

Hello Van Buren Families!

Friendship Parties for In Person Students:

Please make sure Valentines are to school no later than Thursday (February 11th) morning. If possible, send your child to school with a snack to enjoy during their class' Friendship Celebration on Friday, February 12th.

Boundary Study:

The new site at Coolidge will open in August of 2021, and the new site at Jackson will open in August of 2022, at which time Truman Elementary will be repurposed and new boundaries for these neighboring schools will be implemented. In addition, two other neighboring elementary schools, Hoover and **Van Buren**, also need to be considered in the boundary process. We are inviting more community input on this boundary study.

If you would like to provide feedback and were unable to attend the community sessions, please [watch the recorded community session](#) and [complete the feedback survey](#). We will also host another [virtual Question and Answer session](#) on February 17th at 6:00 p.m. All feedback surveys are due by February 19th at 5:00 p.m.

Spring Parent Teacher Conferences:

With the late start of the school year, spring conferences will take place on April 6th and April 13th virtually this year. Teachers will be in touch closer to the date to schedule specific times.

Time to Register for Preschool and Kindergarten for the 2020 - 2021 school Year:

Please use this [LINK](#) to access more information about enrolling in preschool or kindergarten .

Join a Six Week Girl Scouts Virtual Program!

This FREE program is for girls not already participating in a traditional Girl Scout setting. All materials for the full six week program will be provided to every girl that signs up. Click on this [LINK](#) for more information.

PBIS News & Updates (from Miss Dvorak & the PBIS team)

Hello, VB families! What a week! Old Man Winter has not been very good to us lately. As we gear up for an extremely cold week ahead, we hope this message finds you all keeping warm and doing well. Below are a few updates to pass along from the PBIS team. Thank you for your continued support of our school. Together, we can work to accomplish great things for our students!

PBIS and Positive Feedback

PBIS is an important way of life at Van Buren Elementary School. We want to continue encouraging students to take ownership, make no excuses, and give their best effort by providing them with positive feedback. The feedback needs to be specific so students know what the desired behavior is and they will repeat the action in the future. Below are some examples of phrases to use when giving your child positive feedback at home. Adults modeling use of them with other adults is helpful too. Give them a try!

I noticed...

Thank you for...

I appreciate how you...

You took ownership by...

You made no excuses when...

You gave your best effort by...

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**

February Ticket Goal and Celebration

Our Chargers are well on their way to reaching the **14,000** ticket goal for this month, as they have earned over 4,000 tickets already! The school-wide celebration for February is a **Stop, Drop, & Play Games** day to be held on **Friday, Feb, 26th**. More details coming soon about this celebration, so stay tuned. Until then, bundle up to stay warm and healthy this week! Keep Chargin' on!

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