

**Vandalia Community District #203**  
**1109 N 8<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Vandalia, IL 62471**  
*Rich Well – Supt.*

***Superintendent's Report***  
***11/17/15***  
***5:00 PM***

**District Website**

www.vcs.fayette.k12.il.us or www.vandaliaschools.com

**Calendar**

- November 25, 26, 27 – No Student School Thanksgiving
- December 17 – Semester Exams One hour early dismissal all buildings
- December 18 – Semester Exams One hour early dismissal all buildings
- Christmas Break December 21 thru January 4<sup>th</sup> – No student school
- January 4<sup>th</sup> – Teachers Institute
- January 5<sup>th</sup> – first day of Second Semester

**Technology Report**

- Work has begun on the "last mile" fiber project that will enable us to connect to Illinois Century Network for our internet access. The company that was awarded the 'last mile' fiber project from ICN visited the school district recently to get started on permits and right of ways. The company is called Globetrotters Engineering Corporation out of Chicago.
- We received another shipment of Chromebook's purchased with a Rural/Low Income grant, and are waiting on three mobile carts.

**Finance Committee**

The committee (Hall, Campbell, Meseke, and Well) reviews fund balances and bills. The Finance Committee met on November 17, 2015. The committee meets to review bills, fund balances, state budget shortfall and general financial information.

**Policy Committee**

The committee (Goldsmith, Lawson, Well, Meseke, Protz, Kern) reviews policy updates from the IASB. The committee meets to review all policy updates (provided by the Illinois Association of School Boards) and makes recommendations to the BOE for adoption. The committee will meet in December to review IASB policy recommendations.

**Building and Grounds Committee**

The committee (Palmer, Smith, Well, Kopp, Dave Rickman, Steve Stombaugh, Kern, Dugan, Hobbie, Pepler, Bogart) will meet in December.

**Transportation Committee**

The committee (Palmer, Lawson, Well, Critcheloe, Mesnard, Krueger) will meet in December.

**Student Safety Committee**

The Committee (Palmer, Goldsmith, Wasmuth, Jeff Ray, Josh Morrison, Chris Smith, Amy Schaal, Kendra Craig, Steve Stombaugh, Kopp, Critcheloe, Well, Protz, Kern, Mesnard, Casey) will meet in December.

**Personnel Committee Meetings**

The Committee (Goldsmith, Well, Wasmuth) will meet as needed.

**Athletic Committee Meetings**

The Committee (Hall, Campbell, Smith, Kern, Protz, Casey and 4 parents TBD) will meet as needed.

**School Wellness Committee Meetings**

The Committee (Wasmuth, Hall, Well, Lotz, Kelly Curll, Stombaugh, Krueger, Mesnard) will meet as needed.

## **Lt. Governor Meeting**

Lt. Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti met with school personnel and discussed Vocational Training and over view of programs offered and discussed the challenges and opportunities in education in rural Illinois. Rich Well, Lori Meseke, Nick Casey, Randy Protz, Greta Krueger (VCUSD #203 Admin Staff), Matt Hall (VCUSD #203 Board member), Rich Bauer Leader Union, Todd Stapleton WKRV-WPMB, Steven Stilt Centralia Sentinel all meet with the Lt. Governor.

## **School Report Card**

<http://illinoisreportcard.com/>

No student data is available at this time.

