

Hello Connor Middle Families,

It's hard to believe another year of State Assessments has been completed. This also means that spring is here and summer is right around the corner. However, we still have another quarter left in the school year, so I encourage all parents to continue to make education and learning the TOP priority in your house. It is crucial to continue to develop your child's ability to prioritize his or her own learning and success. A reasonable bedtime is encouraged for all children to ensure they are well rested each day for their learning. Establishing an evening routine and quiet location in your house is critical to your child having the support he/she needs to study effectively. Being at school on time is essential to every child being prepared and ready to learn each day. All of these are excellent habits that when instilled, will help your child well into his/her teenage and young adult years.

Viking Proud,

Matt McKenna

Up-date on Mr. Fitzpatrick: Mr. Fitzpatrick continues to recover and hopefully by the second week in May we should have a clearer picture of when he will return to our wonderful school. We all miss him!!!

Below you will see important information that pertains to several upcoming events...

Autism Awareness Month -Thanks for all of your support for Autism Awareness Week!!! So far we have raised \$572 towards Summit and Autism Awareness between personal donations online, student lockers, teacher doors, and dress down for Spirit Week. Thank you!

This week is Spirit Week!

Mon - Teacher's choice

Tues - Twinning Day

Wed - Buffalo Day

Thurs - Pajama Day

Fri - Light It Up Blue

The 3rd Annual Viking Olympics will be held on Friday, May 20th 2016 from 6:00-9:00pm in the Grand Island Viking Mall. This is a community event for people of all ages. There will be a basket raffle for the adults and bounce houses, karaoke, DJ and dancing, and free dance instructions (hip hop from Grand Island Dance, Irish dance from McCarthy's Irish Dancing, baton twirling instruction from Ambassadors Twirling Corp. and martial arts from a black belt) for the kids. All proceeds raised will be donated to the Special Olympics of Western New York and VCMS School Beautification Projects. Lloyd's Food Truck, House of Munch, Kona Ice, Chefs and Mikey Dee's Food Truck will be available for all community members outside the high school from 5:00-8:00pm. We are currently searching for anyone willing to make a basket for the basket raffle or volunteer their time on the night of the event. Please see the flyer for more information.

Water for South Sudan: Did you know in South Sudan, Africa, millions of women and children trek for up to eight hours a day to collect water from marshes, ditches, or hand-dug wells where water is often contaminated with parasites and bacteria? Our 7th grade student's learned about this and more when they read "A Long Walk to Water" by Linda Sue Park. They then participated in a one hour "Walk for Water" event on April 15, 2016. They put themselves in the main character's shoes by holding a gallon water while walking the track.

The BOGO Book Fair will be here again soon! Starting on Tuesday May 3rd until Friday May 6th from 7:30am until 2:30pm it will be held in the school library. All are welcome so feel free to drop in as you drop off/pick up your children! "The Buy One Get One Free Book Fair" is always a great deal for you and the kids. Plus, when we hit our goal Scholastic will give us a portion of what we raise in scholastic dollars to buy desired items for the school and help stock our library as well!

Camp TeBeCe

Camp TeBeCe at Beaver Island State Park runs from August 1 - 26. Click on flier to learn more about the program and early bird registration.

Narcan Training - Kiwanis

Free naloxone training brought to you by Kiwanis on Thursday, May 19, 5:30 pm - 7:30 p.m.

As we enter quarter 4, students currently enrolled in **Art 8 with Ms. Klein or Studio In Art**, may earn extra credit by **attending an art museum**. *Beginning Sunday and running through the third week in April, admission to the Albright-Knox is FREE!* Albright-Knox admission is free on the first Friday of each month as well. Students need only bring a ticket stub (or similar proof of attendance) to class in order to receive credit. *Other art institutions and tours (Darwin Martin House, etc...) are encouraged as well.* **It makes for an educational and enjoyable family outing!**

