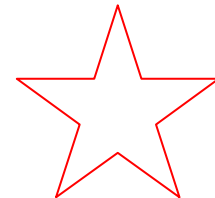
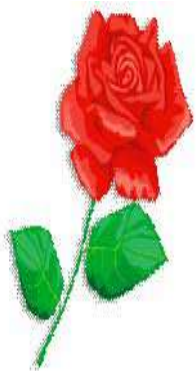


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Mrs. Gloria Cucinello & Mr. Michael Fiasconaro Half Hollow Hills Dancing with the Faculty 2008 Winners!

Vanderbilt's students and staff surprised Mrs. Cucinello and Mr. Fiasconaro as they lined the halls of Vanderbilt the morning of the event to show their support. Mrs. Cucinello and Mr. Fiasconaro were asked to "Danced Through the Halls at Vanderbilt". We are so proud to have two such dedicated and talented people representing us at this event to raise money for the Half Hollow Hills Scholarship Fund. Their hours of hard work really showed.

Way to go Gloria & Mike!

Shakespeare in 5th Grade

Miss Szigethy's and Mr. Gerhardt's classes have kicked off a study of Shakespeare and the Elizabethan period. The two classes will be doing an intensive study of Shakespeare's classic drama, Hamlet. The student's will be working to understand the universal themes that have made this story one of the most performed plays in history. In addition to reading and writing about the drama in groups, students will be performing skits based on excerpts from the play. This unit of study will culminate in a trip to Lincoln Center for their Shakespeare Scene by Scene program. There the classes will be conducted on a guided tour of the facilities followed by an interactive performance by the Point of Entry Theater Company



Ballroom Dancing at Vanderbilt

The Vanderbilt Ballroom Dance Team is off to a great start! We are learning the Merengue and are having so much fun! Ms. Funk and Ms. Szigethy continue to be proud of the hard work and dedication of the team. We hope to be ready for a spectacular performance around the holiday season. *Remember, there will be sign-ups again in the spring for any students who would like to join our amazing team!

Library Happenings

The first annual "Win the Pumpkin contest" was held in the Vanderbilt library September 29th - October 17th. Students entered the contest when they returned their books to the library. Students in the 3rd and 4th, and 5th grades were asked to guess the weight of the pumpkin. Julia Sansolo from Mrs. Ferentinos' class won when she guessed the exact weight of the pumpkin (10 pounds, 2 ounces). Wade Wichard in Mrs. Krapp's class was the winner for the K-2nd grade group. Matthew Miller in Mrs. Sussman's class won the "bonus" pumpkin.

The PTA Book Fair Committee hosted another successful Book Fair the week of October 20th. I'd like to thank the PTA for the beautiful books that were donated to the school and classroom libraries. It's greatly appreciated!!!!

Mrs. Miceli



For information about school closings and delayed openings, please visit Half Hollow Hills web site at <http://www.hhh.k12.ny.us>



PTA News

We have many fun events lined up starting with **Shop & Dine on November 13th from 7 – 9:30pm!** With over 40 wonderful vendors and Cirella’s delicious food, you can have dinner and get a jump on your holiday shopping!

Our **Barnes & Noble** event will take place on **Tuesday, December 2nd!** Shop anytime on that day and by mentioning Vanderbilt, our school will get a percentage of the sales. If you shop after school, be sure to bring the kids as many activities and story reading will be scheduled. We are thankful to have our very own teachers participating! Be sure to tell your friends and relatives! Details to follow!

Esther Tollen, artist in residence, came to work on a mosaic with our children for a week in October... so be sure to admire the finished piece on our front lawn! The children did a wonderful job!

Please don’t forget to pick up your **wrapping paper order** in our cafeteria on **Thursday (night), November 20 or Friday (day), November 21.**

Our next **Arts in Education assembly** (in school) will be on **November, 17th.** The LI Philharmonic will be presenting “Broadway Beat” – an outstanding performance!

Please check out our website www.vanderbiltpta.org for continuous updated information and downloadable backpack flyers!

Kori & Bernadette

ELECTION DAY AT VANDERBILT

The third grade students at Vanderbilt enjoyed learning about the election process this month. By integrating our “character study” reading unit with our study of the election process, students were truly engaged in an enriching experience.