### **Building Reports**

#### **High School Board Report**

**Randy Protz- Principal**

**Greta Krueger – Asst. Principal**

- 1<sup>st</sup> quarter honor roll, we had 208 students make the honor roll (3.0-3.99gpa) and 51 students made high honor roll (4.0gpa).
- Brittany McKeown, admissions representative from Johnson & Wales University will be here December 1<sup>st</sup> to talk to Mrs. Willenborg's Resource Management class. The presentation will share valuable information with our students about their globally recognized programs and internships while opening the student's eyes to exciting career paths. It also will cover ways to maximize financial aid and how to seek scholarships in general, as well as emphasize the benefits of participation in national student organizations including DECA, FBLA, FCCLA, SkillsUSA and TSA (JWU awards generous scholarships to members!).
- Mr. Clay had Boaz Haveman (our foreign exchange student) come into his Geography class and talk to the students about the cultural differences between Europe and United States and he also answered questions that our students had for him.
- Mrs. Kern took a group of Juniors to Kaskaskia College for a Career field day at the Centralia campus.
- Our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Turkey Bowl will be Tuesday November 24<sup>th</sup> 12:15-2:15pm in the gym.
- Winter sports have begun. Home openers are as follows: Boys Basketball Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>, Girls Basketball Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> and Wrestling Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Junior High Board Report**

**Brian Kern – Principal**

**Brian Holliday – Asst. Principal**

- First Quarter Honor Roll- we had 348 students achieve a 3.00 grade point average or above. The breakdown by grade level was 70 students in 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 71 students in fifth grade, 54 students in sixth grade, 67 students in seventh grade, and 66 students in eighth grade.

#### **Activities for the Month**

- 10<sup>th</sup> Hour: 11/23 – 2<sup>nd</sup> one for the year. Students enjoyed the first go around so we will continue throughout the year quarterly.
- Girls Basketball is finishing. Last home game is Thursday, 11/19. 7<sup>th</sup> grade regional begins Saturday, 11/21 at T-Town. We play 11/24 at 7:15pm. 8<sup>th</sup> grade regional tournament is the week of 11/30 at Pana
- Boys Basketball- Home games: 12/1, 12/3, 12/8, 12/12– 7<sup>th</sup> grade tourney, 12/16, 12/18
- Band and Chorus IMEA- will participate in the festival at Charleston on November 21, 2015.
- Band and Chorus: Band Winter concert will be 12/7 at 7pm. Chorus Winter concert will be 12/13 at 3pm at the Baptist Church.

**Elementary Board Report**  
**Stacy Mesnard – Principal**

**Larry Emerick – Asst. Principal/VCUSD #203 Special Education Director**

- First graders celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> day of school on October 28<sup>th</sup>. There were lot of parent volunteers to help with the activities. They enjoyed a soda fountain treat, a sock hop, hula hoops, crafts, music, and much more related to life in the 50<sup>s</sup>. Many students and teachers dressed up to look the part as well.
- The Partners in Reading program began for this school year on November 2. Many community volunteers are participating in this activity on a weekly basis during the lunch period for many of our students. Mrs. Joni Warren is the coordinator of the program this year.
- VES students are currently selling cookie dough to help fund the PBIS program in our school. Seventeen students have already sold twenty tubs of cookie dough which makes them eligible for the grand prize- a limo ride to Pizza Hut for lunch coming up in December.
- The annual Fall Fun Fest, which has been a long standing tradition at JPS, made its debut at VES on November 6 and was hugely successful. We had a packed cafeteria for the chili supper, a gym full of inflatables, a photo booth, games, snacks, a Cake Walk, and the Chrysler Drive for Kids. Mrs. Kim Well organized the drive this year which raised \$1,600 toward the PROJECT PLAYGROUND fund.
- The annual Scholastic Book Fair is going on this week at VES. Anyone who would like to shop is welcome to come anytime through the entire week of November 16-20. There are lot of books and other literacy items for sale with a holiday theme that would make great gifts. Family Reading Night is this Tuesday, November 17 in the VES library from 6:00-7:30.

**OKAW Area Vocational Center Board Report**

**Nick Casey – Director**

- The Building Trades house is in the insulation and drywall stage.
- The Welding class took a field trip to the KC welding facility.
- Post-secondary institutions continue to speak to the students.
- We are looking into CTE program specific testing for all the students and all our programs.

**“Home of the Vandals”**

*The Mission of the Vandalia Community School District: “To prepare the students of our community for their future so they may become responsible members of society.”*