

WELCOME TO PARENT ORIENTATION

4th Grade 2018-2019

**MAKE SURE
TO FOLLOW
VVE ON**

- Facebook
- Instagram

Look on the VVE
website to see the
school calendar.



**THROW
KINDNESS
LIKE
CONFETTI...**

DAILY SCHEDULE

7:40-8:00 Class Meeting

8:00-10:00 Rotation 1 (Math/Science or Language Arts/Social Studies)

10:00-12:00 Rotation 2 Math/Science or Language Arts/Social Studies)

12:00-12:35 Recess

12:35-1:00 Lunch

1:00-1:50 Specials (Music, Art, PE

1:55-2:50 FIT

TEKS Texas ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE and SKILLS

Available on the web at

http://www.tea.state.tx.us/teks/grade/Fourth_grade.pdf

WHAT WILL MY CHILD LEARN THIS YEAR IN LANGUAGE ARTS?

Reader's Workshop

- Fluency
- Poetry
- Vocabulary
- Comprehension
- Literary Response
- Analyze Text

Writer's Workshop

- Personal Narrative
- Expository/Persuasive
- Scientific Spelling
- Grammar/Usage
- Poetry
- Inquiry/Research

WHAT WILL MY CHILD Learn THIS year in MATH?

- Problem Solving
- Geometry
- Place Value
- Measurement
- Fractions
- Organizing Data
- Four Operations
- Graphing
- Estimation
- Time
- Patterns
- Financial Literacy
- Relationships

WHAT WILL my CHILD Learn THIS year in science?

- Lab Safety
- Scientific Method
- Science Tools
- Energy and Electromagnetism
- Water and Landforms
- Environments

WHAT WILL my CHILD Learn THIS year in SOCIAL STUDIES?

Focus – Texas

Native Americans

European Colonization

Texas Revolution

Texas in the 19th Century

Texas Geography

STAAR

State of Texas Assessment of
Academic Readiness

Based on state TEKS

4th grade STAAR tests:

Writing: **April 9th**

Math: **May 13th**

Reading: **May 14th**

FIT

- **F.I.T. (focused instruction time) is provided in all EISD Elementary Schools**
- **F.I.T. is when Tier II kicks in!**
- **F.I.T. is a specific 55 minute time period at each grade level.**
- **Tier II includes GT, ELL (English Language Learners), dyslexia specialists, reading and math specialists. Students receiving these services will leave class during F.I.T. time.**
- **We tell the students to think of F.I.T. (Focused Instruction Time) as the time of day when we get our brains in better shape through focused instruction in smaller groups.**
- **Everyone gets F.I.T. at the same time each day. While Tier II students go to Tier II teachers, those remaining in class will get F.I.T. with their homeroom teacher. Everyone will be focused on small group, tailored instruction during F.I.T. time.**

IMPORTANT THINGS

HEALTH

- Please ensure that your child comes to school healthy everyday. We are already illnesses in our classrooms. Children need to be fever free for 24 hours before they return to school.
- Deodorant is a beautiful (and necessary) thing in 4th grade!

ARRIVAL

- Please ensure your child arrives at school by **7:30am.**

LUNCH

- Lunch 12:35-1:00
- You're welcome to join us!
- Lunch money may be brought any day of the week. Please put in office by 8:00 am each morning.
- Student lunch \$3.10 Adult lunch \$3.85.
- As always, eat breakfast, bring a light **healthy snack,** and a water bottle.

JOIN US FOR LUNCH

- We welcome parents to come for lunch and enjoy your child's company and to assist by modeling and enforcing positive behavior in the cafeteria.
- You are welcome to sit with your child at his/her table.
- If you move with your child to find more space, please do not invite others to join you.



Homework ASSIGNMENTS

- Homework assignments can be found on individual teacher's website.
- Be sure to look on Math/Science teacher's **and** Language Arts/Social Studies teacher's websites.
- Usually Math homework every night (20 min), and nightly reading of 20 minutes or more. Occasionally Language Arts or Social Studies.
- Math homework is due the next day; other assignments will say due date.

