8 ~ NO CELL PHONE POLICY STARTS
- Apr. 8 ~ Board meeting
- Apr. 10-12 ~ Osprey Wilds Junior Trip
- Apr. 10 ~ MCA Reading
- Apr. 12 ~ Friday School
- Apr. 18 ~ MCA Math
- Apr. 18 ~ Celebration of Learning ~ Election 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

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Greetings from Cafeteria Corner

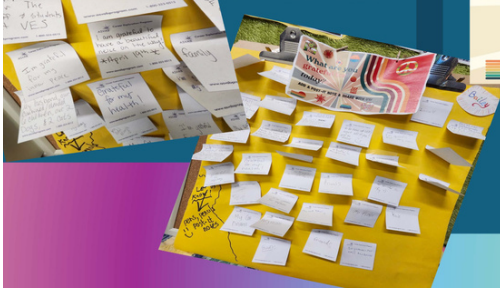
VES Art Show Watermark Gallery



Students & Staff are sharing what they are grateful for on our Gratitude Board...

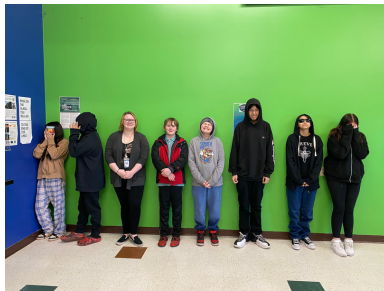


and choose a Gratitude Charm for a bracelet to remind them...brings a smile & warm heart!



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!

MS Update Kayla's Advisory



This week is the last week of block 4, 80% percent of the school year complete! This week we signed up for our next block electives. The electives being offered for middle school are Get Fit, Beading, Walking and Talking, Spring Clean Up and Art. We have our second community day coming up on Earth day, April 22nd. We are also getting ready to do our MCA tests this month (Reading on the 10th, Math on the 18th and Science for 8th graders on the 24th). Make sure students are getting good rest the nights before we take our MCAs.



HS Update Monica's and Shelby's Advisory



This week at VES, our advisory celebrated the end of the 4th block and welcomed the arrival of spring with open arms. During our Monday circle, we had the opportunity to share stories and highlights from our long weekend and Easter break, fostering a sense of community and connection within our group. On Tuesday, our students diligently completed a final grade check for the block, taking responsibility for their academic progress and identifying any missing assignments in each class.

Wednesday was a highlight of the week, as we had a full crew and engaged in a thought-provoking Environmental Ed activity. The students participated in a lively debate, discussing whether we should focus our efforts on repairing the environmental damage done to Earth or explore the possibility of finding another habitable planet for a fresh start. It was inspiring to witness their diverse perspectives and the enthusiasm they brought to the conversation.

As we look ahead, our seniors are eagerly anticipating the transition into their final block, while other students are excited about the numerous trips and activities planned for the 5th block. The energy and anticipation in the air are palpable as we rapidly approach the end of the school year and the promise of a well-deserved summer break. Through it all, our advisory remains committed to supporting one another, embracing new challenges, and making the most of the time we have together.



Bus Registration for next year

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.



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.

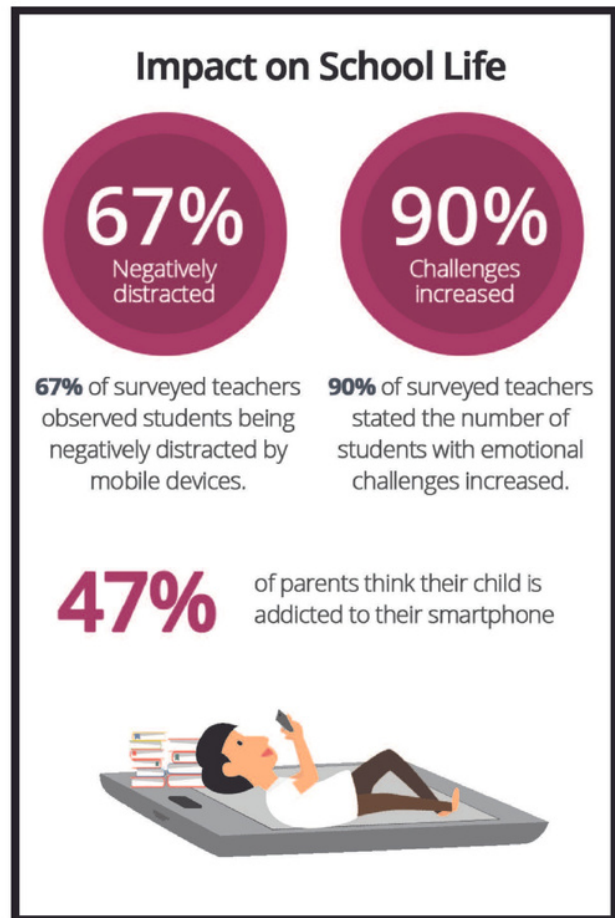
- Students may not use a cell phone or have a phone out from 8:30 - 3:05 except during lunch.
- Cellular phones and other personal electronic devices shall be either:
 - Left at home, turned off and placed in a secure location, turned in to the office/admin before 8:30 am, or turned in to the student’s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