

## Important Dates:

Tuesday, March 2nd - Dr. Seuss Day and the 100th Day of School

Wednesday, March 3rd - Family Night (see below)

March 12th - Picture Day

March 15th - 19th Spring Break

## Happening Wednesday Night:

Conversation #4 - Parent Night for In Person Students - All in person students will be bringing home their school computer along with a sheet for you to sign on Wednesday, March 3rd. Please watch our Parent Night video on your student's computer at a time that works best for you that night. Links will be sent to you through your email and Seesaw on Wednesday. After viewing the video, please sign the sheet ***and*** return both the computer and sheet with your student the next day (Thursday, March 4th). Thank you for your continued support!!

## Deadline Approaching: Open Enrollment

Do you know a family outside of CRCSD who would be interested in continuing virtual learning next school year through the Cedar Rapids Virtual Academy? Or joining one of our five magnet schools? Let them know that they need to complete the open enrollment paperwork by **Monday, March 1!**

Learn more about the district [magnet schools here](#) and [CRVA here](#).

## **BIS News & Updates (from Miss Dvorak & the PBIS team)**

Hello, VB families! Happy March! Another wonderful week of weather is on the way. The forecast looks promising with plenty of warmth and sunshine for all to enjoy. YAY! Below are a few updates to pass along from the PBIS team. Thank you for your continued support.

### **The Heart of PBIS**

PBIS calls on teachers to teach kids about behavior, just as they would teach about any other subject, like Reading or Math. Our PBIS program recognizes that students can only meet behavior expectations if they know what the expectations are. An indicator of a school using PBIS is that everyone knows what appropriate behavior is. Throughout the school day, in class, at lunch, in the restroom, and on the bus, our Chargers understand what is expected of them. At Van Buren, we believe that every child can learn proper behavior, That is why our PBIS program supports the success of all students. Go Chargers!

### **Be the One Expectations**

Please continue to review our school-wide **Be the ONE** expectations below with your child and talk about them together. Thank you!

- **Take Ownership**
- **Make No Excuses**
- **Give Your Best Effort**

### **Golden Chargers**

Our students continue to shine and Be the One. Every week, students who go above and beyond are nominated by teachers and staff members to be recipients of our Golden Charger Award. Students are recognized by Mrs. Evans on our Friday morning school-wide Google Meet. Students also receive a Golden Charger award certificate and sticker, along with a special award from Mrs. Evans. They also get their picture taken. They are then spotlighted on social media and their picture is also placed on a golden star that can be seen in the front entrance of our school. Check out the Van Buren Facebook page to see who our latest Golden

Chargers are! Congratulations to all of our Golden Chargers that have been awarded so far this

year. Keep shining! 

### March Ticket Goal and Celebration

Chargers again exceeded the ticket goal for February by earning well over the 14,000 ticket goal. We ended up with well over 15,000 tickets for the month, which was enough to have our school-wide Game Day last Friday. All classrooms spent some time playing a variety of fun, engaging games. It was a great day to celebrate student success at Van Buren!

The PBIS team met last week and determined our ticket goal for **March**. With Spring Break a few weeks away, we will have one less week of instruction this month, so we have set a goal of **10,000** tickets for March. Our team has not yet determined what the celebration will be, but we have narrowed down the options. We will announce the March school-wide celebration to staff and students this week. More information will be included in next week's parent email, so be on the lookout for this news. Until then, have a Charger-rific week!

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