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Vista Ridge Academy's Weekly Newsletter

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Calendar

Feb 21	Gr. 3-6 attend Colorado Symphony Orchestra - Church attire please
Feb 22	Basketball game BAA@VRA Girls Game 12:30 pm Guys Game 1:30 pm
Feb 22	Youth Night Supper & Vespers
Feb 23	7-12 Choir & Hand Bells @ Boulder SDA Church – see further information in the Music section
Feb 28	Health Fair 6-8 pm - All grades are required to attend
Feb 29-Mar 1	Winterfest
Mar 1	VRA Auction
Mar 14-23	Spring Break!!!
Mar 17	San Francisco Trip departure

Hot Lunch/Pizza

Feb 21	Pizza Buns
Feb 25	Pizza by the Slice
Feb 26	Hot Dogs
Feb 27	Mac & Cheese
Feb 28	Haystacks

Strep is back!

Strep is alive and doing its dirty work at our school. Please have your student(s) be extra careful with washing of hands, sharing lip gloss or food, and getting extra sleep. It is very contagious!

1st Annual VRA Auction

Please join us for the 1st Annual VRA Auction on Saturday night, March 1st. Lonnie Hetterle, Education Superintendent for the Rocky Mountain Conference will be our auctioneer for the evening. He is an amazing auctioneer and is so fun to watch!

Surprise Auction Item

6:00 pm – Spaghetti Dinner will be available for purchase, sponsored by the 1st Senior Class at Vista Ridge Academy! The profits will be used to help pay for their class trip. **PRICE: \$5.00/Adults; \$3.00 Students and children (7th grade and under)**

Will Be

6:00 pm – Silent Auction will begin. Look for your favorite item(s) to silently outbid your competition! All silent auction items will be in the gymnasium.

Announced

6:00 pm – Door Prize Items will be displayed on tables in the gymnasium. Purchase general door prize tickets for \$1.00 each and load up the bucket with tickets in front of the item(s) you want most!

SOON

7:30 pm SHARP! – Live Auction begins. Lonnie Hetterle talks fast so get your bidder's number high in the air & bid for your favorite item(s)! There will also be mystery items raffled off throughout the course of the evening.

Keep Watching!

Concession Stand

Friday's Basketball Game
12:30-3:00 p.m.

Quesadillas	\$1.00
Nachos	\$1.00
Donuts	\$.50-.75
Cookies/Bars	\$.50
Drinks	\$.50-\$1.50

Friday Night Youth Social

Please note: last week's calendar was incorrect – the social is on Friday 22nd not the 23rd.

Our monthly youth social is being hosted by the Gildersleeve family this month. All youth in grades 7-12 are invited for supper, games, and vespers with Pastor Philip. We hope you can join us on **Friday, Feb. 22nd** from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Gildersleeve's: 5325 Lookout Ridge Rd., Boulder, 80301
Tel: 303.440.7903

Junior Class Fundraiser

The junior class is selling polo shirts and sweatshirts that are school appropriate. There are many, many different colors and sizes available. To order one (or many), please contact the office.

We're Bragging

On Feb. 26 our Art students will be enjoying a special hour of instruction from world renowned artist, George Hunt. Mr. Hunt shared with our full student body earlier this fall and has consented to return to give individual instruction to these students.

Health Fair

The Health Fair is just around the corner – on Thursday, Feb. 28. All students are expected to attend. If you haven't heard your student talking about it, you might want to ask how their project is

coming. Their projects will be set up that day during school hours. The judging of the projects will begin at 6:00 pm. The evening will finish at 8:00 pm. We are looking forward to seeing the results of the projects. There are many interesting ones in the works including sleep deprivation, the effects of soda pop on the body systems, a study of the eye, and the bacteria present in our mouth! Come enjoy an evening of learning!

San Francisco Trip

Mandatory meeting of the group going to San Francisco over Spring Break is scheduled for 5:30 pm on Feb. 28 right before the Health Fair. Everyone going on the trip must attend!

