

THE WEEKLY ROAR

April 9th 2021



VPS Community:

We were excited to see so many of our DL-students returning to campus this week. Currently, less than 10% of the school remains online. However, until children can be vaccinated, we do expect that some families will continue using our Distance Learning Program, even into the Fall of the new school year.

Parents are asked 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).

Finally, we are experimenting with a new format for this weekly newsletter. Many thanks to our office manager, Mrs. Lyndsay Hidy for her work on this! Everyone's feedback is welcomed.

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 (tentative). Parents will hopefully be able to attend.

June 3:

8th grade graduation

August 16:

School begins

Helpful Links:

[Free Dress Week](#)

[Parking Spots](#)

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[Pay Re-Enrolling Fee](#)

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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.

[Click Here to Take Survey.](#)

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.

[Purchase Free Dress Here!](#)

[Purchase a Parking Spot Here!](#)

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 (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!)

1.e-sign the contract
(which includes the tuition rate-table for 2021-22)

2. Pay the \$1000 registration fee here:
(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. 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%.

[Click Here to Apply](#)

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?

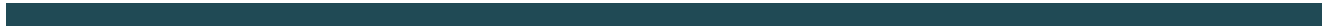
Through the end of March, we have received upwards of \$38,000
Stay-tuned for the April results.

Visit our website to learn more about the Annual Fund and to make your donation. Any amount is appreciated!

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