

INSIDE: UPCOMING EVENTS WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CLASSROOMS DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA HIGHLIGHTS



Vale Elementary Cashmere School District

Kindergarten Registration

for the upcoming school year begins on **April 10, 2017**

Get a head-start.

Stop by the Vale office today to pick up the registration form!

Copies are also available at the District Office.

www.cashmere.wednet.edu/vale



A Note from the Principal

Welcome to our first edition of the Vale Voice! It is with great excitement and anticipation that throughout this magazine we share exciting things happening at Vale, amazing student stories/pictures, important documents, and a whole lot more.

At Vale Elementary, we strive to provide the highest level of education for our students while keeping our families and community up to date. Lots of exciting things happening ahead and we look forward to having you join us. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at Vale Elementary.

Sean McKenna

Vale Eagle Principal



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Morgan Rhett Vice-Principal

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Vale Elementary Home of the Eagles









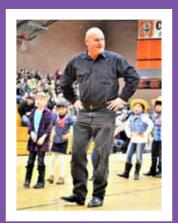






























Vpcoming Events

MARCH



1-3 Mid-Winter Break
6-10 Kinder Dr. Suess Week (see page 15 for details)
13 2nd Trimester Report Cards Sent Home
13 Reptile Man, 6:30pm \$2/person
15 Late Start (10:20 start time)
24 PTO Bingo Night, 6:30pm, Free
27-28 3rd Grade, Night at the Wax Museum
28 Noise Opera Assembly

3-7 Spring Break
10 Kindergarten Open Registration
10-14 4th Grade MAPS Testing
19 Late Start (10:20 start time)
21 2nd Grade Field Trip to Balsam Root
24-28 3rd Grade ELA SBAC Test (State Assessment)
24-28 2nd Grade Field Trips to Cashmere Valley Bank

APRIL















1-5 4th Grade ELA SBAC Test (State Assessment)
1-5 Vale PTO Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
2-3 3rd Grade goes to Barn Beach Reserve
6 Apple Blossom Fun Run
10 Late Start (10:20 start time)
12 1st Grade Mother's Day Performance, 2:00pm
15-19 4th Grade Math SBAC
22-26 3rd Grade Math SBAC
23 4Th Grade River Of Power Field Trip
26 Spring Parsons Pictures
29 Memorial Day-No School
30 Scholastic Buy One, Get One Free Book Fair

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5-9 4th Grade Field Trip to Cashmere Pioneer Museum
9 High School Graduation
14** Last Day of School

**Note: New Date for Last Day of School, due to a make up Snow Day

JUNE













Mondoy, Morch IS 630 pm at Vale Elementary All families welcome! Cost is \$2 per person

It is a JOY to be your child's school counselor! I am available daily to help students, parents, and teachers. I will be consulting with all three throughout the year to contribute positively to the educational, personal, and social development of our students. COUNSELOR'S CORNER

"It takes a village to raise a child."

African proverb

As a part of our comprehensive counseling program the following services are offered:

> *Individual Counseling *Group Counseling *Guidance Classroom Lessons *PBIS Check & Connect *Leadership Program *Parent Consultation *Community Support



How do I contact Mrs. Kunsman?

Vale Elementary School 101 Pioneer Ave. Cashmere, WA 98815

Phone: (509) 782-2211 mkunsman@cashmere. wednet.edu

Please stop by or make an appointment.

PTO has been hard at work all year long to help your students thrive at school! The goal of the PTO is to support the teachers/ staff in areas that the district is not able to fund/provide.

Most recently, PTO has designated **Solution** towards books to help teachers grow their classroom libraries! Our students and staff are thrilled to have an expanded library they can 'shop' from. Vale is passionate about your kiddo's reading! PTO was able to do this because of YOU and the success of Fun Run in the Fall.

PTO hosts a number of events throughout the year, including Kinder Welcome, Fun Run, Pumpkin Painting, Movie Nights, Gingerbread House, Bingo Night, Reptile Man and Teacher/Staff Appreciation. PTO also puts out the yearbook, funds teacher requests, and keeps track of ongoing fundraisers through Martins Receipts, Fred Meyer Rewards, Box Tops, School Tool Box, Office Depot and Red Robin.

We would love to have you join us at our meetings! We love to hear input and new ideas from new parents/caregivers! In our upcoming meetings, we will be discussing Bingo Night, Teacher/ Staff appreciation week, and next year's Fun Run!

PTO meets the first Wednesday of every month (Rotating between morning and evening meetings). Follow us on Facebook for all the latest news/events and meeting reminders!

Your PTO at work

WINNERS

Kinder: Mrs. Hartnell First grade: Mrs. Bryant Second grade: Mrs. McLeod Third grade: Mrs. T-Bo Fourth grade: Mrs. Couture

Silly String Winner: Mrs. Kruiswyk's 3rd grade class!



Congratulations to our BOX TOPS winners! The top class in each grade gets a visit from the Hot Cocoa Cart and the top winner from the entire school gets to SILLY STRING Mr. McKenna and Mr. Morgan!

VALE PTO PRESENTS

Join us at Vale Elementary for great fun, snacks, prizes and BINGO!

FRIDAY, MARCH 24TH 6:30PM-8:00PM

FREE to play! Concessions available for purchase, including water, popcorn, and snacks

Beginning this year, Mrs. Foust and Mrs. Davidson began teaching the 7 Habits of Happy Kids also called The Leader in Me, which is based on the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People by Stephen Covey. Most students at Vale have been briefly introduced to these 7 habits. Watching the students learn and grow and put these habits to use is amazing! We are growing some fantastic leaders, that's for sure! We are excited for more opportunities to learn more about the Leader In Me 7 Habits! Here are the 7 Habits and a snipet of what they mean.

Habit #2

Have a Plan

Habit #4

Everybody can Win!

Habit #6

working together is better

I value the strengths of others

I know that by working together

as a team we can get more done and come up with better solutions

and allow myself to learn from them

for myself.

act

well in groups.

than we could alone.



Ligrade news

We are working hard over here in fourth grade on our reading, writing and math skills! In Math, we have finished fractions, decimals, and related those concepts to money. Also, utilized landmark fractions to help us with our comparisons. We now are moving into NBT and will be honing our rounding, adding and subtracting skills to one million.

We have left opinion writing behind us and are in full swing with writing informational pieces, tying it into an informational piece of Washington State Native Americans and how they survived their geographical locations. The kids will present a project representing either the Coastal or Plateau Native Americans and how they lived. This will all lead up to our field trip in early June to the Cashmere Pioneer Museum.

In addition to our Field trip the Cashmere Pioneer Museum, June 5-9, we will also be heading to Rocky Reach Dam on May 23!

MAPS testing is coming up after Spring Break, during the week of April 10-14. Please make sure your kiddos are eating a full, healthy breakfast and getting plenty of sleep so they can be ready to do their best work!

Miss. Couture's 4th grade class had the opportunity to make a PSA about bullying. What a great experience! If you want to check out their 2016 "Don't Wait to Unmake a Bully" project, you can watch it online by going to:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=GVxvV7PT-T4&feature=youtu.be



Congratulations to Mrs. Couture's class! They brought in the most box tops (281) in the fourth grade! As a result, they will be getting a visit from the Hot Cocoa cart soon! Yum!









CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THE **3RD GRADE ART LINK** CONTEST: Macie Zimmermann, Alyssa Valadez, Averi Everhart, Freya Dronen, Quinn Pace, & Naomi Corbalev





Congratulations to Mrs. Kruiswyk's class! They won the school-wide box top contest and brought in a total of 497! As a result, they get to silly string Mr. McKenna and Mr. Morgan! Stay tuned for pictures!

Night at the Wax **Barn Beach Field** Trips Museum

In the evenings of March 27th and 28th, students will study and portray a famous or admirable person from the past or present. This is a great opportunity for students to present information in a fun way and for friends and family to experience A Night at the Wax Museum!

Throughout the month of May, 3rd grade students will have the opportunity to learn about and experience nature at the Barn Beach Reserve in Leavenworth. These trips will include studies on birds, habitats, and insects. Be looking for more information coming home as the date gets closer.

Multiplication Sundaes

We will be having an Ice Cream Sundae Celebration at the end of May to celebrate the students' hard work in learning their multiplication facts! Look for fact practice to be coming home with your child so they can study and earn the parts of their ice cream sundae!



What's Happening?

We're currently wrapping up our realistic fiction writing unit and will begin to dive into opinion writing soon! In Math, we are currently in a measurement unit, learning all about inches, centimeters, feet, yards, etc. and next we're headed to adding and subtracting big numbers!

The kiddos are LOVING their time with their books bags! They are independently shopping for books at their level and enjoying those books! It's so fun to see kids recommending titles, chatting about characters, and growing as a reader!







Earth Day Hike

In April, we will travel up Butler mountain to soak in the views, work on writing pieces that are descriptive, and simply enjoy the beautiful valley we live in. Many kids haven't hiked, nor have they ever seen how gorgeous our little town is from the top. We eat lunch up there as well. This is by far, our favorite field trip of the year!



Coming Up.



Trip to Cashmere Valley Bank

We travel down to the Cashmere Valley Bank and get a full inside tour. We see offices, the board room, the vault, the personal lock boxes, behind the teller's counter, and the drive thru! The kids leave with yummy suckers and a golden dollar coin!

grade news

2017 has been a busy year for our first graders! We've celebrated Martin Luther King Day, Groundhog's Day, the 100th day of school, Friendship day (Valentine's Day), President's Day... AND our 20 Night Club readers had a SNOW PLAY DAY, full of sledding, snow painting and lots of laughter. WHEW! We are working hard!

Reading Assessments are wrapping up and will go home with report cards on March 13th. We are so proud of our growing readers! Be prepared to celebrate your child's hard work!

Our upcoming writing celebration will include muffins and milk as we celebrate our All About Teaching Books! Masterpieces will be coming home soon!

And a shout out to all our families for bringing in the box tops! Mrs. Bryant's class brought in the most out of all of 1st grade (405!) and will be getting a visit from the Hot Cocoa Cart soon! Yum!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Our Mother's Day program will be Friday, May 12th @ 2:00pm. You will be thoroughly entertained by your child and classmates. Dont miss it!





"Children are made readers in the base of the the second s

KINGEPPews Dr. Suess Week

Kindergarten teachers (L-R), Mrs. Scroggie, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Kreigel and Mrs. Kitchel celebrate the 100th day by dressing up as 100 year olds!

KInder has survived the 100th day of school! These kinders are amazing and show it daily in all their hard work! These little smarties are headed into their how-to writing unit; a favorite for most kinders! In Math, they are zooming quickly towards Unit 6, which is all about 3-D shapes and numbers past 10. Dr. Suess' Birthday is in March and we are celebrating all week long! Look to the right to find our schedule; we'd love for you to dress up with us! Another fun day we look forward to is St. Patrick's Day, where we are all about those Green Eggs and Ham!

And a congratulations goes out to Mrs. Hartnell's class who won the box tops contest with 261 brought in! They will get a visit from the Hot Cocoa cart!







Top: Mrs. Parker's class shows off what 100 looks like by bringing 100 things to school and forming them into a picture. Some examples included 100 skittles, stickers, legos, buttons and stars.

Above: Students in Mrs. Hartnell's class work hard to string 100 fruit loops on their strings.

D**r. Suess Weel** March 6-10

Monday "Cat in the Hat"

wear crazy hats!

Tuesday "Fox in Socks" Wear crazy socks!

Wednesday "Wacky Wednesday" wear wacky clothes!

> Thursday "Sleep Book" Wear pajamas!

Friday Dress like a Dr. Suess character!





VALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 NO SCHOOL	2 NO SCHOOL	3 NO SCHOOL
 Menu is subject to change **All grains are at least 51% Whole Grain** 	**Daily Choices of fruits & Vegetables** **All meals include choice of 1% milk or fat free Chocolate milk**	Oh the places you'll go, Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting. Soget on your way! Dr. Seess	Dr. Seuss	GOOD LUCK BULLDOGS
6	7	8	9	10
Choice of Cereal &	Egg & Sausage	Cheese Omelet &	Choice of Cereal &	Breakfast Pizza
Blueberry Loaf	Sandwich Mac & Cheese with	Biscuit	Peach Bar	Brunch for Lunch
Pepperoni Pizza Corn	Roll	Chicken Burger Green Beans	Bean & Cheese Burrito Refried Beans	Waffle Sticks Sausage Strawberry Milk
13	14	15 LATE START	16	17 Happy St Patrick's Day
French Toast Sticks &	Choice of Cereal &	Scrambled Eggs	Choice of Cereal &	Omelet & Hash Brown
Sausage	Blueberry Mini Muffin	Biscuit	Apple Strudel Bar	Chicken Nuggets
Ravioli & Garlic Bread	Hamburger with Fries Jell-O Cups	Corndogs Baked Beans	Homemade Pizza Corn	Cheese Rolls Green Beans Chocolate Cake **Nut Allergy Alert**
20 1 st Day of Spring	21	22	23	24
Choice of Cereal	Cheese Omelet &	Cereal & Homemade	Pancake & Sausage	Choice of Cereal &
🎽 & Banana Muffin	Biscuit	Blueberry Muffin		Ginger Bread
				Bean & Cheese Burrito
Turkey Deli Sandwich	Teriyaki Beef Dippers	Chicken Nuggets	Cheese Quesadilla	Refried Beans 🛛 📩
Baked Beans 🛛 📶 💣	With Rice	Scooby Snack	Corn	dig 15
Ice Cream Bar	Fortune Cookie	Green Beans	X-L	Strawberry Milk 🥨 📃
27	28	29	30	31
Choice of Cereal &	French Toast &	Choice of Cereal	Pancake, blueberry	Choice of Cereal &
Blueberry Loaf	Sausage	& Banana Muffin	sauce & Mini Muffin	Peach Muffin
	Mini Corndogs			Hot Ham & Cheese
Hamburger with Fries	Green Beans 🛛 🏾	Pepperoni Pizza	Chicken Burger	Sandwich
Jell-O Cups	Chocolate Chip	Corn 🔚	Baked Beans	Celebration Cup
	Cookie Bar **Nut Allergy Alert**	*		Happy March Birthdays

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Cashmere School District is NOT peanut or tree nut free. Your child may be exposed to peanuts or tree nuts in the course of their day while in any Cashmere School District property. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

DISCRIMINATION

Cashmere School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employee(s) has been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

<u>Civil Rights Coordinator:</u> Glenn Johnson gjohnson@cashmere.wednet.edu 210 S. Division, 509-782-3355 <u>Title IX:</u> Scott Brown sbrown@cashmere.wednet.edu 210 S. Division, 509-782-2914 <u>504 Coordinator</u> Lisa Avila lavila@cashmere.wednet.edu 210 S. Division, 509-782-2211

You can report discrimination and discriminatory harassment to any school staff member or to the district's Civil Rights Coordinator, listed above. You also have the right to file a complaint (see below). For a copy of your district's nondiscrimination policy and procedure, contact your school or district office or view it online: www.cashmere.wednet.edu/ domain/395

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Students and staff are protected against sexual harassment by anyone in any school program or activity, including on the school campus, on the school bus, or off-campus during a school-sponsored activity.

Sexual harassment is unwelcome behavior or communication that is sexual in nature when:

•A student or employee is led to believe that he or she must submit to unwelcome sexual conduct or communications in order to gain something in return, such as a grade, a promotion, a place on a sports team, or any educational or employment decision, or •The conduct substantially interferes with a student's educational performance, or creates an intimidating or hostile educational or employment environment.

Examples of Sexual Harassment:

- Pressuring a person for sexual favors
 Unwelcome touching of a sexual
- nature
- •Writing graffiti of a sexual nature
- •Distributing sexually explicit texts, e-mails, or pictures
- •Making sexual jokes, rumors, or suggestive remarks
- Physical violence, including rape and sexual assault

You can report sexual harassment

to any school staff member or to the district's Title IX Officer, who is listed above. You also have the right to file a complaint (see below). For a copy of your district's sexual harassment policy and procedure, contact your school or district office, or view it online: www. cashmere.wednet.edu/domain/395

COMPLAINT OPTIONS: DISCRIMINATION AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT

If you believe that you or your child have experienced unlawful discrimination, discriminatory harassment, or sexual harassment at school, you have the right to file a complaint.

Before filing a complaint, you can discuss your concerns with your child's principal or with the school district's Section 504 Coordinator, Title IX Officer, or Civil Rights Coordinator, who are listed above. This is often the fastest way to revolve your concerns.

Complaint to the School District

Step 1. Write Our Your Complaint In most cases, complaints must be filed within one year from the date of the incident or conduct that is the subject of the complaint. A complaint must be in writing. Be sure to describe the conduct or incident, explain why you believe discrimination, discriminatory harassment, or sexual harassment has taken place, and describe what actions you believe the district should take to resolve the problem. Send your written complaint—by mail, fax, email, or hand delivery—to the district superintendent or civil rights compliance coordinator.

Step 2: School District Investigates Your Complaint

Once the district receives your written complaint, the coordinator will give you a copy of the complaint procedure and make sure a prompt and thorough investigation takes place. The superintendent or designee will respond to you in writing within 30 calendar days—unless you agree on a different time period. If your complaint involves exceptional circumstances that demand a lengthier investigation, the district will notify you in writing to explain why staff need a time extension and the new date for their written response.

Step 3: School District Responds to Your Complaint

In its written response, the district will include a summary of the results of the investigation, a determination of whether or not the district failed to comply with civil rights laws, notification that you can appeal this determination, and any measures necessary to bring the district into compliance with civil rights laws. Corrective measures will be put into effect within 30 calendar days after this written response—unless you agree to a different time period.

Appeal to the School District

If you disagree with the school district's decision, you may appeal to the school district's board of directors. You must file a notice of appeal in writing to the secretary of the school board within 10 calendar days after you received the school district's response to your complaint. The school board will schedule a hearing within 20 calendar days after they received your appeal, unless you agree on a different timeline. The school board will send you a written decision within 30 calendar days after the district received your notice of appeal. The school board's decision will include information about how to file a complaint with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI).

Complaint to OSPI

If you do not agree with the school district's appeal decision, state law provides the option to file a formal complaint with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). This is a separate complaint process that can take place if one of these two conditions has occurred: (1) you have completed the district's complaint and appeal process, or (2) the district has not followed the complaint and appeal process correctly.

You have 20 calendar days to file a complaint to OSPI from the day you received the decision on your appeal. You can send your written complaint to the Equity and Civil Rights Office at OSPI:

Email: Equity@k12.wa.us Fax: 360-664-2967 Mail or hand deliver: PO Box 47200, 600 Washington St. S.E., Olympia, WA 98504-7200

For more information, visit www.k12. wa.us/Equity/Complaints.aspx, or contact OSPI's Equity and Civil Rights Office at 360-725-6162/TTY: 360-664-3631 or by e-mail at equity@k12.wa.us.

Other Discrimination Complaint Options

Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education 206-607-1600 TDD: 1-800-877-8339 OCR.Seattle@ed.gov www.ed.gov/ocr

Washington State Human Rights Commission 1-800-233-3247 TTY: 1-800-300-7525 www.hum.wa.gov

Cashmere School District Highly Capable Notification

At this time, Cashmere School District is soliciting nominations from the community of students that are believed to have a high capacity to learn quickly, deeply, and/or broadly, so that we can better provide an individualized educational service to each of our students. Students nominated through this process will be considered for services to meet their needs based upon screening and assessment with the permission of their parent/guardian. Definition of highly capable students means those students who:

Perform or show potential for performing at significantly advanced academic levels when compared with others of their age, experiences, or environments.

(1) Capacity to learn with unusual depth of understanding, to retain what has been learned, and to transfer learning to new situations;

(2) Capacity and willingness to deal with increasing levels of abstraction and complexity earlier than their chronological peers;

(3) Creative ability to make unusual connections among ideas and concepts;

(4) Ability to learn quickly in their area(s) of intellectual strength; and

(5) Capacity for intense concentration and/or focus. (WAC 392-170-035, WAC 392-170-036)

Forms to make such nominations can be obtained at the Cashmere School District website and in the school office. In order to be considered for identification for the coming school year, nominations should be returned to the building secretary and should reach us by April 21, 2017.

Notificación de Altamente Capaz del Distrito Escolar de Cashmere

En este momento, el Distrito Escolar de Cashmere está solicitando nominaciones por parte de la comunidad de alumnos que se cree que tiene una alta capacidad para aprender rápidamente, profunda y/o ampliamente, de modo que podamos mejor ofrecer un tratamiento individualizado servicio educativo a cada uno de nuestros estudiantes. Los estudiantes nominados a través de este proceso serán considerados para los servicios para satisfacer sus necesidades basadas en el cribado y evaluación con el permiso de sus padres/encargados.

Definición de estudiantes altamente capaces significa aquellos estudiantes que:

Realice o muestre el potencial para funcionar a niveles académicos considerablemente avanzados comparando con otros de su edad, experiencias o ambientes.

(1) Capacidad de aprender con la inusual profundidad de comprensión, para retener lo aprendido y para transferir el aprendizaje a nuevas situaciones;

(2) Capacidad y disposición para tratar con el aumento de los niveles de abstracción y complejidad antes que sus pares cronológicos;

(3) Capacidad creativa para hacer inusuales conexiones entre ideas y conceptos;

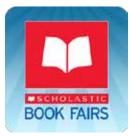
(4) Capacidad de aprender rápidamente en sus áreas de la fuerza intelectual; y

(5) Capacidad para la intensa concentración o enfoque. (WAC 392-170-035, WAC 392-170-036)

Las formas para hacer estas nominaciones pueden ser obtenidas en el sitio de internet del Distrito Escolar de Cashmere y en la oficina de la escuela. Para ser considerado para la identificación para el próximo año escolar, las nominaciones deben ser devueltas a la secretaria de la escuela para el 21 de abril de 2017.

BUY ONE, GET ONE FREEFE BOOK FARS STOCK UP FOR SUMMER READING! MAY 30 - JUNE 2

The MORE that you READ, The MORE things you will KNOW. The MORE that you LEARN, The more PLACES you II GO. -Dr. Suess



Come shop till you drop at the year-end book fair! In the Vale Library Open before and after school for families All books are buy one, get one free! A great time to stock up some summer reading material and keep those brain muscles strong!

