

VANDERBILT LIONS PAW PRINT

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is hard to believe, but we are well into the last semester! We've begun planning for the 2008-2009 school year, and are looking forward to continuing our strong building and district initiatives. If you are planning on moving, please let us know, as it helps to anticipate possible changes in enrollment. Please also encourage new neighbors to register their children as soon as possible.

Our beautiful new playground has been put to great use! The kids are excited to be back outside and on the magnificent structure that the playground committee has created. Please join us for a dedication ceremony during our annual picnic on September 5th.

~ M. Boettcher

Character Counts at Vanderbilt

*"Life's most persistent and urgent question is...What are you doing for others?"
- Martin Luther King Jr.*

*As a community, we have come together to show that we care not only for our Vanderbilt family, but also for the people of the world. We are so proud of our efforts to help the families on Long Island who are in need of our support. We "Stuffed a Truck" full of well-deserved food for numerous families here on Long Island. Together, we collected coins for the Coin Harvest to provide lunch money for children on Long Island who could not afford lunch. Amazingly, **we raised \$1,423.23** during our Coin Harvest and we cannot thank you enough for your generosity! This past month we have been collecting items for our servicemen and women, who have been injured during the war and are recovering at Bethesda Naval Hospital. We have sent boxes of clothes, books, and other needed items as a way of showing that we care and to thank them for their efforts. Thank you Vanderbilt for showing that when we come together working toward a common goal, we can achieve great things!*

**The Six Pillars
of Character**



FROM MR. MCELHINEY'S DESK

- ❖ Congratulations to the Vanderbilt students on their Spring Concert performance at High School West on May 6th. The chorus, band and orchestra did an outstanding job.
- ❖ Vanderbilt's Maria Ryan Literacy Fair on May 8th was once again a memorable evening. Students' work was on display and their hard work and dedication showed.
- ❖ Please note that our new security measures are in place. One component is that the front doors will remain locked and you will need to be buzzed into the building by Ms. Fuller, our hall monitor.
- ❖ Students will be spending time outside with their class. Remember the sunscreen each morning.

All PTA members are cordially invited to the **Vanderbilt PTA Appreciation Breakfast** on **June 4th @9:30 A.M.** in the school cafeteria. Please R.S.V.P. and let us say "thank you for volunteering and helping us make this a great PTA year!"



Vanderbilt is proud of Miss Palladino's Pre - K class

IMPORTANT NEWS

Come Celebrate the HHH School District, Community, Sponsors & YOU for YOUR amazing support in helping to raise over a \$250,000 for Relay 2007!!!


Relay For Life is a life-changing event that brings together more than 3.5 million people every year!

- ❖ ***Celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer. The strength of survivors inspires others to continue to fight.***
- ❖ ***Remember loved ones lost to the disease. At Relay, people who have walked alongside those battling cancer can grieve and find healing.***
- ❖ ***Fight Back! We Relay because we have been touched by cancer and desperately want to put an end to the disease. Make a commitment to save lives by taking up the fight.***

Save the Date! Relay for Life - May 31 - June 1, 2008 High School East



Upcoming Events

May 16	5 th Grade Circus Assembly, 2:00, Gym; Circus Performance at HSW Gym 6:30p-7:30p
19	"Our Living Planet" – Arts in Education- All Week in Gym
20	Kindergarten Orientation for 2008-09, 9:45; 2-Z, Poetry Party, 2:15 – 3:00; K-M, Planetarium, 11:15 – 12:15; DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE – SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOLS
21	K-W, Fable Play, Cafeteria, 9:35 – 10:15; K-R, K-V, Planetarium, 11:15 – 12:15; 5 th Grade AHAP
22	K-W, K-G, Planetarium, 11:15- -12:15; K-R, HHH Library, 11:15 – 12:15; 3 rd Grade AHAP
23, 26, 27	 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> School Closed Memorial Day </div>
28	Character Education Assembly , Cafeteria, 2:15; 5 th Grade, AHAP
29	4 th Grade, Athletes Helping Athletes Field Day, HSW, 10:00 – 12:30; 3 rd Grade AHAP; 3 rd Grade Poetry Tea, Classrooms, 1:00 – 2:00, parents welcome
30	3-L, 3-SH, 3-SC, 3-K, 3-CU, Empire State Games, 9:15 – 1:00
31– June 1	RELAY FOR LIFE, HSE, - DON'T MISS THIS EVENT!
June 2	Benner's Farm , All Kindergarten , 9:30 – 12:30
3	1 st Grade, Charlotte's Web, 9:30 – 11:30, Grades 3, 4& 5 Instrumental Recruitment Assembly, 9:45 – 10:30, Cafeteria; 5 th Grade, Police Visit, 2:15, Cafeteria
4	5 th Grade AHAP, PTA Meeting/Appreciation Breakfast 9:30a
5	5 th Grade, Police Visit, Cafeteria, 2:15; 2-M, Hero Celebration (with families), 9:45 – 11:00, Cafeteria; 3 rd Grade AHAP
6	4 th Grade AHAP; 5 th Grade Moving Up Party, 7:00 – 9:30p, Cafeteria; Kindergarten 2008 Screening make up by appointment

Mark your calendar 5th Grade Moving up Ceremony June 26, 9:30 at Candlewood Middle School

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