

Hello Van Buren Families and Staff!

Please click on the link to see the [Covid Reporting Letter](#).

No School Monday, January 25th - If you are returning to in person learning, you can expect your new teacher to reach out to introduce themselves and answer any questions you have before starting on Wednesday.

No School, Tuesday, January 26th

Virtual Material Pick Up begins on Wednesday, January 27th - Friday January from 7am - 9pm. Virtual kindergarten will be getting new devices (swapping Ipads for Chromebooks). These will need to be swapped during the school day (8am - 4pm)

February 12th - Friendship Celebrations for In Person Learners:

We will be able to have our annual friendship celebration on February 12th with a few modifications this year. Students will still be able to exchange Valentines, however they will need to be at school by February 11th so they can sit for 24 hours before being touched by other students. Extra treats that may be attached to the Valentine will be sent home for parents to decide if they want their student eating something brought from another home. Lastly, students are encouraged to bring a small snack from home to enjoy during this time.

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

Hello, VB families! We hope you all had a terrific week! Below are a few updates to pass along from the PBIS team. Thank you for your continued support.

### **PBIS - Tier One**

PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention Support) uses a three-tier approach: Tiers 1, 2, and 3. It's a system used at Van Buren that supports your children by teaching them appropriate behaviors in school, and recognizes them for following expectations. The bulk of PBIS supports fall within Tier 1. Our PBIS team began the year at Tier 1 by creating behavior expectations that outline the positive behaviors we wanted to establish school-wide. Our expectations have been implemented and continue to be highlighted and reviewed at school on a daily basis. When students struggle with making good choices, our staff implements strategies that support students and allow them to learn effective behavior.

Did you know that approximately 80% of students never need to move beyond Tier 1 in interventions and support?

Characteristics of Tier 1 – *Universal or Primary Prevention*:

- School-wide
- For all students, staff members, and settings
- Designed to reduce problem behaviors
- Increases instructional time

### **Be the One Expectations**

Ask your child about our school-wide **Be the ONE** expectations and learn what they are too, so that you can talk about them together.

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

### **January Ticket Goal and Celebration**

Our Chargers are AMAZING and so close to reaching our **12,000** ticket goal! Our current count stands at **11,089** tickets! Students earned an incredible 4,000 tickets last week and they did so in four school days! WOW!!! With no school tomorrow or Tuesday, students will only have three days to earn tickets and reach the goal. We believe in our Chargers and know that they will work hard and do their part this week to reach 12,000 tickets. As a result, we are moving forward with our school-wide celebration plans on Friday, Jan. 29th. Even though it's a short week, please continue to encourage your child to follow all expectations while at school. Thank you!

Below are the details of our Glow Party Celebration this Friday. We are looking forward to this special celebration, as it will be visually spectacular and fun for all!

- **Friday, Jan. 29th** is designated as an all-school **Wear White or Fluorescent Colors Day**, to help bring out our "glow". Students and staff are encouraged to wear the colors white or any fluorescent (neon) colors such as green, pink, yellow, and orange.
- Each class will spend 20 minutes in the gym, watching dance-along videos to engaging music, while enjoying the "glowy" scene.
- Students will receive "glow" bracelets and necklaces from their teachers to wear while they are in the gym.
- Blacklights and decorations will be set up in the gym to go along with our "glow" theme.

The PBIS team will be meeting in the coming weeks to set our **February** ticket goal and celebration. We will keep you updated about the new goal and celebration, once they have been determined. Until then, have a wonderful week! Stay safe and healthy too!

Please reach out with any questions or concerns.

Have a great evening!

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