Hello Everyone,

I hope spring break was enjoyable for you and you were able to enjoy family and friends. This time of year gets us thinking about things coming up between now and the end of the year. Below are two large school wide events:

Thursday, April 17th Events Schedule in the AM, Celebrate The Arts—More info inside the newsletter

Friday, May 9th 6:00 PM, Cultural Festival--Stoner Prairie

Park Lot/Pick-Up Drop Off

I want to give you a few procedural reminders to keep our pick up and drop off process as safe as possible.

Please be extra cautious to look for walkers on and around school grounds. As the weather gets warmer more kids/families walk. It is especially important that you be careful that the sidewalk/driveway entrance.

Please have your kids get out on the passenger side of the car. This is the safest way for them to get out since they will not be near moving traffic.

Please stay in line as you come into the drop off circle; passing cars on the left creates unsafe situations for cars coming into school and leaving school. Once you are into the drop off circle you may go around a parked car on the left, but there should be no more than one lane of cars going on the left.

While you are in the street waiting to come into the parking lot please say in your lane several cars each morning are passing on the left through sitting traffic. This is a very unsafe practice.

Please stay in your car while your kids get out, if you need to get our or walk your student into the school please park in one of the available parking spots.

Mr. Pisani, Principal
Students Arriving Late

If you are dropping your student off late for school, please be sure to accompany them to the office and sign them into school on our office laptop. Thank you for your help with this, it helps us keep accurate attendance.

Staff Appreciation Lunch - Can you help?

The Staff Appreciation lunch will be held on Monday, May 5, from 11:00 – 1:00. This lunch serves as a big THANKS to all the wonderful staff at Stoner Prairie. If you would like to contribute to this event by bringing a dish or helping at the luncheon and you did not sign up to volunteer last fall, please call Angel Lim Meyers 274-7643 or Ann Stitgen 276-7961. If you signed up in the fall, we will be contacting you shortly.

While it would seem that we have everything covered, we still need help to defray the cost of the main course, luncheon wares, teacher and staff prizes. If you can help with a monetary contribution, please send cash or check (made out to Stoner Prairie PTO) and return to school in an envelope marked “PTO Staff Appreciation Lunch”. If you have any questions, please contact Ann or Angel.

Have you moved?

If you move during the school year, please call Ms. Perez in our school office at 845-4206 to notify her of your new address. The Verona Area School District requires 3 forms of proof of residence including a copy of your mortgage or lease and two utility bills indicating your new address.

Moving within the school year does NOT always mean you cannot stay at Stoner Prairie. You may complete a tuition waiver form to continuing attending the current school year.

Reminder from our Technology Coordinator

Did you complete a pink sheet giving parent permission for Use of Online Tools? One was sent home with each student early in March for parents to sign giving permission for their students to use software programs that may collect certain personal information from students under the age of 13. If you haven’t seen this form and need another, please contact the office or your student’s classroom teacher.
To the Parents of 5th Grade Students

As spring approaches so does the excitement and nerves of the coming transition into middle school. In April and May the School Counselor and School Psychologist will be meeting with small groups of 5th grade students who would like the extra chance to talk about the transition into Middle School. These meetings will occur once a week during lunch and will last between 2 and 4 weeks depending on the needs of the group. Students will get the opportunity to self-select to be in these groups, but if you would like to request that your student participates please contact Liz Schlitz at 845-4228 or schlitze@verona.k12.wi.us.

Cyberbullying Presentation for Parents

I am on the board of the Wisconsin Psychological Association and our upcoming conference in April features two presentations on Cyberbullying, with Dr. Justin Patchin, including one that is free and open to the public. I thought your staff, teachers and parents might be interested in this subject.

There is an evening presentation which is open to the public on Friday April 11 and then a full-day conference program on Saturday April 12.

Below is the conference brochure connection. The Cyberbullying description is on Page 8 and the public talk will be on Friday at 6:30 also at the Marriott. 

Don Ferguson, Ph.D.
Infinite Relationships, LLC
951 Kimball Lane, Suite 206
Verona, WI 53593
Science Fair 2014
Related Arts Notes

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you might have regarding our classes.

ART - Jayne Baitinger-Peterson 608-845-4276  Jayne.Baitinger-Peterson@verona.k12.wi.us

PHYSICAL EDUCATION - Jill Thronson  608-845-4248  Jill.Thronson@verona.k12.wi.us

MUSIC - Leanne Stucki 608-845-4279  Leanne.Stucki@verona.k12.wi.us

ART NOTES from Ms. Baitinger-Peterson

Children receive art instruction in the ART room for 60 minutes once per week

Mark your calendars for Thursday, April 17! Our ALL SCHOOL ART SHOW entitled; FIN and FEATHER. The display of K-5 student work will take place as a part of CELEBRATE THE ARTS celebration. The art show will be held in the gym along with their music and dance portions of the program. After the performances you are invited to view the beautiful artwork. Kindergarteners will be displaying their OWLS, First Graders will show off their Eric Carle style FISH COLLAGES. Second graders have been working on some awesome PINK FLAMINGOS in the style of Eric Carle. Third Grade students will have prints of BIRDS IN THEIR ENVIORNMENTS and Fourth and Fifth Graders will show off their JAPANESE FISH KITES called; KOINOBORI. We are all getting prepared and are excited for you to view all of our students creative artwork.