Homework TIPS

- Set aside a specific time to eliminate procrastination
- Designate a quiet place to work
- Invite a study buddy to do homework together
- Check for quality and completeness
- Contact me if assignments are causing anxiety
- Homework should be thought of as a positive extension of the classroom

THURSDAY FOLDER

- Graded papers
- District and campus handouts

4TH GRADE FIELD TRIP

- Texas Coastal Exploration (TCE)
 - May 24, 2019 and cost to be determined
- Nutcracker Spectacular
- Science field trip to be determined

TRANSPORTATION

- Establish a weekly routine and stick to it.
- Please make sure you discuss the transportation change with your child before sending them to school.
- Please make sure the SMART tag is attached to the backpack.
- The cut off time to make changes in the SMART tag system is 1:50.

VVE Treat POLICY

- There are 2 specific days during the school year when treats are permitted (actually encouraged) on campus: December 21 and February 14.
- We ask that parents do not send ANY treats (edible or tangible) on any other day of the school year.

BIRTHDAYS are SUPER SWEET, EVEN WITHOUT "TREATS"

- We LOVE birthdays and strive to make each child feel recognized and very special on his/her birthday.
- Student birthdays are announced daily during morning announcements (summer birthdays are announced the last week of school).
- Each grade level recognizes birthdays (even summer birthdays) in their own special way. (pencils, lunch buddy pass, special privileges, etc...).

BIRTHDAYS CONTINUED...

- You are welcome to bring your child a **birthday lunch.** (Leave balloons, cookie bouquets, cupcakes, cookie cake, pizza for the class and so forth...at home)
- Birthday invitations must include every child in the class OR all the boys OR all the girls. If your child prefers a smaller party or wants to include all the students from other classes, please mail the invitations

