



Vail Farm Family Newsletter

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- 1 PTA Holiday & Vendor Fair, 10-3 & PTA Hands on Science, 10-2—Library (must be pre-registered)
- 4 PTA Reflections Ceremony, LMS 6-7
- 5 PTA Meeting, 7 PM VFE Library
- 6 NO School—Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 7 PTA Spirit Wear Day
- 11 ACSD BOE Meeting, VFE 7 PM
- 13 1/2 Day, Students dismiss at 11:30 AM Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 17 GR 5 Winter Concert
- 21 PTA Winter Workshops

Happy Holidays!

The Arlington Central School District mission is to empower all students to be self-directed, lifelong learners, who willingly contribute to their community, and lead passionate, purposeful lives.

VFE is Spreading Kindness

Recently, our Vail Farm Teaching Assistants took on a very important task. They were charged with planning and facilitating our November school meeting! Our teaching assistants chose to focus on the themes of kindness and acceptance for this month as they felt all of our school community could benefit from finding ways to spread a little goodwill and understanding as they go about their days here at Vail Farm. In order to emphasize our students understanding of kindness and acceptance, our Teaching Assistants shared a video of a reading of the book “It’s OK to be Different” by Todd Parr, and then challenged our students to identify ways they can show kindness and acceptance in their own lives.

In addition to our large school meetings, there are several other ways our students can exemplify and be recognized for their kindness, empathy, and responsibility. We have the Vail Farm CARES club available for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders in which students show appreciation of all the different groups at our school such as the main office, custodial staff, teachers, teacher assistants, support service personnel, and many more. They then put those ideas into action to spread kindness and gratitude throughout our school. Students can also be nominated by staff and fellow students for “Being the One”, and they are recognized during our morning announcements as well as photographed with our “Falcon Wings”.

Our staff has also taken on the act of recognizing each other for their own positive contributions to our community. Each month we recognize a new staff member as the Falcon Award Winner, who has been nominated by faculty and staff because they exhibit characteristics of “The One”. This means they showed kindness, compassion, respect, honesty, acceptance, patience and/or leadership. The awarded stuffed falcon then stays in that person’s learning space or working environment until the next assembly when a new staff member will be chosen to receive the award. This practice has helped create a sense of appreciation and compassion within our community. While talking with your child about the school day, don’t forget to ask them about ways they have seen kindness exemplified here at school.

Parking Lot News:

Please take notice of the new exiting lane speed bump that was recently installed in our driveway. Over the past few years staff and parents alike have grown accustomed to occasionally bypassing the single right entry lane speed bump by swerving into the left exiting lane of our driveway. Although this practice may have saved your vehicle’s shocks, it is unsafe and sets a poor example for our young folks who may observe many of us “circumventing” a traffic standard. Please be mindful of this new speed deterrent as you now enter and exit our parking lot.

PTA News

We would like to wish everyone a joyous holiday season!



Holiday Fair

Tuesday, December 4

VFE Main Lobby

3-6 PM

PTA Meeting

Wednesday, December 5 - 7:00 PM

Vail Farm Library

PTA Reflections Ceremony

Tuesday, December 4 @ 6:00 PM

LaGrange Middle School

PTA Spirit Wear Day

Friday, December 7

Wear your Spirit Wear!



PTA Winter Workshops

Friday, December 21

PTA Meeting

Wednesday, January 2—7 PM

VFE Library

Don't forget to bring in your Box Tops!



Vail Farm Student Council News

The Vail Farm Student Council would like to thank everyone who supported our Halloween Candy Drive. We donated 11 copy paper boxes (330 pounds) filled with candy to our troops. Special thanks to The Fishkill Dental Group who shipped all of the candy to our servicemen and women. We would also like to thank everyone who donated to the Hurricane Relief Fund during our spirit week. A donation was made to the Red Cross in North Carolina to help rebuild communities after Hurricanes Florence and Michael.

Student Council members have been busy making thank you cards for our soldiers overseas, as well as fire fighters in California. We are currently collecting new, unwrapped toys to benefit Toys for Tots. Please consider sending in a new toy to make local children in our community have a brighter holiday season. A collection box is located in the school lobby until December 12th. Student Council is also creating cookie trays and holiday crafts for a local Senior Citizen Center.

As always, we are so appreciative of all the support we receive from our Vail Farm families as we strive to make a positive impact on our school and community.

Wishing you all a happy and safe holiday season!

Mrs. Janet Will and Mrs. Erin Killmer

Lost & Found

If your student is missing any items (clothing, lunch box, shoes, etc.), we will be placing all of these unclaimed items in the main lobby the weeks of Dec. 2-6. Please feel free to check it out! We do advise placing your child's name in their belongings as it will make it easier to get items back if lost.

