

VBCPS Parent Advisory – April 2019

Dear Parents,

Please find below an overview of school division news, upcoming events and calendar reminders as well as other resources and notes that may be of interest to VBCPS families.

Throughout April: The Art of Being a Military Child

Artwork created by VBCPS K-12 students will be displayed at Lynnhaven Mall in recognition of The Month of the Military Child. The exhibit showcases artwork that was submitted to a contest, asking students to depict what it means to be a child with family in the military. More than 700 entries were received, and they cover topics such as deployments, transitions, patriotism, family and school.

April 8: Report Cards Issued

Students will receive report cards for the third nine weeks. Parents also may monitor student grades, assignments and attendance at any time in [Parent Portal](#).

April 8: Community Advisory Committee for Gifted Education Meeting

The Community Advisory Committee for Gifted Education (CAC) will host its next meeting Monday, April 8, at 6:30 p.m. at the School Administration Building. The CAC advises the School Board regarding the educational needs of gifted students.

April 9 and 23: Prekindergarten Eligibility Application Sessions

Families interested in applying for the school division's prekindergarten program should make plans to attend one of the eligibility application sessions scheduled in April (April 9 or April 23). The full-day program is offered at no cost to at-risk students who will be 4-years-old on or before Sept. 30 of the upcoming school year and who meet eligibility criteria. [More information.](#)

April 10: Purple Up! For Military Kids Day

All our students, staff and community members are invited to join school divisions across Virginia in celebrating Purple Up! For Military Kids Day Wednesday, April 10. The event is held in conjunction with the Month of the Military Child, recognized nationwide each April. By wearing purple, individuals will show their support for the strength, sacrifices and contributions of military-connected children.

April 12-19: Spring Break

All schools and administrative offices will be closed.

April 23: Kindergarten Registration and School Orientation

Parents of children who will be 5-years-old on or before Sept. 30 are invited to attend the annual Kindergarten Registration and School Orientation event, Tuesday, April 23, at 9 a.m. at all of the division's elementary schools (with the exception of Newtown and Bettie F. Williams since those schools do not have kindergarten programs). Registration forms and a list of necessary registration paperwork is available at vbschools.com.

April 23: Leadership lecture series

Green Run High School's Gentleman Making A Change (G.M.A.C.) club and The Golden Fold of Virginia Beach are hosting a lecture series about leadership, tailored for middle and high school students and their

parents. The Tuesday, April 23, discussion is called “Mentored by Millionaires.” It starts at 7 p.m. at Green Run High School and is free and open to the public.

April 25: Teaching Artists Art Exhibition Opens

Artwork by VBCPS teachers will be on display in the Teaching Artists Art Exhibition in the Fleming Gallery at the Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) through June 4. MOCA's Fleming Gallery annually showcases the work of more than 1,000 regional artists, educators and art students.

April 27: VBCPS hosts Career Expo

Jobseekers interested in working for VBCPS are encouraged to attend the school division’s Career Expo Saturday, April 27, from 9 a.m. to noon, at Landstown High School. Representatives from a variety of offices, departments and schools will be available to speak with attendees about opportunities to work as teachers, tradesmen, counselors, custodians, bus drivers, school administrators, cafeteria staff, teacher assistants, office associates and more. Participants should register online in advance at vbschools.com.

Ongoing reminders

2019 VBEF Commemorative Print available to purchase

The Virginia Beach Education Foundation (VBEF) is taking orders for the 2019 Commemorative Print. Sales support the VBEF's Adopt A+ Grants program to help fund innovative and creative learning programs for VBCPS students. Full-color commemorative print posters and notecards can be purchased on vbef.org.

Changes made to the 2019-2020 school calendar

The School Board approved a change to the 2019-2020 school calendar. The staff day, originally scheduled for Monday, March 30, has been moved to Tuesday, March 3. This change was made in order to accommodate schools that serve as polling sites for the Presidential Primary. The new calendar is available on vbschools.com.

An Achievable Dream Academy expanding recruitment zones

This year, to bolster participation in An Achievable Dream Academy (AADA), VBCPS and AADA are expanding the recruitment areas for families interested in applying. [More information.](#)

Congratulations!

Salem Middle School become national AVID demonstration school. [Read.](#)

Schools receive state award for supporting military families. [Read.](#)

VBCPS art student wins state contest. [Read.](#)

VBCPS celebrates the five finalists for 2020 Citywide Teacher of the Year. [Read.](#)

VBCPS librarian wins regional recognition. [Read.](#)

VBCPS music program receives national recognition. [Read.](#)

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