

Greetings VBMS Parents and Community,

As you may have heard, VBMS is partnering with Princess Anne MS to raise money for St. Baldrick's, an organization dedicated to funding research to find cures for childhood cancers. In fact, part of our goal is to raise more money than PAMS in a friendly competition that will hopefully make winners of children facing the challenge of cancer.

At the end of our week of fundraising, either Mr. Muller or I will be shaving our heads, or Mrs. Doyle will be getting a new haircut, to honor all those children out there fighting cancer (check out the amazing story of one of those awesome young people:

<https://www.wavy.com/news/health/vb-7th-grader-who-had-life-saving-procedure-excited-for-future-despite-complications/1733385161>). You are welcome to join us! The kids will choose who gets the haircut (more info below).

So, we are looking for your assistance. How can you help? We appreciate any of the following:

1. Go to this link:
<https://www.stbaldricks.org/participants/mypage/1016486/2019/donors#content>. Here you may make a donation to our team. I raised over \$3500 last year, and I am shooting for \$4000 this year. Any and every amount helps!
2. At the same link, you can sign up to join our team, either as a shavee [all are welcome ... the shaving will take place at 9:30 AM at VBMS], or as a volunteer.
3. Consider sharing the link on your own social media pages (esp. Facebook) and spread the word by inviting others to give to this amazing cause.

Also, we will be raising money in two other ways: First, we will be sponsoring coin wars all week where students can donate change to help choose who will be getting his/her hair cut on Friday morning. Canisters will be available to students to donate their change to the person they most want to see bald!

Finally, we will be holding a silent auction all week. Twenty awesome items [see picture attached to this email] will be sold to the highest bidders. You can swing by school any time during the week to place bids. Bids are posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway next to the main office doors. If you cannot make it in, you are welcome to call the main office and we will record your bid for you.

Thank you in advance for all you support. Together we can out-raise PAMS (remember it's a friendly competition), and make winners of all the young people who are or who may one day have to face cancer head on!

All the best,

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