

THE WEEKLY ROAR

April 23, 2021

VPS Community:

Amazingly, we are nearing the final month of the school year! We are also mid-way through the 3rd trimester, which means that it's time for Progress Reports! Reports will be issued early next week to students in 1-8th grade who are struggling in a particular subject(s). Teachers are also reaching-out to some of the parents of these students to schedule Parent-Teacher Conferences on April 28-30 (Noon dismissal for all students).

Earlier this month, parents were asked to complete the annual Parent Survey. Results of the survey are attached. The school's overall "rating" for this school year is **4.2/5.0**. The rating was also 4.2 in 2019, and 4.1 in 2018. A survey was not distributed in 2020 due to the school's Spring transition to Distance Learning. Our goal is always to move from a 4-star school to a 5-star school!

Mrs. Willis is hard-at-work finalizing our annual yearbook. Ordering information will be provided in the coming weeks.

Lastly, as announced last week, Valley Prep is partnering with Smart-Camps of Redlands (www.smartcamps.org) to provide Summer and Afterschool programs on our campus for Valley Prep and non-Valley Prep students. Summer Camp registrations are NOW open for all grade-levels. To learn more and to register, please visit our website:

<https://www.valleyprepredlands.org/Innovation-Summer-Program>

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Upcoming Events:

April 28-30:

Noon dismissal for Parent-Teacher Conferences

May 12:

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

May 31:

No School

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:

Summer Camp
Free Dress Week

Parking Spots
Annual Fund

Pay Re-Enrolling Fee

Apply for Tuition Assistance

Talent Show Sign-Up

21/22 Calendar

Parent Survey Results 2021

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.

[Click Here for the School Calendar](#)

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.

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

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** to guarantee your child's seat for August, please complete these two steps...

1. 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=vcqnfcrprbc#/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).

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

[Click Here to Purchase!](#)





Free Dress Week

\$ 100.00 Per Student

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

Must Purchase to Participate.

[Click Here to Sign - Up](#)