

Van Buren Families:

Temperatures look like they will be perfect this week for outdoor recess. Please remember to send your child with boots and snow pants if they would like to play in the snow.

Report Cards and FAST Letters:

All Report Cards are now accessible to parents and families through Infinite Campus. Here is a video on how to access your child's report card:

[Report Card Video](#)

Additionally, if you'd like to see how your student is progressing in their literacy on the FAST Screener, please use this video to learn how!

[Fast Data Video](#)

If a printed copy is preferred, please contact the main office at 558-2377.

If you haven't been on Infinite Campus as a parent, you must have an account set up through Parent Portal: This is called E-Verification.

Log into your [Parent Portal](#) to check that your information is correct. AND, please check to make sure you have all your preferences selected for receiving communications - email, text and phone. If you don't know your parent portal login information, email registration@crschools.us.

[Click here for a video that helps you walk through the process.](#) During annual verification, you can also complete release agreements for your students. These include agreeing to your student's computing device, giving consent for field trips, and other important items.

Please Save the Date: March 12th is Spring Picture Day for Van Buren!

More information will be coming closer to the date.

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

Hello, VB families! We hope you all had a wonderful, wintery week! As we step into the month of February, may happiness, peace, good health, and love continue to surround you and your family. Below are a few updates to pass along from the PBIS team. Thank you for your continued support.

PBIS and Parental Involvement

Parental involvement with PBIS can take many forms, including providing a safe and supportive environment for students, modeling positive behaviors and values in the home, and providing educational opportunities and help to students. Below are some ways parents can help their children and school with PBIS.

- Teach and discuss the school's expectations and rules, and why they are important both in school and at home.
- Provide positive reinforcement at home, including rewarding good choices through praise or quality time.
- Monitor your child's homework, work completion, grades, & attendance.
- Ask questions about how you can best help your child.
- Implement other PBIS ideas into your home life, such as consistent expectations and behavior support plans.

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**

Acknowledgements and Celebrations

The students only needed 37 Charger tickets last week to meet our 12,000 ticket goal for January and they ended up earning over 2,000 tickets to have the Glow Party celebration last Friday. Our Chargers are AMAZING!!! Every class enjoyed some time in the gym to dance-along to music and videos, while enjoying the glow and bright, neon colored objects and decorations that the black lights illuminated. It was visually spectacular. A lot of fun was had by all! Way to shine and "glow", Chargers!

PBIS team members completed an online survey last week to determine our new ticket goal and celebration for the month of **February**. The results favored **14,000** tickets being our new goal for the month and the winning celebration will be a **Stop, Drop, & Play Games** day on **Friday, Feb, 26th**. The PBIS team will meet next week to finalize the details of this celebration. We will provide you with more info in the coming weeks. Until then, have a fabulous first week of February! Stay safe and healthy too!

Notes from Ms. Knabe

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How is your child behaving at home? Are you having difficulty getting your kiddo to bed or getting her up in the morning? I have found that charts can be unbelievably helpful. One site I encourage you to check out is [Free Behavior Charts](#). There are free, printable charts in many different themes that will interest most elementary students (i.e. super heroes, NFL, animals, popular TV shows, sports, book characters, video games, etc.) Parents have used these for chores or even for basic house rules such as "follow directions the first time" or "be kind to your sister." Kids are often very motivated by stickers or simple smiley faces.

If you are wanting to use a point system (which tends to work better with older elementary or middle school students) consider checking out the [kid pointz](#) website which offers a variety of free, printable themed charts.

Do you have trouble getting your child to bed or waking up in the morning? Kids often respond well to a set routine. Using a [morning or evening routine chart](#) can help your kiddo be responsible for himself and get out of bed and off to school on time.

1-2-3 Magic

Another strategy to consider, if you are having behavioral issues at home or in other settings, is *1-2-3 Magic*. Over the years, many parents I have worked with have found great success in this simple, but yet highly effective strategy. This strategy works with kids ages 2-12. Basically, it empowers the parents and walks one through many situations (such as a melt down in Walmart; being physically aggressive; whining). We have several DVD's (which can be viewed in Spanish or English) in the Van Buren Library. Also, there are several editions of *1-2-3 Magic:Disciplina Efectiva para Ninos de 2 a 12*. Please [email me](#) if you are wanting to borrow one of these fabulous resources. As always, please feel free to email or call me at 319-558-3820 with any concerns you are having for your child. - Katherine Knabe, Van Buren School Counselor.

Have a great week!

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