

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **REGISTRATION:** Don't forget to complete and turn in your child's registration packet by the last day of school. See emails sent on 5/8 and 5/15 with subject: **VCS - Registration packet 2015/16**
- **IMMUNIZATIONS:** All new kindergarten and 7th grade students must have a current immunization record on file by the first day of school.
- **EXTENDED CARE BALANCES:** Balances through April should be paid by the last day of school. May's billing will go out the first day of June and be due no later than Weds., June 24.
- **LOST & FOUND:** Come and claim that lunchbox, sweatshirt, hat or random item that you haven't been able to find in your car, laundry basket or closet! We have things you probably didn't even know were missing! All unclaimed items will be donated after the last day of school.
- **HOT LUNCH:** Thursday, May 28 will be the last day of hot lunch. The meal will be pizza and salad. We're sorry we're unable to provide a gluten-free option. Forms must be turned into the office by Tuesday, May 26.



A Note from Rebecca

First, a bit of great news: The Village Charter School was officially granted a five-year charter renewal by a unanimous vote of the WUSD Board. Congratulations, VCS!

Summer Care Update: I am aware that there are a number of families in need of affordable summer care and it looks like we will be able to provide this service to Village children starting in June. We are working to finalize a schedule with the goal of having details and an enrollment form available by the end of this week. There is one disclaimer...given the move, the chaos of packing and the unknown of what level of readiness we will face at the new site in July, we are unable to provide a "summer camp" type atmosphere. What we can offer is a safe, nurturing, familiar and affordable option for our families. I know our staff will share their strengths and talents to keep the children busy and happy (your child may even become a master packer).

This is such a busy time and I appreciate all that our community is doing to support the students and teachers in these last few days. Thank you, Village.

Rebecca

VCS CALENDAR

F, 5/22

Periodic Table Challenge:
Middle School

T, 5/26

Periodic Table Challenge
1-5 grades
&
Miss Barnum Class
Packing Party!

T, 5/26-W, 5/27

Middle-school overnight
field trip to Westminster
Woods

W, 5/27, 4-7pm

Elsie's Packing Party

Th, 5/28

Mrs. Carter/Ms. Kenny
Packing Parties!
Please see the
CLASSIFIEDS for
MOVING NEEDS!

F, 5/29

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!
1pm, Graduation
3pm, Talent Show
4pm, Carnival

June

Final packing of the
common space areas and
moving to our new home!
Please see the
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**See attached 2015-16
School Year Calendar!**



Village Charter School's 2nd Annual Creek Clean-a-Thon Great Fun and a Great Success!

A big **THANK YOU** to all who helped make our second annual Creek Clean-a-Thon such a huge success! Thank you to the students who collected donations and to the 100 people who came out to clean the creek! Because of your efforts, the Santa Rosa Creek, aka "the Highway 101 for fish," has been cleared of **160 POUNDS** of trash (including bottles, pencils, pens, glass, boxes, sunglasses, blankets, tires, bike rims, cigarette butts, chicken wire, diapers, clothing, plastic Easter eggs, jars and hair clips). We also raised close to **\$6,000** in donations! Amazing.

If you have not already, please turn in donation forms to the office when complete and have all monies collected in by the last day of school. Thank you, VCS!

What our kids had to say about the Creek Cleanup:

Charlize: I think this is the most fun ever in my life! **Sage:** This is so much fun! **Jackson:** I had fun picking up trash with my friends. **Faith:** We found a whole thing of coffee! **Elizabeth:** Cleaning up trash for the creek was the best part of my day. **Calvin:** We got to clean the creek and go down the storm drain! **Mary:** I think went really well. We picked up the trash we found and there was a lot of trash this year and it was a fun and educating experience.



VCS CARNIVAL!!!!

Games, prizes, talent show and MORE! Our kids are so excited for this annual tradition! In addition to all of the favorite games and activities, there will also be a TACO TRUCK from El Coronel serving up nutritious and affordable dinners (partial proceeds will be donated back to the school)!! Carnival tickets are \$1 each and can be bought in advance from the office or at the entrance to the carnival. We need the following ITEMS and PEOPLE POWER to help make this event awesome! **Look for the poster next week to sign-up for a fun task or shift. Please bring donations to the office and contact Ashley@perfectlyharmless.com to let her know how you can help.**

General Help

Volunteers for set-up/clean-up

Volunteers to sell tickets

Volunteers to work the booths and collect the items for those booths from the office

Ice for snow cones:

Coolers

Large bags of ice

Cake Walk:

Baked goods

Photo booth:

Costumes for bigger kids

Kids raffle:

Gently used toys, games, etc.

Fishing/kids booths:

Small prizes/party favors

Henna booth:

Henna

Face painting booth:

Face paints

Dunk booth/pitch burst:

Help filling water balloons



PERIODIC TABLE FUNDRAISING CHALLENGE!

Joe Munson's Fabulous Periodic Table Challenge will be held Friday, May 22 for the middle-schoolers and Tuesday, May 26th for 1st-6th graders. Results will be announced on the last day.

