

VANDERBILT LIONS PAW PRINT

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Principal's Message

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving! I would like to extend my appreciation to all of the Vanderbilt families that contributed food for the Island Harvest collection that was organized by the 3rd grade classes in Vanderbilt. As a community, we collected hundreds of pounds of food for needy Long Island families. Mrs. Lange's class met with "STUFF A TRUCK" at Waldbaums, on Route 110 in Melville, to deliver the items and help load the trucks. It was a memorable experience...

In the spirit of giving, our own Student Council is now sponsoring the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Drive. You can bring in an unwrapped toy, for a boy or girl, and drop it off in our front lobby now through December 10th.

I am pleased to announce that the initial phase of the new playground is about to begin. We are planning to remove the existing structure as early as this weekend. This begins the preparation work for the new playground, which is targeted for an early spring installation. We are looking forward to this new addition, and getting kids back on the playground. We are all appreciative of the efforts and hard work of the Vanderbilt Playground Committee-- thanks to Mrs. Shek, Mrs. Stern, Mrs. Abreu, Mrs. Landow, Mrs. Vaccarelli, Mrs. Moody, Mrs. Kahn, Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. DiGiorgio, Mr. and Mrs. Noskin, and everyone who contributed to this project.

Our Beautification Committee, headed up by Mrs. Maslin, Mrs. Goldberg and Mr. Orlando, arranged to have landscaping sketches created for the front and side of our building. We are currently working with the district on the installation of an irrigation system for the west and south sides of our building. The plans will soon be on display in the lobby. Thanks to all of you who contacted Mrs. Maslin to volunteer for this spring project!

Join us this Friday night in support of our Dancing with the Faculty team- Mr. McElhiney and Mrs. DeSabato! It will be held in the auditorium at High School East. Doors open at 7:30 and the show begins at 8:00. Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$8/Student and \$10/Adult; or at the door for \$10/Student and \$15/Adult. All proceeds go to the HHH Scholarship Fund.

Just for fun!

School Spirit! Our Student Council has declared Monday, December 3rd as Inside-Out Day at Vanderbilt- that's right! All students and faculty will be wearing their clothes inside out!

Important Dates

11/26	Planetarium, HSE, 3-L, 9:30-10:45
11/27	Holiday Boutique, Cafeteria; Planetarium, HSE, 3-Z, 9:30-10:45; Barnes and Noble Night (Route 110)
11/28	AHAP, Grade 3; Planetarium, HSE, 3-Sh, 9:30-10:45
11/29	AHAP, Grade 4; Planetarium, HSE, 3-Sc & 3-C, 9:30-10:45, Parent/Teacher Conferences, 6:30-9:00pm
11/30	AHAP, Grade 5; Planetarium, HSE, 3-K, 9:30-10:45 DANCING WITH THE FACULTY, HSE, 7:30PM
12/4	Caleb Smith State Park, 5-F & 5-Ba, 9:30-12:45
12/5	AHAP, Grade 3; PTA Meeting, Cafeteria, 9:30am; Planetarium, HSE 5-C, 9:30-10:45; Grade 5 French Presentations
12/6	AHAP, Grade 4; Winter Chorus Concert, Cafeteria, 9:30am; Winter Chorus Concert, Cafeteria, 7:30pm
12/7	AHAP, Grade 5

Notes from Mr. McElhiney

- If your child is a pick-up at 3:15p, we ask that you send a note. Please be very clear and indicate who the note is from, names of all applicable children and teachers, and the correct date. In order for a child to be picked-up by someone other than a parent or guardian, we must have permission in writing.
- The cold weather is here and the children will be going out at recess. Please make sure your child's jacket, hat and mittens are clearly labeled.
- As you know, all unclaimed articles of clothing will be donated to charity on Friday, November 30th.

PTA News from our co-Presidents, Maria Holmquist and Kori Schneider

Lots of thanks are in order to the following people:

Marietta Costa for organizing and chairing our wrapping paper fundraiser.

Jodi Rosenzweig, the PTA Vice Presidents and all the parent volunteers for making Holiday Boutique a great success!

All the teacher volunteers and Mindy Ashkinos for coordinating the Barnes and Noble book event.

Our next PTA meeting is Wednesday, December 5th at 9:30a. At the Meeting, we will be sponsoring a parent workshop on bullying by Bully Frogs.

