



Van Bokkelen Elementary School

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School hours: 8:15am -2:40pm.

January 2020 Newsletter

Important Dates

Jan. 1 – School Closed
 Jan. 2 – School Re-opens
 Jan. 14, 15, 16 and 17 - Grade 5 Drownproofing
Jan. 17 – Grade 3 Parent Meeting: Donuts & Discussion
8:00am-9:30am
 Jan. 20 – Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday/School Closed
Jan. 28 & 29 - 2-hours Early Dismissal at 12:40pm
 Jan. 30 – School Closed for Students
 Jan. 31- First day of the 3rd Marking Period

Lunch Schedules:

PreK & Kindergarten - 1:00-1:25
 1st – 12:30-12:55
 2nd- noon-12:25
 3rd- 10:30-10:55
 4th- 11:00-11:25
 5th - 11:30-11:55

Quick Links:

Apply for free and reduce lunch:

<https://aacpsschools.org/nutrition/apply-for-free-or-reduced-price-meals>

Become a volunteer or chaperone:

<https://www.aacps.org/chaperone>

Student Handbook

<https://www.aacps.org/cms/lib/MD02215556/Centricity/Domain/247/studenthandbook.pdf>

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

A student had an allergic reaction during the holiday celebrations. Due to this incident, there will be no food allowed for or school or birthday celebrations.

Only store-bought, healthy snacks will be allowed. Suggested snacks include fruits and vegetables.

Friendly Reminders

- **When your child is late, enter the building to sign him/her in.**
- **Send in doctor's note if your child is absent due to illness.**
- **Dress your child accordingly due to the cold temperatures.**

Important Message from School Security

Parents and visitors must check in at the front office and be prepared to present their driver's license or other official ID when visiting our school. As always, we welcome and encourage your positive presence in the school. Please stop by the front office to check out when leaving the building. Visitors must leave the building from the front office doors.

Updates from Parent Meetings

Parent meetings have been held to get parent input on the school improvement plan and how to spend Title I funds. More parent meetings will be scheduled in 2020. Grades invited so far include 2nd, 4th, and 5th.

Grade 3 parents will be invited on 1/17, 8:00am to share their input.

Parking Lot policies in place to protect our students:

Cars are not permitted to skip the bus line during drop off or pick up.

Handicap accessible parking spaces are available in the front of the building where hang tags must be visible at all times.

Car riders are picked up and dropped off in the car loop. You must remain in your car when dropping off or picking up your students in the car rider line.

Walkers are picked up on the side trail of the school building.

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Volunteers:

We are always looking for a few good people to volunteer in our school. Our volunteers may help with our Fluency Friends Program! You can also help to run copies, help in the cafeteria or recess, and the list goes on. Call our school at 410-222-6535 if interested or fill out an application online at <https://www.aacps.org/chaperone>

Notes for Updates/Changes

Please remember to provide written notice to the front office if you plan on taking your child out of school early, if he/she arrives late, or if he/she is absent. Also, provide a note if you plan to change how he/she arrives to school or if contact information changes.

Parents should provide written notice if there is a change in address or contact information.

To ensure the safety of all students and to limit the number of classroom disruptions throughout the instructional day, the following guidelines for classroom visits will be implemented:

NEW: Parents cannot show up to the classroom expecting a conference of any kind without 24-hour notice to the teacher.

Birthday celebrations must take place during your child's lunch period. Refreshments must be store-bought food without nuts. NEW: Healthy snacks are REQUIRED.

Everyone must wear a visitor's sticker in a visible location. If you do not know, ask the secretary for the location of your child's instructional area(s).

Please turn off or silence your cell phone and/or any other electronic device while in the classroom.

Upon arrival to the classroom, enter silently and sit in an area where you will not interfere with the daily instruction. If you are volunteering, the teacher will have materials ready for you upon your arrival.

Remain a quiet observer. Do not talk to the teacher, instructional assistants, or any child as their focus must remain on teaching and learning.

If your child's class reports to another location and you wish to go, please follow the class and remain a quiet observer.

When volunteering, you are not allowed to bring pre-school aged children.

See the front office staff to leave a message for the teacher if you would like a follow-up meeting or phone call. Provide the teacher 2 school days to respond.

Please know that we appreciate the interest that you are showing in your child's learning. By working together, we hope to maximize the learning opportunities for your child.

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