

## VCMS HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

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### WELCOME!

Welcome to Veronica E. Connor Middle School (VCMS) PTA! We're glad you're part of our middle school community and invite you to become a PTA member. It's just \$5 and it means a lot. You show support for our work at VCMS. You add your voice to other NYS PTA members to advocate for all children. Plus, you're eligible for discounts at local businesses with the PTA Perks program. Visit the PTA table at Open House to join or follow this link to sign up now:

<https://nyspta.force.com/NewMemberRegistration?unit=11-072>

### FIRST VCMS PTA MEETING

Join us for our first meeting on Tuesday, September 12 at 6:30 PM in the VCMS library. Come meet our officers, approve our budget, and get helpful tips to make the most of Open House. Then, learn about the great selection of clubs in middle school through our "speed dating" session. Take advantage of this fun way to learn more about VCMS.

### OPEN HOUSE AT VERONICA E. CONNOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars for Open House on Thursday, September 21 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. You'll get the chance to meet your child's teachers as you follow his or her schedule and move from class to class. Stop at the PTA table to pick up an Open House FAQ sheet and to become a member. Visit the Student Council table to purchase sportswear, learn about their events, and purchase tickets for the Welcome Back BBQ:

[https://www.facebook.com/events/477052872627841/?acontext=%7B%22ref%22%3A%223%22%2C%22ref\\_newsfeed\\_story\\_type%22%3A%22regular%22%2C%22feed\\_story\\_type%22%3A%222%22%2C%22action\\_history%22%3A%22null%22%7D](https://www.facebook.com/events/477052872627841/?acontext=%7B%22ref%22%3A%223%22%2C%22ref_newsfeed_story_type%22%3A%22regular%22%2C%22feed_story_type%22%3A%222%22%2C%22action_history%22%3A%22null%22%7D)

### E-CIGARETTES NOW BANNED ON NYS SCHOOL GROUNDS

On July 26, Governor Cuomo signed legislation to ban the use of electronic cigarettes on all school grounds in New York. NYS PTA members played a big role in advocating for this important law. When you join VCMS PTA, you also become a part of NYS PTA and National PTA. Thank you for adding your voice to members across the state to make positive changes for all children: [http://www.nyspta.org/news/news\\_ENDS-072617.cfm](http://www.nyspta.org/news/news_ENDS-072617.cfm)

### SUPPORT FUNDING FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

National PTA and affiliate PTAs are running a nationwide campaign to raise public awareness that current levels of federal funding for education are an inadequate investment for our children. Federal funding for public education programs has remained at 2% of the federal budget for decades, despite the increase in public school enrollment and the rising cost of education resources and services.

The federal government's deadline to fund education and other important programs and services for the next fiscal year is Sept. 30, 2017 so it's time to demand that Congress **#STOPCutsToClassrooms** and invest more than 2% in public education before next year.

Help make a difference by signing the petition to #STOPCutsToClassrooms:

<http://www.pta.org/advocacy/classroomcuts.cfm?ItemNumber=5327&navItemNumber=5332>



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