



MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER



We would like to thank all of the families who participated in our **Kid City Family Night**. Kid City opened their doors to us for free so all money raised benefits VGNS. We had about 170 people (40 families) and raised \$600 for our school! This was also a great opportunity for families to spend time together outside of VGNS and many expressed enthusiasm throughout the evening, hoping we will continue to offer this event again in the future. We would like to offer a special thank you to Matt Niland, Mrs. Niland's husband, for putting in extra hours after a long day so that we could hold this event. We are so thankful to Matt and everyone at Kidcity.



17TH ANNUAL VGNS DANCE

Tuesday, May 21st
6:30 to 8:00

It is once again time to begin planning our end of the year dance. This is a wonderful event that offers families a time to get together and socialize. The dance is organized by the parents. There will be sign-ups for decoration and refreshment committees. An email with details will be sent home in April.



LITERACY KITS

Winter is a great time to sign out one of our Literacy Kits, located in the school office. Parents are invited to visit the library *any time* during school hours. When returning kits, please place them in the marked basket, also in the office. Each kit needs to be inspected for repairs before it can be placed back on the shelf for another family to sign it out.



OH WHERE
OH WHERE
DID THOSE
PESKY GERMS
GO?



You never know!

Please continue to work with your child to cover coughs/sneezes, use tissues, and wash hands often.

Open-Door Policy

At VGNS, we encourage parents to come and visit in the classroom whenever they are able. Parents are welcome to read a favorite story, share a hobby, do an activity, or just visit the classroom. If you are interested or have questions please talk with your child's teacher to set up a time. The kids love it!

A HUGE Thank You to Plantsville Community Nursery School!

We were sad when we heard the news last year that the longest running nursery school in town was closing their doors. We were lucky enough to buy many wonderful materials for our new classroom AND gain an extraordinary teacher, Mrs. Girardin, who taught there for 20 years! Right before our holiday break, the past two former directors from PCNS presented VGNS with a check for nearly \$600! The money that remained in their account was gifted to our school. We are incredibly thankful for their thoughtfulness and generosity. The school is still thinking how to best use the donation.

THREE YEAR OLD CLASS

Color of the month



Green

We encourage the children to wear green on March 12th.



BOOK SKILLS

An important skill for reading readiness and developing early learning reading skills is becoming familiar and comfortable using a book properly, such as holding the book and turning pages one at a time. This is a learned skill. We have been working on this in class during independent reading, but we encourage families to continue modeling and providing a variety of opportunities for children to explore and become familiar with books. At Bedtime Story Time we handed out information and suggestions for developing literacy skills. If you would like a copy please email the school.

GOOP AND GOO



On March 5th and 7th we will have a fun sensory theme called Goop and Goo. The name says it all- it's a messy week....

- Please dress for mess!!!
- Short sleeves are helpful
- Ponytails for long hair recommended



Volunteers are needed on Tuesday and Thursday to help with the messy activities. Please check the volunteer board for more details.

Critter Caravan

On Tuesday, March 19th the children will be entertained by some furry, prickly, scaly critters. This program will provide a hand's on presentation of small animals for the children to touch, hold and learn interesting facts. This program is made possible with funds raised during the year.

Animals on Parade!



As part of our Animal theme children will be comparing different types of animals: fur, feathers, or scales? How many legs? Where do they live?, etc. **On Thursday, March 28th, please bring in a stuffed animal** to share with the class. We encourage children to **bring in unusual stuffed animals** so we have a variety to discuss.

Conversations with Kids

Logan: Oh no! Look at my hands!!

Teacher: What's wrong?!

Logan: My hands are turning into glitter! I'm turning into the Nutcracker prince!