During Reader’s Workshop, students identified character traits for a particular character they were studying. They learned how to use the text to find supportive evidence of a particular trait that they had identified. Students used this knowledge base to then describe traits that a presidential candidate would have. Through a series of mini-lessons, students chose a character from a read-aloud that would be a good candidate for president. Cooperative learning groups created a campaign, wrote a speech, and presented their campaign to other third grade classes. After a student vote, the election results were in! Ask your third-grader which candidate was chosen in their class!



Election Day was an amazing day in history. 4-SU, and many other classes at Vanderbilt were fortunate enough to be part of living history because of technology.

After hearing Barak Obama's speech, I was inspired to share this historical moment with my class. I searched his speech on the Internet, plugged in my projector to my laptop and BAM! There he was in living color on the large screen. It was amazing! This would not have been possible without the laptop program. As a class we took notes. Discussed out feelings, answered questions and had an amazing discussion. We also wrote entries in our Writers Notebooks documenting this moment in history. Years from now, we will be able to look back in our notebooks and remember how we felt the day history was made. ~Mrs. Sussman

Some reminders:

- It isn't too late to join Vanderbilt's PTA. If you are interested, give the office a call and we will send a form home with your child.
- Our PTA is collecting Box Tops to raise money for recess enhancement. Each month a student is selected from each grade and wins a prize.
- As the weather is getting colder please remember to send your child to school ready to go outside for Physical Education class and recess. If the weather is above 32° and it isn't raining all students will go outside for recess.
- Vanderbilt's "Lost and Found" is growing. If your child is missing anything have them check the Lost and Found during lunch time in the cafeteria. Also, it is a good idea to label everything with your child's name. (Coats, gloves, scarf, backpacks, lunch boxes, etc.)

Vanderbilt Happenings

Nov.14	AHAP Grade 5; Atlantis Marine World, Grade 4, 9:15 – 1:00	
17	School Wide Assembly, L.I. Philharmonic Broadway Beat, 9:30a and 10:30a; Oheka Castle, all 4 th grade, 10:20a – 12:30p; Board of Education Meeting, Central Office, 8:00p	
18	Bus Driver/ Support Staff Appreciation Day ; Safety Sally K, 1 st and 2 nd grade students	
19	AHAP Grade 3; Report Cards go home; Teacher/Parent evening conferences by appointment; PTA Gift Wrap Pick up in Cafeteria	
20	AHAP Grade 4; Vanderbilt Planetarium, 2 nd grade, 9:20a - 11:15a; Safety Sally; Teacher/Parent evening conferences by appointment; PTA Gift Wrap Pick up in Cafeteria	
21	SCHOOL CLOSED ; Teacher/Parent conferences by appointment; PTA Gift Wrap Pick up in Cafeteria	
21, 22	West Hollow Drama Club presents "Anything You Can Do" (see web site for information)	
22, 23	Candlewood's Musical Theatre presents Willy Wonka (see web site for information)	
22	The Hills Foundation presents Jackie Mason at High School East (see web site for information)	
26	AHAP Grade 3; 1 ST Grade Thanksgiving Show, 10:15a – 10:45a, in Cafeteria	
25	K-R Thanksgiving Show 9:30a – 10:00a, parents invited; Kindergarten Feast, all Kindergarten classes, 11:30a – 1:00p	
27	SCHOOL CLOSED Happy Thanksgiving	
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Dec. 1	Planetarium, 5B, 12:15p – 1:40p	
2	Athletes Helping Athletes Gr. 4 10:00a – 11:00a; Planetarium, 5S & 5BA, 12:15p – 1:40p; Barnes & Noble Event, 4:00p – 8:00p Route 110, Huntington Station	
3	PTA Meeting 9:30a in Cafeteria; AHAP Grade 3; Planetarium, 5G, 12:15p – 1:40p; Girls to Women 5 th Grade girls; 7:00p	
4	AHAP Grade 4; Brookhaven Labs, 4SU & 4R, 11:15a – 2:00p; Planetarium, 5K, 12:15p – 1:40p	
5	AHAP Grade 5; Lincoln Center, 5G & 5S, 8:15a – 1:00p	
9	School Wide Chorus Concert, Grades Pre K, 1,3,& 5, 9:45a – 10:10a , Grades Pre-K, K,2,& 4, 10:20a – 10:45a; Holiday Boutique all week, on stage in Cafeteria	
10	French Elementary Visit, all 5 th Grade; 9:30a – 11:00a	
11	AHAP Grade 4; Multicultural Event all 2 nd Grade, 9:45a – 10:15a in cafeteria & 10:20a – 10:45a 2 nd Grade Wing	