For each square a student gets correct, the student will earn \$1 for the school. A perfectly completed table will earn an extra \$20. Students will get to choose how they would like their dollars spent for the school. Requirements for entries are as follows:

1st-3rd graders: Number, symbol, placement + minimal mistakes acceptable

4th-5th graders: Number, symbol, placement, spelling needs to be very close or exact

6,7,8th graders: Everything must be exact

Periodic Table of the Elements

The periodic table is organized into groups and periods. A legend box in the center shows the layout of an element square: Atomic Number (top), Symbol (middle), Name (bottom), and Atomic Mass (bottom right). Below the main table, there are two rows of color-coded boxes representing element groups: Alkali Metal (red), Alkaline Earth (orange), Transition Metal (yellow), Basic Metal (green), Semimetal (light blue), Nonmetal (blue), Halogen (purple), Noble Gas (pink), Lanthanide (light pink), and Actinide (light purple).

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Appreciations

If you have an appreciation you'd like to express in the Voices, please submit them to deneene.bell@gmail.com, or drop a note in the office!

Thank you **Claudia** for turning our Teacher Appreciation Day into a weeklong event. I think I teachers got the message ;) ! – Lauren

I want to thank the **folks that made the wonderful breakfast and lunch** happen during Teacher Appreciation Week!!!! I feel so supported by this caring gesture. – Malika

Dear parents, we worship you for the divine foods and TLC that you heaped upon us during Teacher Appreciation Week. As my boyfriends Wayne and Garth say, "Excellent!" – Bonnie

Thank you **parents and students!** After 40 years of teaching, that was the BEST teacher appreciation week ever. Especially the cards from the kids. – Elsie

Thank you **Stephanie, Natalie, Ashley and Mary** for pulling off a wonderful fundraiser, our Creek-Clean-Up! Our school is leading the way in school fundraisers, instead of selling candy we are picking up candy wrappers. Way to go Village! - Lauren

Thank you, **Tracy and Sable**, for helping to keep the school kitchen and office clean and tidy!

Thank you, **Tamera**, for organizing and caring for our lost items!

Thank you, **tireless parents**, for all of your conscious consideration and support of the school as active volunteers, fundraisers and PA members.

To **Elsie, Rachel & Franco** for working together to teach history through drama. Having the children weave together their knowledge of multiple cultural lessons into one play and then teach their "older" and "younger" tribes in the audience was beautiful. This type of teaching is going so much deeper than ANY test ever could and you are seen and appreciated for your triumphant efforts.

Thanks, **Deneene** for all your Voices efforts, I so appreciate it and you, you rock!!!! And while I am at it, I also want to appreciate you for the yoga you bring into our kids' classroom. I am so happy and proud that they are connected to that every week BECAUSE OF YOU!!!! Our lives are better for it and Elsie LOVES spending time with you! – Stephanie Lennox

And a link from Mrs. Carter for more perspective on teacher appreciation:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/answer-sheet/wp/2015/04/22/eight-things-teachers-want-you-to-know-about-them/>

CONGRATULATIONS TO **MISS MALIKA**, WHO BECAME A GRANDMA ON
MAY 21, TO A GRANDAUGHTER

EVELYN ROSE

CLASSIFIEDS—Let's get moving!

HELP WANTED

EVERYONE NEEDED FOR MOVE TO NEW SITE:

Any and all manner of people power and support is needed to get us to our new home!

The last week of school and first weeks of June, we need:

- Packers, cleaners, and movers
- Moving trucks, flatbeds, forklifts, hand trucks
- Handy folk to do light construction and repairs

Before school starts, we'll need:

- Gardeners for site beautification
- Organizers to help teachers set up their classrooms
- Greeters to help plan a welcome for the kids to their new campus

Please visit the tables at the Carnival on the last day of school to sign up and get more information!

MOVING NEEDS

MATERIALS NEEDED:

WE NEED BOXES, PACKING TAPE, SHARPIES, PACKING MATERIAL, ROUGH-NECK PLASTIC TUBS AND CLEANING SUPPLIES. Please bring in what you can and volunteer in your classrooms on the designated days if possible. Your teachers and community will be so grateful.



Education should consist of a series of enchantments, each raising the individual to a higher level of awareness, understanding, and kinship with all living things.

CLASSROOM NEEDS

MRS. CARTER AND MS. KENNY'S CLASS:

In addition to the materials listed under Moving Needs, we need parent volunteers to come in and help our students pack on Th, May 28 during the day, after school, and in the evening. Pretty please?!

All materials will be boxed up and/or labeled "VCS/Carter-Kenny": art materials, books, pens, notecards, calculators, PE equipment, furniture, etc.

Students will take home the stuff they want to keep from their desks. All class materials, including pens, pencils, and rulers and books must be returned.

Once emptied, shelves can be cleaned; trash cans can be cleaned out and labeled; desks can be cleaned thoroughly inside and out.

Thank you!

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The Village Charter School admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin.