Hello Everyone,

I can’t believe how fast this year has gone and how much I have enjoyed being the principal at Stoner Prairie. I have almost one year under my belt at Stoner Prairie and I can’t wait for next year to begin. Before we start next year I want to thank all the kids, families, and staff for a great year and I want to wish you a happy and healthy summer.

As we start to think of next year, we have to say goodbye to those who will be leaving us. Ms. Page, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Teacher; Ms. Evers, Interpreter and Ms. Thao, ELL teacher are all moving to other buildings in the district.

I also want to wish a special goodbye to all of our 5th grade students, and other families moving over the summer. Please notify the school office if you do not plan to have your student(s) return to Stoner Prairie for next school year.

Our final goodbye is to our fifth grade teacher, Mr. Kufel. Mr. Kufel is retiring after many years of service to Stoner Prairie and I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all of his hard work. We all wish you health and happiness in retirement and say THANK YOU!

Last Day Of School

Reminder: Due to the number of inclement weather days this year, the last day of school will be Thursday, June 12, 2014. School dismissal times on the 12th is as follows:

- Elementary Schools - 12:20 p.m.

Recordatorio: Debido al número de días escolares cancelados por razones del clima, el último día de clases será el jueves, 12 de junio de 2014. El horario de salida está a continuación:

- Escuelas primarias - 12:20 de la tarde

Market Day Sale Dates

- Watch for more dates in the Fall

Upcoming Calendar Dates

Last day of school is Thurs. June 12th. Our dismissal time is 12:20 p.m.

September 2, 2014
Student First Day of School

Watch for online registration information coming early in August to your home mailbox. All registration takes place online.

Student supply lists for 2014-2015 will be posted on our website.
Staff Appreciation

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

This year’s Staff Appreciation Luncheon on May 5 was a successful event! For those of us who were there to witness the fun and feasting, it was evident that a good time was had by all. Whether you assisted with a monetary offering, prepared a food dish, or assisted at the luncheon, thank you so much for your help!! It’s a wonderful way to recognize the teachers and staff at Stoner Prairie.

We hope you keep this celebration in mind for next year when we solicit for volunteers. Thanks again for participating in such a worthwhile event!

Angel Lim Meyers and Ann Stitgen
(PTO Staff Luncheon Committee Co-Chairs)

Grade 2 Helps with Project Linus

Mrs. Klawiter’s second graders, along with Mrs. Graettinger’s VAHS students, made fleece blankets and cards for Project Linus on Friday, May 9th. The second graders thoroughly enjoyed working side by side with the older students in tying the blankets and engaging in conversation. A mini-blanket to take home from the scrap material provided a memento of the event. This activity was made possible through a generous grant from the Verona Area Education Foundation.

Cub Scout Pack 549 - Want to Join Cub Scouts?

Attend our pack meeting and experience thrill, adventure and unforgettable friendships!
Location: Glacier Edge School, 800 Kimball Lane, Verona, WI 53593
When: Third Thursday Of Each Month, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Visit Our Website At http://pack549verona.blogspot.com/
Nurse’s Notes

End of school year reminders:

- If your child has medications in the health room, they will need to be picked up by the end of the school year. School district policy requires that all medications (including inhalers, EpiPens, and over the counter medications such as ibuprofen and Tylenol) be returned to parents or discarded. All medications that are not claimed by June 20th, 2014 will be discarded.

- Remember to get your child’s immunizations up-to-date this summer. If immunizations were completed in Wisconsin, you can look up your child’s records at: http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/immunization/publicAccess.htm

- Students age 11 and older need a Tdap booster as well as a second Varicella (Chicken Pox) immunization.

- If your child will be taking medication at school (prescription and/or over the counter) here are the forms that need to be completed for the Fall. The Physician authorization form is needed only for prescription medications.
  
  
  o  http://www.verona.k12.wi.us/uploaded/Health_Services/Physician_Medication_Authorization_Form.pdf

- All medication must be provided in the original, labeled container with the following information provided on the medication consent form:
  
  o  Students name and grade level
  o  Medication name and dosage
  o  Time and duration to be given
  o  Physician instruction and signature (prescription only)
  o  Parent/Guardian phone numbers and signature

- The health room is in need of shorts and sweat pants/leggings. If you come across these items as you are Spring cleaning and are willing to donate them, it would be much appreciated!

- Thank you!

Have a great summer!  

Megan Marten RN, BSN
# Next Year’s Dates—Mark your Calendars!

2014-2015  
*Every Monday is a LATE START—Doors open at 9:10 and school begins at 9:25 a.m.*

School Registration: Parents will receive school registration in the mail in late July/early August requiring parents to register and pay school fees online. If you need a computer and/or help with registration, the school district will have two registration sessions in the community with representatives from all of the Verona schools to help parent’s complete registration.

