

Virginia Beach Middle School

Weekly Update

Information for the Week of February 4 - 8

ADA Foundation – Bay Colony Dentistry

On February 14, 2019, through the ADA Foundation's *Give Kids A Smile* program, Bay Colony Dentistry, A Division of Atlantic Dental Care, will be offering complimentary exams, x-rays, hygiene, fluoride treatments and sealants to children ages 3-18 of low-income families. Please call Bay Colony Dentistry at 757-321-1300 to reserve your time. Treatment is by appointment only.

PTA News and Information

- Send a sweet treat! Candy Grams will be delivered on Valentine's Day, Thursday, February 14th. They will be on sale for \$1 each during lunches on the following days:

Friday, February 8th

Monday, February 11th

Tuesday, February 12th

Wednesday, February 13th

- Join VBMS Baseball as we celebrate our former coach, Matt Robbins, by dedicating a bench at the baseball field in his name. Coach Robbins guided our baseball program as head coach from 2001/02 to 2016/17 . . . that's 15 years! If you would like to make a donation as we raise \$800 for the bench, click here to see the flyer for details.
<https://www.vbmspta.com/uploads/7/8/2/2/78222210/coachrobbinsflyer.pdf>
- The next PTA meeting will be Tuesday, February 12th, at 5:30pm.
- Please visit the PTA website often - <https://www.vbmspta.com/> - as it is a great resource for all things VBMS!

PSAT Score Reports

During Advisory class on Wednesday, January 30th, all 8th grade students received their PSAT Score Report along with information on how to understand their scores. Students also created College Board accounts and linked them to their Khan Academy accounts. This allows them the opportunity to get more information on the PSAT, SAT, and other College Board tests and study materials, as well the ability to register for tests. Please take a moment to review your student's PSAT Score Report and/or College Board account with them.

Library Media Center Board Games

The Library at Virginia Beach Middle School is looking for middle school age board games in good/decent condition. We are particularly interested in Scrabble, chess, and checkers; however, other board games are also welcome. Thank you for your support!

Parent Portal and Homework Email

If you have not already signed up for parent portal and listserv, please click on the following links.

<https://tinyurl.com/VBMSParentPortal> - Parent Portal helps you stay up to date with your student's progress throughout the year.

<https://tinyurl.com/VBMSHomeworkEmail> - Listserv is a homework email service that will update you daily on the homework assignments for your student.

Homework Help Program

Through Homework Help Program, students receive after school assistance from state certified teachers. Homework Help operates from 3-9 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Students can access Homework Help by using the following City of Virginia Beach website:

<https://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/libraries/kids/Pages/homework-resources.aspx>.

STEM Opportunity

The Virginia Space Grant Consortium will offer Grade 8 students a summer experience at ODU designed to increase interest and curiosity in science, technology, engineering, and math. For additional information on this free of charge program, visit <https://blast.spacegrant.org/>. Spaces are limited.

VBCPS Builds the Next Strategic Plan: Get Involved

Virginia Beach City Public Schools is building the plan that will guide the division's work from 2020-2025 and your input is needed. Be sure to take advantage of the opportunities made available to you to give input, to share experiences, and to make recommendations for the future of VBCPS. Visit the school division's website to understand the components of the Graduate Profile, to contribute to the Virtual Town Hall, and to examine the timeline for plan development:

<http://www2.vbschools.com/compass/beyond2020/index.asp>

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