



Viola Rand Elementary School

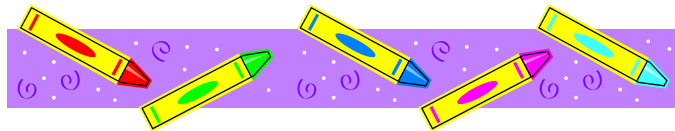
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Principal's Message

This is our first start to school as a member of RSU# 34! It promises to be an exciting year, but we are experiencing a period of transition. You will find a few requests for assistance from you in this newsletter as we get acclimated to new procedures and protocols! The school looks bright and shiny and we are working to complete the rearranging of the library and computer lab in their new expanded areas. The first week has gone smoothly even with the change to having both short and long runs by the bus service! Thank you to Mr. Arey,



Mrs. Gifford and all the staff for a great start to the school year!

loved teacher in Bradley for many years and will bring a wealth of experience to her new position!

Melissa Johnson has been hired to be our new fourth grade teacher. She comes from the Suzanne Smith School in Levant where she was a fourth grade teacher initially, then served as their literacy coach for the last four years. She has lots of exciting new ideas and we wish her a warm welcome!



Staff/School Changes

Katie Flynn resigned her fifth grade position in June. That began a discussion that led to the fifth grade in Bradley being relocated to the Old Town Elementary School this fall. Our Fourth grade teacher, Brenda Jackson, opted to join that group of students going to OTES and will be teaching as part of the fifth grade team in Old Town this fall. This will be quite an adjustment for all of us! Mrs. Jackson has been a much

FYU Upcoming Events

- Sept. 3 PRIDE Meeting 6:00
- Sept. 5-15 PRIDE Fundraiser Begins
- Sept. 16 School Board :00 LMS library
- Sept. 17 Open House/Book Fair 6:00-7:00
- Sept. 23 LifeTouch Picture Day
- Sept. 25 PRIDE popcorn table at Riverfest

Viola Rand Staff

Principal	Cheryl Leonard
Secretary	Heidi Gifford
Kindergarten	Stacy Henry
Grade 1	Camilla Doak
Grade 2	Cathy Fox
Grade 3	Laurie Ouellette
Grade 4	Melissa Johnson
Title I/Reading Recovery	Jennifer Dalessandro
Special Education	Leslie Johnson-Wright
Special Education	James Wohlgemuth
Music	Michelle Tondreau
Physical Education	Cid Dyjak
Guidance	Kim Ketch
Art	Helena Bosse
Ed. Techs.	Mary-Ann Brown
	Kelly Gaudet
	Betty Agrell
	Erica Benson
Ed. Tech./LPN	Dianna Ervin
Custodian	Owen Arey
Kitchen Aide	Lynn McDonald
OT	Cynthia Esty
Speech	Sarah Shorette
Nurse	Cece Costello
Library	Susan D'Angelo



Hot Lunch

We are in a position to help Heidi for a change! There are numerous big changes to the record keeping for the lunch program this fall. To assist Heidi in keeping track of everything, please use a lunch order form that is stapled to the menu for **each child**. It is fine to write one

check for a family, though. We must be very specific in what the money is for- hot lunch, breakfast, lunch milk, or snack milk so filling out the order form will help Heidi immensely! It would also help if you would send orders for the week on Monday, and stick to a week at a time at this point. Another clarification that is not a change, but may be a point of confusion, is that everyone must pay for milks that are not part of a meal. These adjustments are taking a lot of getting used to here at the school and are time consuming as we learn! Thanks for your help with this!



MUSIC



On Monday, September 14, Viola Rand School students will see a demonstration of instruments by Northern Kingdom Music. All fourth grade students interested in learning to play an instrument and be in the band will be able to use this demo to help choose which instrument they would like to learn to play!



- PRIDE met for the first time this year on September 3rd. The Innisbrook Fundraising packets are going home today. They will be due back on September 15th.
- PRIDE needs volunteers to bring goodies to the Open House on September 17. If you are able to help, please call Heidi or Cheryl at the school.
- There will be another meeting at 6:30 on 9/17/09 to plan for our booth at Riverfest and for the Halloween night.
- The next PRIDE meeting will be on October 1.

We would love to have any and all parents come to the meetings and be involved!



From September 6th - December 6th, our school is collecting *Hannaford Helps Schools* receipts. The class that brings in the most receipts will receive a pizza party! The area school that raises the most money will be granted an additional \$1,000. One year, the Viola Rand School won the \$1,000 bonus! We purchased a piece of playground equipment with the extra money. So start sending in your *Hannaford Helps Schools* receipts.

No matter where you shop, you can save Boxtops for Education labels. You can find these labels on a variety of products such as cereal, pizza dough, cookie mixes, etc. Just look for the little Boxtops logos, cut them out, and send them in to the school. With all of us contributing, we end up with a lot of labels!



Medications

Please note that medications should not be transported by students. Parents need to drop off any medications, which need to be in original containers, and fill out necessary paperwork before meds can be administered at school. This includes over the counter medicines as well as cough drops.

OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, September 17

Please come meet the staff and visit your child's classroom. We plan to have samples of VRS monogrammed items available to order through Milligan's. Refreshments will be provided by PRIDE members. Anyone who wishes to may participate in a PRIDE meeting that will just be discussing the Riverfest Booth



(9/25) and Halloween Fun Night (10/24). We look forward to seeing the VRS families that evening!