

Varennes Elementary School

Valuing Each Student



Growing to Greatness

February 2018



Principal's Notes

Varennes Tigers are Growing to Greatness.... One Step at Time!

Dear Parents:

Welcome to second semester of our 2017-2018 school year! We have several events and changes coming in the next few months. They are:

-Sweetheart Luncheons:

Grade 3: February 13th

Grade 4-February 14th

Grade 5-February 15th

Flyers will coming home soon with more details.



Valentines' Day class parties will be on February 9th at 1:45. Please remember per district policy, no flowers, balloons. If you are sending items to the party, please be sure that they are store bought.

Please note the following change on our calendar:

CHANGE OF DATE: April 26th-Spring Fling- 5:00-6:30 PM

Please see and complete the attached survey and return with your student as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support. Please know let me if you have any questions or concerns.

Taria S. McIntosh, Ed. S
Principal



Counselor's Corner

The goal of the Comprehensive School Counseling Program is to address student development in personal, academic, and career domains. I will be working with Ms. LaChrista Williams, Career Facilitator from Westside. Fourth and fifth grade will focus on interest inventories and the career clusters. After identifying an interest and cluster, the student will do a virtual tour of a college campus.

We hope students will begin to gain exposure for post secondary options as they begin their journey into middle school.

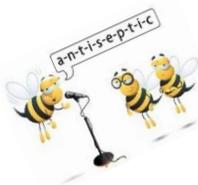
Mrs. Cowden

School Counselor



Congratulations
Spelling Bee School
Champion

Raleb Leacock



VARENNES HEART HEROES
Welcome to the SCARE SQUAD



American Heart Association
Jump Rope For Heart

Online Registration Contest
January 31 deadline

1. Go to www.heart.org/jump and find your school.
2. Once you find your school, click on Sign Up.
3. Create a username and password and complete registration.
4. Make sure to have your parents agree to the waiver.
5. **Automatically be entered to win an Apple Watch.**

Facilitator's Focus

Winter Reading

Does your child prefer to read alone, with family members, or in the company of friends? With these ideas, he can do all three this winter!

Choose Themes

Encourage your child to read more by coming up with wintry themes for choosing books. For example, he might name "ice-skating" or "penguins" and pick out a biography of an Olympic skater or an adventure tale set in Antarctica. After he finishes each book, he can write the title on a paper snowflake and tape it to a wall. How many snowflakes can he hang up?

Discuss Poetry

On a snowy day – or any day – read winter poetry together. Get a volume like *It's Snowing! It's Snowing!* (Jack Prelutsky) or *Winter Bees & Other Poems of the Cold* (Joyce Sidman). Boost your child's reading comprehension by talking about the poets' word choices. Why did Prelutsky write "the air is a silvery blur"? What did Sidman mean by "the sun's pale wafer"?

Read with Friends

Your child can see friends during the winter and practice reading at the same time by forming a book club. They might pick a chapter book to read, then meet to discuss it and enjoy a related snack, craft, or game. Or they could each bring a different picture book and take turns reading aloud. Suggest that they keep their club going all year long!

Mrs. Montgomery
Instructional Facilitator

Reading is
Snow Much
Fun!



Classroom Connection

Fabulous Fifth Grade

Parents and Guardians,

In the coming weeks, students will be engaging in a variety of test prep task. These task include daily Math and Social Studies reviews, two Reading reviews, and a writing review each week; each of these task cover previously learned material therefore, they count as a daily grade for students. Please encourage your students to bring their journals home nightly in order to review for these reviews- by reviewing at home and school, students will get a refresher of material taught at the beginning of the school year. By providing students with this continuous review, we hope to see MAP score and State Test Scores improve and show how our students are Growing to Greatness. If you have any question regarding testing or test prep, please contact your child's teacher.

In other news, please be sure to check book-bags daily for notes, graded work, etc. Students brought home field trip information on (1-22-18). Please read this information carefully (the first payment is due 2-1-18) and look for more information to come!!

Thank you for all that you do,
The Fifth Grade Team

Skills
Review

Fantastic Fourth Grade

Parents

I can't believe that it is already the end of January! I hope you all enjoyed the beautiful snow and the time with your students! We are busy getting back into the swing of things at school and preparing for the end of the year testing. Please remember to have your students read for at least 20 minutes each night. Also, continue to work on multiplication facts with your students! Both of these will help your student to continue to grow in the 4th grade! We are excited to announce that on March 1, the 4th grade will be going to Columbia to EdVenture to continue our learning of light, sound, and weather. The cost of this trip is \$25 and can be made in payments, but the total is due by February 26. Please contact any of the 4th-grade teachers if you have any questions! Thank you for all your support! Let's have a great second half of the year and finish strong!

Sincerely,
The Fourth Grade Team
Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Powell, Ms. Vallone, Mrs. Eppes,
Ms. Sims, Mrs. Pettus, and Mrs. Gantt



Terrific Third Grade

Hello families!

Please continue to practice multiplication and division facts at home! We are now studying fractions. We have also been working hard to build our stamina in reading so please encourage your child to read, read, read! Readers are leaders! 😊



Happy
Valentine's
Day