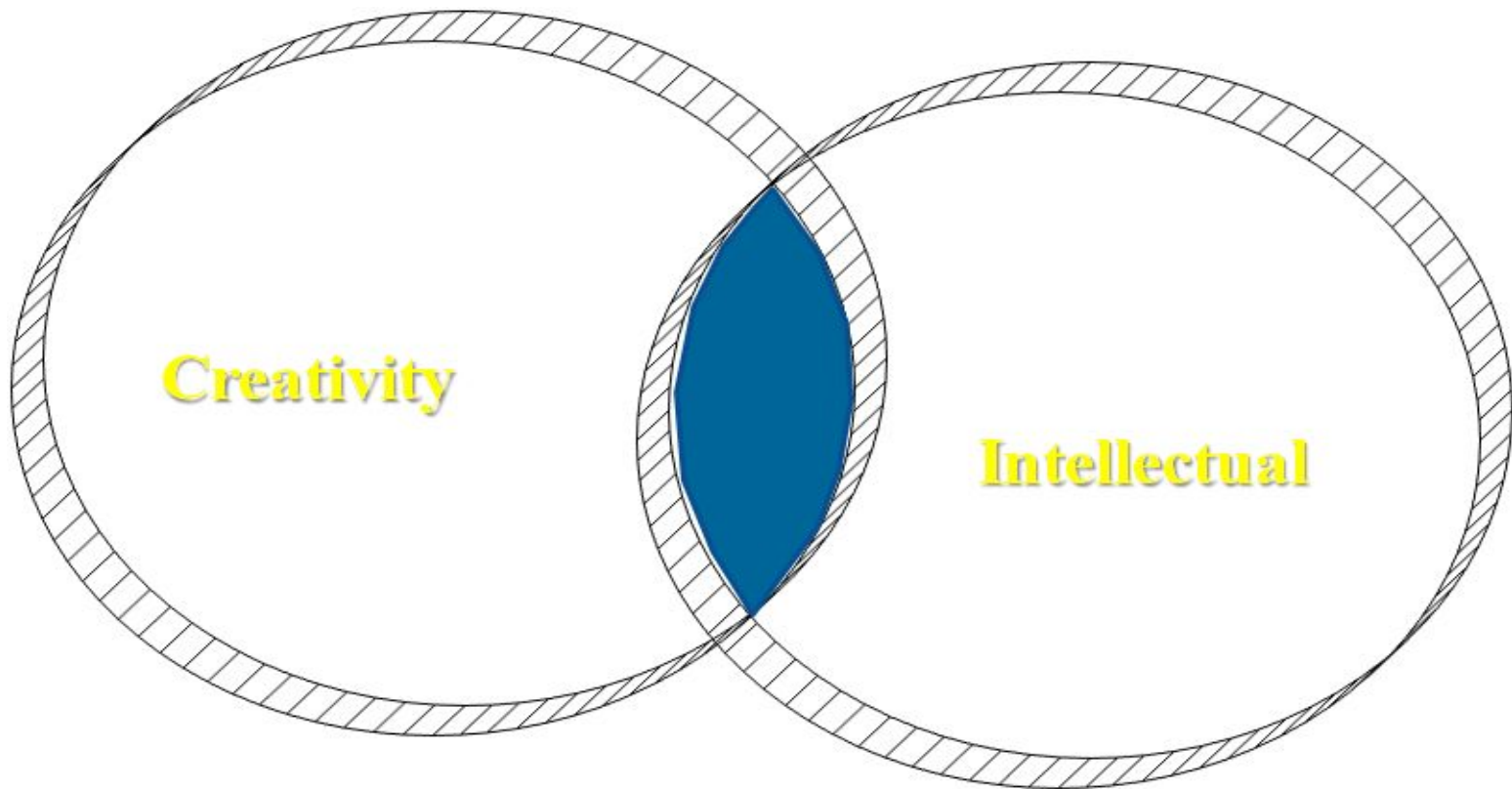
LOCKERS

- Lockers are school property and used to hold students' backpacks, books, and school supplies.
- We do not permit students to decorate lockers at VVE. That's a treat reserved for middle school.

STAY INVOLVED

- Join the VV Booster Club
- Volunteer in the school (join the Cardinal Crew)
- Consider becoming involved with the Eanes Education Foundation

GIFTED and TALENTED in Eanes ISD



NEW GT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

- Ability test given on SATURDAY, September 8
- Creativity portfolio assessments will be administered during the first 3 weeks of school
- No home project

If you are interested in having your child assessed for the Valley View Gifted and Talented program, please check out vvenabell.weebly.com for more specific details.

→ **Be aware that online Consent for Assessment must be complete by August 31.**

VALLEY VIEW ELEMENTARY BOOSTER CLUB

www.vveboosterclub.com

 Valley View Booster Club

The VVE Booster Club is an organization of parent volunteers that helps to "boost" our school through the funding of activities, special supplies and programs, and anything that will make our school a better place for our children and teachers. We also facilitate communication between parents and faculty for the benefit of everyone at Valley View.



Register on the Booster Club website for the School Directory at www.vveboosterclub.com! This is the place to find everything you need to get ready for the 2018-2019 school year including:

- School Directory
- Volunteer Opportunities
- School Events
- Cardinal Fund donations

GET! INVOLVED!

Join our **Cardinal Crew!** Sign up for volunteer opportunities and view a list of volunteer options on our website. There is something for every interest level, specific skill set, and/or time commitment! Or just let us know that you're interested in getting involved and joining our community of amazing parents, and we can let you know about opportunities as they arise! Our goal is to enrich the environment for our children, families and community, and we have over 25 committees supporting this endeavor. It takes many volunteers to make that happen!



Contribute a tax deductible donation to our **Cardinal Fund** - a "no hassle" fundraiser that covers the cost of all the things the Booster Club provides for Valley View. All money raised through our Cardinal Fund is dedicated to the Valley View campus. The Cardinal Fund funds the following and much more:

- Field trips
- Booster Club sponsored Events such as:
 - Carnival
 - Dollar Raffle Days
 - Cardinal Fest
 - Family Bingo Night
- Staff Appreciation & Gifting
- Science/STEAM Day

VVE BOOSTER CLUB INVITES
ALL PARENTS FOR A

BACK TO SCHOOL COFFEE

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH
VVE CAFETERIA

8:30 AM - COFFEE

**9AM - PRESENTATION BY
CARL HOOKER**

TOPIC: "THE NEW NORMAL- PARENTING IN THE 21ST
CENTURY AND PREPARING OUR KIDS FOR AN
UNPREDICTABLE FUTURE --"

**CARL HOOKER IS THE DIRECTOR OF INNOVATION
& DIGITAL LEARNING FOR EANES ISD
[HTTP://HOOKEDONINNOVATION.COM](http://hookedoninnovation.com)**



The **CARDINAL FUND** covers the cost of all these supplies, programs and activities for our school, staff and students!



