

Welcome... To Fifth Grade!

Vickery Creek Elementary School
2011-2012

YOUR CAMPING VACATION
ENDED WEEKS AGO.. WHY
HAVEN'T YOU UNPACKED YET?

I DID... THIS IS
FOR GOING BACK
TO SCHOOL!



by Joe Heller

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Daily Schedule

7:10-7:55 Homeroom (Social Studies, Reading, etc.)

8:00-9:45 Section 1

9:50-10:10 Recess

10:15-12:00 Section 2

12:00-1:20 Lunch and Social Studies with homeroom

1:25-2:10 Specials

2:10-2:20 Pack up/ Dismissal

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Homework

- Homework is purposeful; the student practices what has been learned at school.
- **STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO WRITE THEIR HOMEWORK IN THEIR AGENDA AS SOON AS THEY ARRIVE IN CLASS.**
- **Make sure to CHECK YOUR SECTION TEACHER'S WEBSITE AND NOT JUST YOUR HOMEROOM TEACHER'S WEBSITE FOR HOMEWORK.**

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Your Signature Please!!!

- Please check your child's agenda each night, if you want to know your child's homework. If a child repeatedly comes to class without homework, they will be required to have their agenda signed each night.
- Please sign your child's Choice Card in their Thursday folder each week.
- All graded papers sent home in the Thursday folder are yours to keep unless otherwise marked. Some writing samples and a few other assignments may be kept for student records.

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Class Houses

5th Grade has been divided into four “houses” or teams.

Sebenzana which means “teamwork”

Ikholwa which means “to believe”

Ubuqotho which means “character”

Jabulani which means “joyful”

It is our hope that the house names will also reflect the values of our classes. They will work together, believe in themselves and each other, do the right thing and really enjoy learning here at VCE.

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Class Houses

The “houses” will earn points each month and the house with the most points will have their banner displayed in the hallway the following month. A reward to the winning group will be determined each month.

Points are earned by:

1. Various activities and procedures throughout the school day
2. Outstanding projects
3. Outstanding grades
4. Random acts of kindness

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5th Grade Math

- Unit 1-Graphing and Mean, Median, Mode and Range
- Unit 2 Place value and Decimals
- Unit 3 Fractions
- Unit 4 Area and Geometry (includes pi)
- Unit 5 Capacity (cups, pints, quarts, gallons etc)
- Unit 6 Algebra

Science

- **1st Quarter- Earth Science: Processes that change the earth, changes to the earth's surface and rocks and minerals**
- **2nd Quarter- Quarter- Physical Science: mass, physical and chemical change, electricity and magnetism**
- **3rd Quarter- Life Science: Cells, Animal Classification, Microorganisms and Heredity**
- **4th Quarter-Health: This will be mingled throughout the year and as a result the other units will push over their time into the 4th quarter some.**

Social Studies

- Civil War & Reconstruction
- Westward Expansion
- Early 20th Century
- Great Depression
- WWI and WWII
- Cold War
- Korean, Vietnam Wars
- Recent History
- Geography
- Civics

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Reading

- Each student is expected to read at least 25, grade level appropriate, books over the course of the year.
- It is understood that some students are reading very long books, while others may be reading much shorter books.
- Students will be expected to at least try a variety of different genres and styles of books.

Historical Fiction Novels

- We will be using historical fiction novels throughout the year, as a way to make social studies come alive.
- These books allow students to become part of history as they journey along with the main characters.
- Novels bring students into intense situations during the various time periods that allow for discussion of topics that are often glanced over in textbooks.

Research Projects

- Throughout the year the students will be assigned research projects.
- Rather than memorizing names and facts, it is our belief that students learn far more when they are interacting with the material.
- They also learn valuable research skills in the library and online. Some projects will also require computer training and use.
- All projects will be based on State Standards.

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Grading

- 5th grade is adopting the standards based report card this year, which means that formative assignments will receive a 4, 3, 2 or 1. Summative assessments will receive numeric grades up to 100.
- It is expected that all homework will be completed in a timely manner.

Choice Card

- **E** – Exemplary: 0 marks (Exceeds standards; i.e. shows leadership)
- **S** – Successful: 0-2 marks (Meets standards)
- **D** – Does not meet: 3 or more marks

These letters correspond to the Forsyth County report card under work habits.

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VCE Counseling Department



The Counseling Department at VCE has been awarded the RAMP status. This award recognizes schools that are committed to delivering a comprehensive, data driven school counseling program and an exemplary educational environment.

What do Elementary School Counselors Provide?

- Support for academic concerns
- Instruction in decision making & goal setting
- Guidance in developing and maintaining peer relationships
- Instruction in career awareness
- School Counseling for students in crisis
- Parent workshops

How do School Counselors provide this to Students?

- Classroom Guidance Lessons
- Small Group guidance for referred students (i.e. study skills, friendship)
- Individual meetings with students
- Parent and/or Teacher conferences
- Referrals to outside agencies



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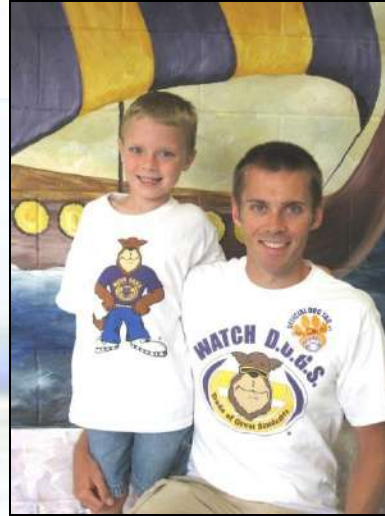
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WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads Of Great Students) is an innovative program of the National Center for Fathering focused on improving education in our nation's schools by increasing the influence of fathers and father-figures to provide a positive & active role-model for students during their school day.

Any father, step-father, grandfather, uncle of a VCE student can sign up. Watch DOGS are required to volunteer at least one day throughout the school year.

***Stop by the Watch DOGS table today to sign up and/or learn more about our program.**

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For more information please check out the VCE Counselor's Webpage.



Olweus

Bullying Prevention Program At VCE

The efforts of this program are designed to improve peer relations and make the school a safer and more positive place for students to learn and develop. This is the most researched and best-known bullying prevention program available today.

Olweus Day is every Friday in which all students K-5 receive a classroom lesson about preventing bullying.

VCE's Olweus kick off week will be Sept. 6-9th. More information will be given soon.



Thank you for coming!!!

This is going to be a fantastic year!!!



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