**VASD Registration Sites this summer are:**  
Thursday, August 14 from 3-7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus on Verona Road  
Monday, August 18 from 10 a.m.—6 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Club in Fitchburg

School pictures will be taken on Tuesday, September 16

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**Need information for birthday invitations?**

The office or classroom teachers do not give out any personal information to families for birthday invitations or other personal use. If you wish to have addresses, phone numbers or email addresses for the students in your child’s class you may purchase a Student Directory from the Stoner Prairie PTO. The cost of the directory is $15.00. The office has a few directories to sell on behalf of the PTO before the summer break if you would like to purchase one. Please make checks payable to the Stoner Prairie PTO.

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**Lost & Found**

Our Lost & Found is getting full again! Please check the bins outside the Multi-Purpose Room before the end of the school year. Anything left in our Lost & Found will be donated to charity at the end of the school year.

And for the future: Please mark your student’s clothing items with their name. We do check for names and will gladly return coats, boots, etc. to your student when we can identify the owner!

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**Are you moving this summer?**

If you will be moving this summer, please call the school office at 845-4200 to notify us of your new address. This will ensure that you will receive registration information to begin the new school year.

If your family moves out of the district this information will ensure that your student’s records will be transferred to their new school.
Related Arts News

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

Thank you all very much for your donations of supplies!

ART NOTES from Ms. Baitinger-Peterson

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

The end of the 2013/14 school year is upon us. If you would like to clear your closets and drawers of brown grocery bags, newspapers, small wood scraps, Ziploc bags, buttons and any other odds and ends, please consider dropping these items off in the Art room before June 12th.

Some lessons your child(ren) completed this year include:

Kindergarten lessons: all school hand composition focusing on lines and patterns, Mondrian collage focusing on lines and the primary colors, “Mouse Paint” by Ellen Stoll Walsh, focusing on primary and secondary colors, elements of art worksheets, line painting with secondary colors, fall acorn collage, Henri Matisse drawing and painting focusing on space, mitten drawing, snowflake collage, clay pinch pot and glazing, 3D owl collage, watercolor resist puppies for Celebrate the Arts, fish drawing inspired by; “Only One You” by Linda Kranz, abstract wood sculpture, butterfly collage; “The Hungry Caterpillar” by Eric Carle.

First Grade: all school hand composition focusing on lines and patterns, Piet Mondrian painting focusing on primary colors and line, elements of art worksheets, lines, study of Alexander Calder’s abstract art, fall birch tree print and paint, magic carpet paper collage reviewing lines, winter mitten line lesson, torn paper penguin collage, Eric Carle style fish collage, puppies for Celebrate the Arts focusing on watercolor resist, birds on a wire paper collage, colorful clay owl inspired by “The Little White Owl” by Tracey Corderoy and Jane Chapman, ladybug tissue paper collage inspired by “The Grouchy Ladybug” by Eric Carle.

Second Grade: all school hand composition focusing on lines and patterns, Mondrian style owl painting, elements of art worksheets, oil pastel fall leaves drawing, Native American inspired shields, paper collage hot cocoa mug, paper house weaving, flamingos inspired by “Sylvie” by Jennifer Sattler, sunshines for Celebrate the Arts, continuous line drawings, clay bird plaques, colorful painted flowers inspired by “The Tiny Seed” by Eric Carle.

Third Grade: all school hand composition focusing on lines and patterns, school logo designs, PTO fundraiser, sketchbooks, elements of art worksheets, primary color name designs, fall leave composition in oil pastel, Mola designs, double printmaking birds and environments, sunshines for Celebrate the Arts, circle designs with review of lines, shapes and color, clay bird bath, model magic bird, abstract flower compositions inspired by Gustav Klimt.
Fourth and Fifth Grades: all school hand composition focusing on lines and patterns, school logo designs, PTO fundraiser, sketchbooks, elements of art worksheets, 3D Mondrian cube, watercolor grid trees, clay dogs, assemblage dog houses, printmaking - Japanese fish kite, oil pastel sea turtles with watercolor wash resist, op art perspective.

**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

Millions of monkeys have been drumming in the music room! Students in Kindergarten read a fun, easy reader book called *Hand, Hand, Fingers, Thumb* where monkeys play drums, banjos and fiddles. A SmartBoard activity exposed students to the book with different drum sounds as the accompaniment. Students sang a song called *He Was a Drummy Boy* and have played the bongo, conga, tom, lollipop and shape drums.

First Grade students have been learning about the music and story of *Peter and the Wolf*. This classic music story that was written by composer Sergi Prokofiev as a Child’s introduction to the orchestra. Students began by learning each character and its orchestra instrument. Other learning activities included reading the story, a SmartBoard activity where students identified characters and then heard the corresponding instrument play the melody for that character. A free app called *Classical Music For Kids* - ZOOLA Children’s Classics would be great for a car trip or rainy summer day! Our last lesson provided props for the students to be the characters of the story. *Peter and the Wolf* is enjoyed by children all over the world.

Second Graders have been visiting a carnival during music class. *Carnival of the Animals*, composed by Camille Saint-Saens, is music for the orchestra in which each of the 14 parts describes an animal by mimicking the sounds it makes or the way the animal moves. Learning activities included a game where students guessed the animal that the music was describing, reading a book that described each animal and listening to the music and acting out each animal. We end the lessons by using hand puppets where the students create their own movement for each animal! Here is a fun app to check out. Piano Carnival Interactive Ebook: Classical Music, Art and Stories for kids of All Ages by Elizabeth Schumann.

