

Vandalia Community District #203
1109 N 8th Street
Vandalia, IL 62471
Rich Well – Supt.

Superintendent's Report
4/19/16
5:00 PM

District Website

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

Calendar

- April 22 – Half day student attendance – half day staff professional development
- May 6 – Half day student attendance – half day staff professional development
- May 18 @ 7:00 PM – Baccalaureate
- May 21 @ 7:00 PM – Graduation
- May 23 – early dismissal Semester Exams VCHS
- May 24 – early dismissal Semester Exams VCHS
- May 25 – last teacher day

Technology Report

- PARCC is going well; by using caching servers at each school the bandwidth being used is fairly normal.
- After PARCC is over, there are some grades that have to take the Science Assessment tests before the end of the year. ISBE is still working out the details of the test.
- We have many computers switched over to the free Avast Antivirus- it seems to work very well.

Finance Committee

The committee (Hall, Campbell, Meseke, and Well) reviews fund balances and bills. The Finance Committee met on April 19, 2016. 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.

Building and Grounds Committee

The committee (Palmer, Smith, Well, Kopp, Dave Rickman, Steve Stombaugh, Kern, Dugan, Hobbie, Peppler, Bogart) will meet during the fall of the 2016-2017 school year.

Transportation Committee

The committee (Palmer, Lawson, Well, Critchelo, Mesnard, Krueger) will meet in May.

Student Safety Committee

The Committee (Palmer, Goldsmith, Wasmuth, Jeff Ray, Josh Morrison, Chris Smith, Amy Schaal, Kendra Craig, Steve Stombaugh, Kopp, Critchelo, Well, Protz, Kern, Mesnard, Casey) will meet during the fall of the 2016-2017 school year.

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 Currell, Stombaugh, Krueger, Mesnard) will meet as needed.

All About Vandalia Community Unit School District #203

Handouts were provided to the Chamber of Commerce describing the Vandalia School district. Programs of the district, student testimonials and pictures highlight the great things that are offered to our students. The handouts are also available on our school website.

Building Reports
High School Board Report
Randy Protz- Principal
Greta Krueger – Asst. Principal

- Third quarter honor roll: 202 total students made the honor roll. 48 were High Honors and 154 were Honors.
- Interact donated \$300 to the local Rotary Club. The funds are used to purchased polio vaccinations and are matched by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The club is also working with the Friends & Family of Fayette County Hospital with the Princess Tea Party on May 7th. Interact will also be working with the YMCA on the Healthy Kid's Day on April 30th.
- District Spring Band Concert is Thursday April 28th, 6:15pm in the gym.
- Last progress reports of the year are Friday April 29th.
- Prom is Saturday April 30th.
- High School Awards Day is Monday May 9th, 9am in the gym.
- STEP Program is having their banquet Tuesday May 10th, 4-8pm in the café.
- Freshman Orientation/Chromebook parent info meeting will be Thursday May 12th, 6pm in the gym.
- Spring Chorus concert is Sunday May 15th, 3pm.
- Seniors last day is Monday May 16th.
- Graduation practice is Wednesday May 18th, 9am in the gym.
- Baccalaureate is Wednesday May 18th 7pm in the gym.
- Graduation is Saturday May 21st, 7ppm in the gym.
- Final exams are May 23rd and 24th.

Junior High Board Report
Brian Kern – Principal
Brian Holliday – Asst. Principal

- May 2-6 will be **Third Grade Orientation week** with each class coming to the junior high for lunch and a tour of the building

Activities and Events

- PARCC began 4/11 and currently continues
- PARCC Reward at Starmaxx – 4/29
- 1 to 1 Parent Meeting – 4/25 – 6pm in VJHS gym
- IESA Choral Concert – 4/30
- 8th grade 2 year athletes to Grizzly game – 5/4
- Honor Chorus Concert at VES – 5/7 at 7:30pm
- 7th grade field trip – 5/6 to Willenborg Farms
- Chorus to Six Flags – 5/7
- 6th grade to Vandalia Lake – 5/10
- 5th grade to Cahokia Mounds – 5/13
- Spring Chorus Concert – 5/15 – 3pm at Unity Baptist Church
- 4th grade to city museum in St. Louis – 5/18
- 8th grade to Highland Rec. Center – 5/20
- Track Sectional: May 14th at Hillsboro Junior High
- Track Conference Meet: May 10 at Hillsboro
- Sixth Grade- will be going to the Cardinal game May 5th
- Band Spring Concert- April 28th at the High School starting at 7:00 pm

- Orientation Night – parents of third graders will be invited for a brief orientation of VJHS on 5/12 at 6pm

**Elementary Board Report
Stacy Mesnard – Principal**

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

- Events in March included a Pre-K field trip to Rural King, a school wide ice cream sundae reward for PBIS, and a PTO Artworks fundraiser designed to showcase student art work on items such as mousepads, mugs, calendars, etc.
- Thanks to tons of parent volunteers, staff members and their families, PTO officers, Mr. Kopp, donations from community business, a generous contribution from Pre-K of Fayette County, and a ton of fundraising over the past two years, VES has a brand new playground for all students to enjoy!
- Upcoming events in April include the Kindergarten and First Grade Open House and Musicals on April 19 and 21 respectively. Parents are invited to tour the building and see what the children have been learning about during their Rainforest Unit as well as enjoy a musical put on the grade levels under the direction of Mrs. Tammy Hall.
- On April 22 as part of our professional development, VES teachers will be reviewing a Phonics program under the direction of Christy Mulligan.
- Third quarter Perfect Spellers in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades will be going to lunch at McDonald's in April.
- First graders are visiting the Magic House in St. Lois in late April, and there will be a free Family Dance on April 29 from 6:00-8:00 in the VES gym.

**OKAW Area Vocational Center Board Report
Nick Casey – Director**

- 62 High Students competed in this year's annual MTI Welding Competition. OKAW Vocational School entered eleven students this year. This competition is equivalent to a high school sport state tournament.

Results

Flight A (MIG,Stick,Tig welding)

- 1st Place Colton Mcguire Greenville
- 2nd Place Larry Edwards Greenville
- 7th Place Mitch Abbot Hillsboro

Flight B (MIG, Stick)

- 1st Place Shane Green Hillsboro
- 2nd Place Dalton Dugan Vandalia
- 3rd Place Blane Pruett Vandalia
- 4th Place Justin Evans New Approach
- 8th Place Bryce Dickenson Vandalia
- 9th Place Austin Redfern Mulberry Grove

“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.”

