4-05-2024 Update

SPRING PLAY

Our Drama Club and the PTO proudly present “Back to the 80’s” on April 13th and 14th. An added option is a dinner on Saturday and Tea Party on Sunday. Don’t wait! Make your dinner and tea party reservations now! Details & QR Code to reserve

SPRING PLANT SALE

The Valley Falls Horticulture Class is holding their annual Spring Plant Sale from April 17-19 from 4:30-7:30 pm at the VFHS Greenhouse. Click here for details.

2024 USD 338 DRIVER’S EDUCATION

There will be a driver's education parent information meeting held on Wednesday, April 10th at 6:00 pm in the USD #338 Band Room. You may enter through the north band room doors. Students who wish to enroll in driver’s education must be a minimum of 14 years old prior to the course start date. The cost to take driver’s education is $250 and must be paid in full by May 15, 2024. If you would like your student(s) to take driver’s education, please contact the VFHS office at (785)945-3229 and attend the parent informational meeting on April 10, 2024.

SPRING SPORTS UNDERWAY





PROM

VFHS Prom will be held on April 20th from 8:00-11:00 pm, followed by After-Prom. Red Carpet begins at 7:30 pm. There are lots of people involved in the planning of this annual event, so be sure to thank them for their efforts.



PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UPS

Preschool Round-Up-If you have a child who is going to be four years old on or before August 31, and would like them to participate in our Preschool program, please contact Becky in our Elementary office at becky.nickelson@vfalls338.com.

Kindergarten Round-Up will be held April 29 & 30. If you have a child not currently in the Valley Falls Preschool program who will be in Kindergarten next year, please contact Becky in our Elementary office at becky.nickelson@vfalls338.com.

Cookout: We will have an all school cookout during lunch on Friday, April 12, with hamburgers from our local producer, Toni and Randy Reeves. This is through the Local Food for Schools Grant that provides meat for our district that has been locally produced.

BOE Minutes from 3/26/24

PK-8 YEARBOOK ORDERS

It's time to order elementary yearbooks! Orders are due May 16th. Softcover yearbooks are $20.00/each. Click here for order form and details.

HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK ORDERS

VFHS yearbooks are now on sale. Cost is $60. If you would like to add personalization to your yearbook, it is an extra $10 for a total of $70. All high school yearbooks need to be ordered and paid for by April 15, 2024. For more information, contact Brenda Lloyd at brenda.lloyd@vfalls338.com

DRAGON PRIDE

Following are the students who have earned K-5 Dragon PRIDE (**P**ositive attitude, **R**espect, **I**ntegrity, **D**etermination and **E**xcellence) awards: **Rowdy Wistuba, Harper Watson, Breckyn O'Neil, Naraia Brown, Mackenzie Stevens, Mac Tyler, Jovie Heinen, Jocelin Thomas, Rylan Cook, Reagan Morley, and Aubree Bundee.** The recipients should be bringing home the certificates for you to see. **Congratulations!!!**

School Counseling Link

Counseling Connection - check out the link on our website. A shout out to our Mental Health team of Stacy Cervantez, Ellen Guess, and Liz Jones for setting up this page that has a lot of resources in one place.

Online Safety Information for Parents

Electronic_Device_Agreement.v3.pdf

Parents Guide to Instagram.pdf

Parents Guide to Smart Phone Safety.pdf

Parents-Guide-to-TikTok.pdf

Protecting_Your_Kids_Online_2_0_EN.pdf

Thorn For Parents -Infographic.pdf

24 Apps parents need to know about.pdf

SAVE THE DATE!

Dragon Family, please mark your calendar for April 24, 2024 at 6:00pm. On this date and time we will have a **Health/Wellness Night and Ribbon Cutting Open House for our Track and Multi-Purpose Room**. More details as we get closer to the date. This will be an evening of fun and movement for the whole family!

Dolly Parton Imagination Library

All Kansas children ages 0-5 are eligible to enroll and participate in The Dolly Parton Imagination Library of Kansas. Simply click HERE to enroll your child in the program to receive a free, age-appropriate book every month in the mail until your child's 5th birthday. FLIER with information.

Weekly Activities

April 5	Pre-K Field Trip
April 8	State FCCLA Contest for MS & HS
	MS Track @ Atchison @ 3:30 pm
	Board of Education Meeting @ 6:30 pm
April 9	State FCCLA Contest for MS & HS
	MS Track @ JCN
April 10	Driver's Ed Parent Mtg. in Band Room @ 6:00 pm
April 11	Baseball/Softball @ HOME vs ACCHS @ 4:30 pm
April 12	HS Track @ West Franklin (Pomona)
	JV Baseball/Softball @ ACCHS w/JCN
April 13	HS Choir & Band Regional Solos & Small Ensembles
April 13-14	HS Play in East Gym (see details in article above)

Breakfast and Lunch Menu



Supporting Your Child

Managing Difficult Behaviors (Part 2 of 2)

AFTER the Behavior Occurs

- Actively ignore. Kids value any kind of attention from the important adults in their lives. When possible (not for aggressive or dangerous behavior) withdraw attention (including criticizing or raising voices) when a child starts to misbehave. Immediately give positive attention as soon as you see the misbehavior stop.

- Notice the child "being good" and reinforce by giving specific praise. For example, "Good job picking up your toys when I said it's time to clean up."

- Give consequences immediately and consistently. Natural consequences or ones linked to the behavior are helpful. They'll be more likely to link their behavior to the consequence. This includes positive rewards/attention for positive behaviors.

- Avoid overreacting. In the moment, it can be hard not to overreact, but a consequence that is extreme can backfire and cause kids to give up trying or be demoralizing.

from Child Mind Institute (childmind.org)