

VBCPS Parent Advisory – February 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.

Through Feb. 15 – Parent School Climate Survey

Parents of students in grades five, eight and 12 should have received email invitations earlier this week to participate in the school division's School Climate Survey. This survey is an opportunity for parents to share perceptions about the learning climate at their child's school. Results are provided to the principal for continuous improvement efforts. The last day to take the survey is Feb. 15.

Feb. 5 – Superintendent's Estimate of Needs

Dr. Aaron Spence will present the Superintendent's Estimate of Needs at a special meeting of the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach, beginning at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 5. The School Board will also hear the proposed Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 through Fiscal Year 2024-2025. [Learn more.](#)

Feb. 6 – Technical and Career Education Center Open House

Students and parents are invited to attend the Technical and Career Education Center's Open House Wednesday, Feb. 6 from 6-8 p.m. Attendees will learn about the 22 programs for which students may apply. The center is located at 2925 North Landing Road. [More information.](#)

Feb. 11 – Report cards issued

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

Feb. 11 – Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) will be Monday, Feb. 11 at 9:30 a.m. at the Great Neck Recreation Center, 2521 Shorehaven Dr, Virginia Beach, VA, 23454. The SEAC advises the School Board regarding the educational needs of students with disabilities.

Feb. 11 – Community Advisory Committee for Gifted Education Meeting

The Community Advisory Committee for Gifted Education (CAC) will each host its next meeting Monday, Feb. 11 at 6:30 p.m. at Bayside High School. The CAC advises the School Board regarding the educational needs of gifted students.

Feb. 12 – Parent Connection workshop on strokes and how to recognize and manage them

At the next Parent Connection workshop, Stroke: What You Need to Know, parents will join Dr. Alexander Grunsfeld, a neurologist and medical director for the Sentara Healthcare stroke program, for an informative discussion about this debilitating disease. Attendees will learn how and why a stroke occurs and will be provided the tools to recognize when a stroke is occurring and how to respond. The free workshop will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. at Landstown High School. [Registration is required.](#) For more information, call the Office of Community Engagement at 263-1936.

Feb. 15 – VBEF Pearls of Wisdom tickets on discount

Join the Virginia Beach Education Foundation (VBEF) for the annual Pearls of Wisdom Oyster Roast and Barbecue Saturday, April 6, at 24th Street and Atlantic Avenue from 1-5 p.m. Adult tickets are available for \$40 through Feb. 15. [Ticket prices](#) increase to \$55 Feb. 17. Tickets for children ages 6-12 are \$15. Each ticket includes an all-you-can-eat buffet of raw and roasted oysters, pork BBQ, fried fish and chicken, clam chowder and beverages.

Feb. 18 – Snow Makeup Day

All schools and administrative offices will be open Monday, Feb. 18, as a makeup day for the Oct. 12, 2018, Hurricane Michael closure. It will be a [B Day](#) for middle and high school students.

March 2 – VBCPS Partnership Expo

The 2019 VBCPS Partnership Expo and PTA Vendor Fair will be held Saturday, March 2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Landstown High School. More than 100 partnerships will be represented demonstrating mutually beneficial relationships between businesses, non-profit, faith-based, military, civic and educational organizations and our schools. This free event is open to the public and will display information on community involvement in schools, summer employment and volunteer opportunities for students and real-world learning opportunities teachers can incorporate into the classroom.

Ongoing reminders

Share your stories about VBCPS Great Teachers

Know a great teacher? Nominate them to be honored by our [Great Dreams Need Great Teachers](#) campaign. It's easy to nominate someone. Tell us your story by sending an email to GreatTeachers@vbschools.com. Please nominate one person per email.

VBPCS pre-kindergarten program accepting applications for 2019-20 school year

Applications are received during sessions at citywide locations from February through April for the upcoming school year. Parents/guardians interested in applying for the 2019-20 school year [must attend one of the division's eligibility application sessions](#).

Students featured in Spotlight Show at The Gallery at Pavilion I

The Gifted Visual Arts Program is hosting a Spotlight Show at The Gallery at Pavilion I on Parks Avenue now thru March 28. The work of 150 students from third- through eighth-grade is displayed on five floors of the building. The young artists attend Old Donation School and Virginia Beach Middle School, and have worked in a variety of media to create innovative works inspired by universal concepts.

Stop arm bus cameras have been installed

To help keep students safe as they are getting on or off the bus, exterior cameras were installed on school buses. These cameras capture pictures and videos of motorists illegally passing which can result in \$250 citations. [Read more](#).

Congratulations!

ATC students achieved perfect scores on industry exams. [Read.](#)

Bayside High School alum and activity coordinator earned national recognition. [Read.](#)

Robert Mages named 2018 Adapted Physical Educator of the Year. [Read.](#)

VBCPS celebrated Virginia Principals Appreciation Week. [Watch.](#)

School Board chairs elected. [Read.](#)

Record number of student leaders took part in annual retreat. [Read.](#)

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