Does your Third Grader like to eat macaroni and cheese or tend to have a messy room? Then your child has something in common with one of the world’s greatest composers, Ludwig van Beethoven! Most students were already familiar with some of Beethoven’s music from TV commercials. We read a great book called *The 39 Pianos of Ludwig van Beethoven* that described how Beethoven moved many, many times with his five legless pianos all while he composed some of the greatest music the world has ever known! Students enjoyed watching a DVD called *Beethoven Lives Upstairs* and writing about Beethoven in their Related Arts Journals.

Grade 4 and 5 classes have been taking a close look at the instruments of the orchestra. Fifth grade students are excited about their middle school instrument choices! Band, orchestra and choir engage students in life-long music learning. Learning the characteristics of each instrument family as well as focusing on the sound of each instrument began with the string, woodwind and brass families. For the percussion family, rhythm echo patterns were played on the tubano and djembe drums! SmartBoard activities make it possible for students to get a close up look at the size of each instrument and see how it is played.
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

Related Arts News

PE Classes Swimming at VAHS
Thank you to all of our families for their participation!
Summer Library Reading Checkout

The library is offering all students attending VASD next year the opportunity to check out books for the summer break. We are excited that your child wants to participate in this. By signing this form, you are agreeing to treat the resources responsibly, and you are agreeing to return the items by September 4, 2013. The same replacement policy for lost/damaged books is in effect for summer checkouts. Books can be returned to any Verona Area School District library, and the libraries will assume responsibility for transferring the materials.

Students can pick up summer reading material during the following days and times, as well as during the weekly LMC classes. June 3rd, 5th and 10th before school (7:15AM-7:45AM) and after school (2:35PM-3:30PM) and June 12th before school (7:15AM-7:45AM) and after school (12:20-1:00). Please bring back this signed sheet as you check out books. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 845-4289.

Verona Area School District Librarians

Student Name: ____________________________ Upcoming grade: ______

Parent/Guardian name: ____________________________

Address:  ______________________________________

Phone number:  __________________________________

Student signature      Parent signature

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Programa de Lectura de Verano de la Biblioteca
Préstamo de libros

Las bibliotecas del Distrito Escolar del Área de Verona/ VASD les están ofreciendo a todos los estudiantes matriculados para el siguiente curso escolar, la oportunidad de tomar libros prestados para leerlos durante las vacaciones de verano. Nos alegramos de que su hijo quiera participar y aprovechar esta oportunidad. Al firmar este formulario, ustedes se comprometen a cuidar y a ser responsables por los materiales y recursos que se lleven a casa, así como a devolverlos a más tardar el día 4 de septiembre de 2014. En el verano, se mantiene en efecto la política o reglamentos escolares vigentes relativos al reemplazo/sustitución o pérdida de libros. Los libros podrán devolverse en cualquiera de las bibliotecas del Distrito Escolar del Área de Verona, y éstas asumirán la responsabilidad de transferir/enviar los materiales a la biblioteca correspondiente.

Los estudiantes pueden recoger los materiales de lectura para el verano durante las siguientes fechas y horarios, y al igual que durante las clases semanales LMC. El 3, 5 y 10 de junio antes del inicio de clases (7:15 am- 7:45am) y después del horario de clases (2:35 pm-3:30pm) y el 12 de junio antes del inicio de clases (7:15 am – 7:45 am) y después del horario de clases (12:20-1:00). Por favor, traigan esta forma firmada el día que vayan a sacar o a llevarse los libros de la biblioteca. Si tuvieran alguna pregunta, por favor, no dudan en comunicarse conmigo al 845-4289.

Las bibliotecas del Distrito Escolar del Área de Verona

Nombre y apellidos del estudiante: _______________________________

Grado a cursar: ______

Nombre del padre/madre/tutor: ________________________________

Dirección: ________________________________

Número de teléfono: ________________________________

Firma del estudiante                                   Firma del padre/madre/tutor

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Fitchburg Public Library Children’s Events

June 11: Película para familias—¡en español! @ 6:00 p.m.

Ven a la bilbioteca para ver una película por toda la familia.
(Come to the library to see a movie for the whole family. Movie will be shown in Spanish.)

June 14: SUMMER READING PROGRAM BEGINS!

Mad Science Show @ 11:00 a.m.

We are truly Mad (About) Science!!! A unique hands-on science experience for children that is both entertaining and educational. Action packed and highly interactive!

June 17: R.E.A.D. to a Dog 5:30—7:00 p.m. (sign-up required)

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. Call 608-729-1762 or stop by the Youth Services desk.

June 19: Finger Knit Flowers @ 11:00 a.m.

Knitting with your fingers is easy and fun. Learn this simple technique and make a craft to take home!

Storytime for Families @ 6:00 p.m.

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

June 24: ZooZort @ 2:00 p.m.

Zoozort is a unique, hands-on interactive program that features live exotic animals from all around the world. Children are enthralled with animals, information, props and humor; sparking an interest that will last a lifetime.