VALLEY VIEW BOOSTER CLUB BUDGET 2018-2019		
	Proposed	remarks
Field Trips	\$ 15,000.00	Supports all grade level and art program field trip admissions, fuel, buses, drivers
Staff Gifting	\$ 11,000.00	Gifting to all staff at Winter Break and End of Year
Staff Appreciation	\$ 7,500.00	Staff Appreciation lunches, gifts and support, including CDC staff
Staff Development	\$ 7,500.00	Supports Staff training and conferences
Science/STEAM Day	\$ 6,500.00	Supports Science/STEAM Day supplies and presentations
AR Program Support	\$ 5,000.00	AR reading and comprehension program support
Classroom start up / refresh	\$ 6,625.00	Booster Club funded teacher/custodial start up help for the school year
Cardinal Fest	\$ 3,500.00	End of Year Event for all grade levels
Admin Support	\$ 2,500.00	Support for front office needs
Weekly Readers/Publications	\$ 2,500.00	Weekly take home readers for classrooms - annual subscriptions
Credit Card Fees	\$ 2,500.00	Fees charged to process credit card sales and donations received
International Day	\$ 3,000.00	Supplies and presentations for International Day
Courage to stand	\$ 2,000.00	Support for Anti-Bullying Presentations
Science Supplies	\$ 1,500.00	Supplies for all science labs throughout year - recount /re-order at the end of year
Operating Expenses-Supplies	\$ 1,100.00	Booster Club Office supplies: postage, printing, paper, etc
Rockets (5th)	\$ 1,350.00	Supplies for the 5th Grade end of year rocket launch
Board Discretionary Fund	\$ 1,000.00	Emergency fund for additional campus support
STEM Scopes	\$ 1,000.00	STEM focused curriculum support
Career Day	\$ 300.00	Career Day presentations for 4th & 5th Grade (Birds and Bees)
Annual Tax Prep	\$ 800.00	Annual Tax preparation fee
Scholarship Fund	\$ 800.00	Support for families needing Scholarships for 4th/5th Grade field trips
ART Sketchbooks	\$ 800.00	Sketchbooks required for Art
Website Fee	\$ 600.00	Booster Club website hosting fees, annual
Insurance	\$ 600.00	Annual fee for Booster Club Liability Insurance
Handyman	\$ 500.00	Small repairs as needed
Landscape/track	\$ 500.00	Resurfacing and cleaning track, annual
Supplies/materials	\$ 500.00	Provides paper Supplies etc for Holiday Parties for all grade levels
WHS Project Graduation	\$ 500.00	Support for community High School Project Graduation
PE Supplies	\$ 400.00	P.E. supplies/replacements
Nurse Supplies	\$ 400.00	Supports nurse's office needs
Family Sock Hop / Movie Night	\$ 200.00	Decorations and snacks for Sock Hop event for all grade levels
Hospitality	\$ 300.00	Supplies needed for Meet the Teacher / Back to School / General Booster Club Meetings
Bluebonnet Awards	\$ 300.00	Support for library 5th Grade Bluebonnet Reading Challenge
Popcorn	\$ 300.00	Maintenance and supplies for monthly Popcorn Fridays for whole school
Bank Charges	\$ 50.00	Standard Bank Fees or charges
Marquee Maintenance	\$ 50.00	Maintenance and supplies for marquee in front of school
	\$ 88,975.00	

DONATE TODAY!

Suggested Donation Amount: \$250 per Family

Eanes Education Fund

VVE's 2017-18 EEF funded teachers:

Julie Carmona-ESL Teacher

Rebekah Harrell- Dyslexia Teacher

Ramona Wilson-Nurse

Jennifer White-Campus Teaching Assistant

https://www.dropbox.com/s/e19v1r0wdf5mhaf/EEF%20-%20You%20Were%20My%20Teacher%20-%20081617_V2.mp4?dl=0

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