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VPS community

Greetings from Valley Prep!

April and May are always busy months at Valley Prep! Be sure to keep up-to-date on all [Upcoming Events](#). See below. Please be reminded of the [early dismissals](#) during the week of April 24 for our annual ERBs (standardized testing for 3-8th) and our Student-led Conferences. Your child's teacher will be providing further details.

As announced last week, the school is currently reviewing and practicing our [emergency preparedness procedures](#) (including lockdown drills). Next Tuesday, April 18, we will practice an "emergency dismissal procedure" in which parents will park on the street and pick-up their student from the field. Such a dismissal procedure would likely be used following a crisis situation such as a fire, earthquake, or intruder. We greatly appreciate everyone's support and cooperation as we endeavor to better-ensure the safety of our students and staff. We will continue to provide parents with additional information as we move through these various drills and update our procedures.

Our [calendar for the 2023-24 school year](#) is now available on our website (<https://www.valleypreparedlands.org/VPS-Parents>). Our first day of classes will be August 14.

Many thanks to those families who have recently inquired about the school's [DEI policies](#) (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion). What exactly is DEI? And what does it mean for VPS? In the weeks ahead, we'll be sharing some of our thoughts, and welcoming feedback from the community. See further details below.

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for Tuition Assistance. See further details below.

As always, please don't hesitate to **reach-out to Mr. Black** (jblack@vpredlands.org) with any questions, concerns, or suggestions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **April 21:** no school
- **April 24-28:** Noon dismissals (standardized testing & student-led conferences)
- **May 22:** Art Show begins in the multi-purpose room
- **May 24:** Culture Day
- **May 25:** Spring Concert

SUMMER PROGRAMS

- **PS-PK-K camp** with VPS teachers (June 19 - July 14). \$575 for 2-weeks. 8am-3pm. Click [HERE](#) to register.
- **SMART-camps** for 1-8th (June 12 - early August), 9.30-2.30pm ... now accepting pre-registrations at <https://www.smartcamps.org/register>
- **Summer Skills for 1-5th** (math & reading review) with VPS teachers (June 19 - July 14), 8am-9.30. \$275 for 4-weeks. Click [HERE](#) to register.
- **Lango (Spanish)** for K-5, June 19 - July 14, 9am-12, \$350/2-weeks, Click [HERE](#) to register.
- **Soccer Shots** for PS-1st ... info coming soon

DEI @ VPS

VPS understands that a diverse faculty and student body, along with an environment that promotes equity and inclusion of all voices, is at the heart of a quality education. Further, VPS strives to continually evaluate and refine curricula, policies, and practices, and to commit the appropriate resources to ensure the school embodies these beliefs. In the weeks ahead, we will explore in greater details what DEI means to Valley Prep.

ENROLLMENT CONTRACTS FOR 2023-24

- Use the following link to **pay the \$1000 registration fee:** [PAY \\$1000 REGISTRATION HERE](#)
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the salaries & benefits of our teachers. Our salary scale is now more than 30% below the public schools' scale, making it extremely challenging for the school to retain and recruit "the best of the best." Accordingly, for the next few years, all fundraising (Annual Fund, Fall Fest, parking spots, and GALA) will focus on improving this situation. The ANNUAL FUND runs year-long. Donations can be made using the link below.

Donate to the Annual Fund here: <https://permission.click/vb1KM/us>

Annual Goal	Last school year	This school year	
Fall Fest	\$15,000	\$24,000	\$21,000
GALA	\$40,000	\$53,000	\$81,000
Annual Fund	\$45,000	\$67,000	\$46,900 thru April 1
TOTAL	\$100,000	\$144,000	

VPS HEALTH PROTOCOLS

- A student with a fever of 100.4 or higher will be sent home and must remain off-campus the following day.
- Students who are sneezing or coughing excessively may be sent home.
- Students who have vomited may be sent home.
- A student or staff-member who tests positive for Covid-19 must remain off-campus for a minimum of 3-days and submit a negative test result (rapid test is ok) before returning to campus.
- If a particular classroom(s) has a significant number of students testing positive at the same time, then the school reserves the right to require daily testing for all students for 3-5 days.

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