MUSIC NOTES from Ms. Stucki

Children receive Music instruction in the Music room for 30 minutes twice per week, for a total of 60 min. per week

What do I Met A Bear, United We Sing and BA Dancing Zombie have in common? Students are busy preparing these songs for the all-school event “Celebrate the Arts.” A variety of songs will be sung along with kazoos, boomwhackers, recorders and percussion instruments to accompany songs.

You won’t want to miss the “Celebrate the Arts” performance at Stoner Prairie on Thursday, April 17. You’ll be treated to singing, dancing and the Fin and Feather Art Show in the gym. Please mark your calendar to join the students for this event!

8:00-8:50       Grade 2, Grade 3 & PALS 2,3 Performance and Art Show Viewing in the gym
9:00-9:50       Grade 4 and Grade 5 & PALS 4,5 Performance and Art Show Viewing in the gym
10:00-10:50     Kindergarten, Grade 1 & PALS 1 Performance and Art Show Viewing in the gym
PHYSICAL EDUCATION NOTES
from Ms. Thronson

Children receive Physical Education instruction in
the Gym for 30 minutes twice per week, for a total of
60 min. per week

Golf anyone??

Reminder from our Family Handbook

Valuables from Home

Children should have permission from their teacher and parent/guardian to bring toys, pets
and other items of value to school. Approved items must remain in the classroom. As soon
as these items are no longer needed, they should be taken home.
Share what makes your family special at Stoner Prairie’s Festival of Traditions & Heritage
Formerly known as our Culture Celebration
Friday, May 9, 2014
6:00-8:00 PM

PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR CHILD’S TEACHER BY April 19
We would like to share:

☐ Cook a dish  ☐ Demonstrate a craft  ☐ DJ
☐ Read/tell a story  ☐ Perform a dance  ☐ Other
☐ Perform a song  ☐ Teach a game

Explain a little bit about what you are sharing:
__________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

We can help the day of the event (check all that apply)

☐ Set up before  ☐ Help during  ☐ Clean up after

Your Name:  ________________________________________________________________

Email:  ________________________________________________________________

Phone #:  ___________________________ best time to reach you _________________

Child’s Name: _____________________________________________________________

Teacher:  ________________________________________________________________

Ideas, suggestions or questions?
Contact Carese Ehiorobo, parent, at cehiorobo@PaymentServiceNetwork.com or 692-3304
Elizabeth Folberg, teacher, at folberge@verona.k12.wi.us or 845-4209 OR
Susan Freiss, teacher, at freisss@verona.k12.wi.us or 845-4218
A reminder that Smiles 4 Life will be coming out for spring visits to provide oral screenings, cleanings, fluoride applications and sealants for students Pre-K through 12th grade right at school!

**Over 200 students in the District are already participating in this program that really offers something for everyone.** Some students are receiving an extra cleaning and fluoride application in addition to their regular dental care in the community. Others are taking advantage of a very convenient way to keep up with their routine, preventative oral care.

Your child can also benefit from this care. Stop by any school office to complete a simple one page enrollment form or give Smiles 4 Life a call at 262-896-9891. Completed forms should be turned into the school office.

We are proud to be working together to make our school district a pain free zone full of bright smiles!

Smiles 4 Life, Inc. 262-896-9891
Teacher Appreciation Week May 5-9

Show your appreciation with a donation to VAEF.

Why not honor your child’s teacher with a donation to the Verona Area Education Foundation. Have a personalized card sent to the teacher(s) of your choice to thank them for all they do to inspire your child.

The foundation will deliver a card to your special teacher at their school and a receipt to you (upon your request) for your tax-deductible donation. (See card here)

VAEF is committed to encouraging innovative education in Verona Area Schools. We provide grants to teachers and staff for special projects that involve creativity, community ties, and building leadership skills. We are a non-profit organization that exists on donations and volunteer help. For more information on VAEF, visit our facebook page at: http://www.facebook.com/pages/Verona-Area-Education-Foundation/255203714604

Questions? email janasmac@charter.net

Please mail this form along with your check made out to the VERONA AREA EDUCATION FOUNDATION to the following address:

VAEF
c/o Jana Schroeer
304 Military Ridge Drive
Verona, WI 53593

Contribution: __________ $15 __________ $30 __________ $45 __________ $60 __________ Other

In honor of: ____________________________ School in which they work ____________________________

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Thank you!
Fitchburg Public Library Children’s Events

April 10: Storytime for Families @ 6:00 p.m.