Classroom News

Kindergarten

Ms. Blankenship

How many healthy snacks can you think of? The Kindergarten class came up with several. We are learning about combining food groups and making healthy food choices. The following are some items on our menu:

Adam	Bagels with cream cheese
Hannah	Cheese & bologna sandwich
David	Crackers & cheese
Sarah	Yogurt & fruit
Teddy	Rice & bananas
Jacob	Waffles & strawberries
Carlos	Rice & milk (arroz con leche)
Tyler	Cereal & strawberries
Monica	Bananas & peanut butter

Grades 1-2

Mrs. Gaines

We have a short week ahead of us so we'll have to work extra hard. First graders have a review lesson for spelling. A new schedule for lessons 16-19 will be sent home next week.

With the Health Fair coming up we need each student to bring an empty soda or juice can right away.

Grades 3-4 Mrs. Hansen

The annual Spelling Bee for 3rd and 4th grade children is scheduled for the end of April. There will be 7 schools participating at Mile High Academy. It is a great time to meet new people and compete for our school. We have begun studying the words.

Each week the children will have 20 words out of the 200 they have to memorize. Please drill your child out loud. There was a spelling list of the words in yesterday's folder. For our class to do well there will need to be memorizing and help at home.

We want to have fun with the Spelling Bee, make friends, but also compete for our school!

Don't forget the symphony field trip tomorrow. Make sure your child does not wear jeans, and dresses neatly. Don't forget their sack lunch. This is a great cultural experience!

Grades 5-6 Mrs. Hodgson

The Valentine Party was a huge success (if sugar overload is considered successful). Thank you to Debbie Floyd for arranging the snacks and for all the parents who contributed toward the party.

Tomorrow we will be going to the Symphony and Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Please remember that we are supposed to be in dress clothes (no jeans) and will probably need a jacket. We may be standing in line outside for a while at the Boettcher Concert Hall before they allow us to enter. All students must bring a sack lunch.

Health Fair rough draft reports were due yesterday. Students will be spending this week and next finalizing reports and creating display boards. If you have problems providing a display board for your child, please contact me immediately.

We will be selling concessions again at this Friday's basketball game. Any donuts, cookies, bars, or brownies that can be donated will be greatly appreciated.

Grades 7-12

Mr. Force

7-9, and 11-12 Parents your students have asked that I write you a note about Compassion and our student sponsorships. The 11th and 12th grade students are sponsoring Chantal at \$ 4.00/ month and the 7-9th grade students are sponsoring Amon at \$2.00/month. All but 2 of the students have pledged to help with the sponsorship of these two very worthy and very appreciative students.

On the first of each month I remind the students of their responsibility and they always intend to bring their money, but most of the time they forget. They are hoping that you will help them remember from home as well as my reminder at school.

Basketball: Our game this week on Friday, Feb. 22, is a home game against BAA. Girls @ 12:30 and Boys @ 1:30.

The basketball tournament scheduled for Feb. 29 needs to be **rescheduled** because MHA will not be having school that day. We are looking at Friday, March 7. We will let you know as soon as all the schools can rearrange their schedules.

Music

Thursday, Feb. 21, Grades 3-6 will be attending the Colorado Symphony Orchestra. We will be leaving shortly after school begins, so please arrive promptly. As attending the orchestra is a formal occasion, students are asked to wear church type attire. (**No jeans please**)

If you have any questions, please contact me via email (rhelbley@yahoo.com) or phone (303-339-7673)

Choir/Hand Bells Perform at Boulder

This Sabbath, Feb. 23, the 7-12 Grade Choir and Hand Bell groups will perform at Boulder SDA Church. Please have your student to the church by **9:45 am**. We meet together in the main sanctuary to go over where we stand, etc., and to warm-up and practice. All involved need to be in their music

outfits. If your student wakes up sick on Sabbath morning, we must have a call that morning for them to be excused. Please call Mrs. Force by 9:00 am at 303-324-3266. Directions to the church are available in the office.

Unionaires to Visit

Unionaires, the elite choir from Union College, will be performing at our school on Friday, Feb. 29 from 11:30 am – 12:15 pm. Parents are invited to attend the concert with their student. Come and enjoy the great music. The Unionaires will also be performing on Sabbath, March 1 at the Boulder SDA Church.