

THE WEEKLY ROAR

April 16, 2021

VPS Community:

We are excited to announce that Valley Prep has reached an agreement with Smart-camps of Redlands (www.avakas.org/smartcamps) to use our facility to provide aspects of their Summer and Afterschool programming. For years, one of our goals has been to get more non-VPS students on-campus for various programs in hopes that they will later join the school as a full student, as we seek to increase our enrollment. We feel that Smart-camps can help us to achieve this goal. Accordingly, the 1-8th grade portion of our summer program will be operated (and staffed) entirely by Smart-camps. Registration information will be available next week for VPS and non-VPS students. The PS-PK-K portion of the camp will continue to be facilitated by our Preschool teacher, Ms. Schmidt. Registration information for the PS-PK-K program will also be available next week. If the Smart-camps Summer program proves successful, then we are hopeful of continuing our relationship with them to provide afterschool programs on our campus in the Fall and Spring for VPS and non-VPS students. Stay tuned!

We are also excited to announce that our 8th grade graduation & moving-up ceremony will be in-person at Trinity Church on Thursday June 3 @ 10am. Attendance is optional, but we hope to see many students and family members in attendance for this special event. A few 8th grade graduates will likely join the event virtually. Many thanks to Trinity Church for their willingness to host us!

Finally, please don't forget to complete our annual Parent Survey (see below). We use the results of the survey to develop our goals for the next school year. Also, please see the information below regarding a mini-auction for parking-spaces & free-dress week (which are traditionally part of our annual GALA auction). Proceeds for these two auction items will be directed towards the school's operating expenses in an effort to reduce our net loss for the current school year (which is expected to exceed \$100,000).

John Black, Head of School
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Upcoming Events:

April 16:
No school

April 28-30:
Noon dismissal for Parent-Teacher Conferences

May 12:
Talent Show @ 8.30
Parents of performers will be able to attend.

June 1:
In-Person Kindergarten graduation

June 2:
All Day PE w/ Mrs. Breckley

June 3:
In-person 8th grade graduation

August 16:
School begins

Helpful Links:

Free Dress Week
Parking Spots
Annual Fund
Pay Re-Enrolling Fee
Apply for Tuition Assistance
Parent Survey
Talent Show Sign-Up
21/22 Calender

GALA AUCTION ITEMS

As previously announced, we will not be able to have an in-person GALA this school year. We hope the event will be able to return next year! However, parking-spots & free-dress-week are NOW available for purchase. Newly purchased parking-spots (with the traditional nameplate) can be used starting in August. We will schedule a free-dress week towards the end of the current school year.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

A few years ago, we began providing Student-led Conferences in the Spring, an opportunity for students, parents, and teachers to meet together. Unfortunately, like last Spring, we will not be able to provide the opportunity this Spring, as the format is most effective in-person. However, teachers will be reaching-out to some parents to schedule traditional Parent-Teacher Conferences, particularly for those students who may be struggling academically. These virtual-only conferences will be scheduled during the afternoons of April 28-30 (Noon dismissal for all grade-levels).

RE-ENROLLING FOR 2021-22

- 1. On February 25, re-enrollment contracts for the 2021-22 school year were sent electronically to families. If you did not receive your child's contract, please contact Mrs. Johnson (kjohnson@vpredlands.org). To guarantee you child's seat for August, please complete these two steps ... contract was sent via email on February 25 from: forms@informedk12.com (be sure to check your spam!)**
- 2. e-sign the contract (which includes the tuition rate-table for 2021-22)**
- 3. pay the \$1000 registration fee here: <https://bngn.smarttuition.com/?id=vcqnfcprbc#/home/> (the link is also provided in the contract).**

Once these two steps are completed, Mrs. Johnson will prepare your SMART-tuition account for the 2021-22 school year. You can then log-in to see your total tuition obligation (less sibling discounts, etc).

2021-22 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Please find attached our school calendar for the 2021-22 school year. It is our goal to provide a "regular" year of events & activities. Nevertheless, we remain ready to make adjustments based upon the status of the pandemic and any guidelines provided by the county's Department of Public Health.

2021-2022 School Calendar

FIELD TRIPS ARE BACK!!

We're so excited to announce that our 5-8th grade students will have a daytrip to Pali Adventure Camp (Running Springs) next Thursday, April 22. This will be the school's first fieldtrip of the 2020-21 school year. Such trips are an important part of our overall program. Next school year, we hope to return to our regular "line-up" of daytrips, overnight trips, and other experiential programming.

TALENT SHOW

Our annual Talent Show is scheduled for May 12. Students may use the link below to submit a video showcasing their talent. A few acts will be selected for a 'live' performance on May 12, and parents of the performers are welcomed to attend. A video highlighting all submissions will be distributed to the community after May 12.

PARENT SURVEY

Parents are asked to complete our annual Parent Survey. We use the results of this Spring survey to develop our goals for the next school year.

[Complete Survey Here](#)

TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR 2021-22

SMART-aid is now accepting applications for Tuition Assistance for the 2021-22 school year (<https://www.smartaidforparents.com/#!/login>). Anyone can apply.

Assistance is awarded based strictly on family-income. Families who are currently receiving assistance must reapply every year. Tuition Assistance can reduce a family's tuition obligation by as much as 20%.

ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

Our Annual Giving Campaign (Annual Fund) is one of our three annual fundraisers, including the Fall Fest (cancelled this year) and the GALA (which we remain hopeful of holding in April or May). As we continue to rebuild enrollment, proceeds from all fundraisers will be used to "close the gap" between the amount of tuition collected, and total expenses. For the current school year, we expect that gap to exceed \$160,000 (which includes monies allocated for Tuition Assistance). Your support of the Annual Fund will begin to close that gap! Last year, more than 90% of our families donated to the fund, which raised nearly \$40,000. Can we push that total to \$45,000?

- Through the beginning of April, we have received upwards of \$39,500
- Visit our website to learn more about the Annual Fund and to make your donation. Any amount is appreciated!

<https://www.valleyprepredlands.org/Annual-Giving>

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RESERVED PARKING SPOTS

"Reserved"
parking-spots for the 2021-2022 school year remain
available for purchase.

If you're interested, payment can be made via the
link below!

Each spot is \$2,500

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\$ 100.00 Per Student

**Monday, May 24th -
Friday, May 28th**

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