Join us for silly stories and fun crafts! Your whole family is welcome!

April 15: Scavenger Hunts 12:00—5:00 p.m.

Try out several different scavenger hunts including a hunt that covers the entire first floor, a hunt of clues, a hidden object, and a prize!

R.E.A.D. to a Dog (sign-up) 5:30—7:00 p.m.

Reading to a dog is a wonderful way to build reading skills and confidence. Independent readers in grades K-5 can sign-up for a 20 minute spot to sit down and read to a registered therapy animal. Call 608-729-1762 or stop by the Youth Services desk.

April 16: Mother Daughter Book Club (grades 3-6) @ 7:00 p.m.

We will be discussing "Everything on a Waffle" by Polly Horvath. Books are available for check-out at the Youth Services desk.

April 17: Duct Tape-o-Rama (ages 6-12) @ 4:00 p.m.

Who doesn't love duct tape? Join us and make duct tape into a wallet, sandals, a pair of glasses, a crown, jewelry, or anything else you may think of! Tape provided.

April 18: DIY Crafts (ages 5+) @ 3:00 p.m.

We'll provide the supplies, bring your imagination and create different craft ideas!

April 25: Plant a Tree! It’s Arbor Day!

Celebrate trees! We'll read a few stories, do a craft, and learn how to plant the sapling that you get to take home! Registration is required and space is limited. Sign-up begins April 1st!

April 26: Kids Movie @ 3:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Friends of Fitchburg Library. All Family Movie Screenings rated G or PG. Call 608-729-1762 for movie title details.

April 30: Celebration of El dia de los ninos/libros

Be part of a national celebration of children, families, and reading. Join us for a storytime, activities, snacks, and information about our new Dia Family Book Club. Diverse books, languages, and cultures will be emphasized and celebrated. All are welcome!

Hours:
Mon-Thurs: 9am-9pm
Fri-Sat: 10am-6pm
Sun: 1pm-5pm
Semana de Agradecimiento al Maestro/a – del 5 al 9 de mayo

Muéstrele su aprecio haciendo una donación a la Fundación Educativa del Área de Verona (VAEF)

¿Por qué no reconocer al maestro de su hijo/a haciendo una donación a la organización Verona Area Education Foundation/VAEF? Envíe una tarjeta personalizada al maestro/a(s) que usted escoja para agradecerle(s) todo lo que hace(n) por inspirar y motivar a su hijo/a.

La Fundación le enviará un recibo (si usted así lo solicita) con el fin de que su donación sea deducible de impuestos y se le mandará una tarjeta al maestro/a especial que haya seleccionado en su respectiva escuela. (Vea la tarjeta aquí)

La Organización VAEF se compromete a promover la innovación educativa en las escuelas del Área de Verona. Nosotros otorgamos subvenciones/fondos a maestros o personal escolar para proyectos especiales de carácter creativo que involucren a la comunidad y permitan desarrollar habilidades de liderazgo.

Somos una organización sin fines de lucro que existe gracias a las donaciones recibidas y a la colaboración de voluntarios. Si desea obtener más información sobre VAEF, visite nuestra página en facebook: http://www.facebook.com/pages/Verona-Area-Education-Foundation/255203714604

¿Preguntas? envíele un correo electrónico a: janasmac@charter.net

Por favor mande este formulario/volante y adúncote el cheque a nombre de VERONA AREA EDUCATION FOUNDATION / VAEF, a la dirección siguiente:

VAEF
c/o Jana Schroeer
304 Military Ridge Drive
Verona, WI 53593

Contribución: $15 $30 $45 $60 Otro

En honor a: Escuela en la que labora: De:

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¡Gracias!
While kids have been bullying each other for generations, the latest generation has been able to use technology to expand both the reach and the extent of the harm they can do. Dr. Justin Patchin will talk about cyberbullying, social networking and sexting, including strategies parents and professionals can use to prevent and respond to inappropriate online behaviors by youth.

Public Talk & Book Signing

Friday, April 11
6:30-7:30 pm
Marriott Madison West
1313 John Q Hammons Drive
Middleton

About the Author

Dr. Justin Patchin is a professor at UW-Eau Claire. For over a decade he has been exploring the intersection of teens and technology, with particular focus on cyberbullying and social networking. He travels around the US and abroad training educators, counselors, law enforcement officers, parents and youth on how to prevent and address the consequences of cyberbullying. He has presented at the White House and the FBI Academy and has appeared on CNN, NPR and in the Washington Post and New York Times.

Dr. Patchin is Co-Director of the Cyberbullying Research Center (www.cyberbullying.us) and has written four books and numerous articles. His co-authored book, Bullying beyond the Schoolyard: Preventing and Responding to Cyberbullying, was named Educator Book of the Year by ForeWord reviews. His new book for teens Words Wound: Delete Cyberbullying and Make Kindness Go Viral was published in December, 2013.