

Turbo Talk

October 2022

VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE!

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Do Unto Others...

With the generous help of our School's Parent Advisory Association, VES is excited to launch the Leader in Me program in our school. "Leader in Me" is an engaging, school-wide program that increases student voice by teaching students the "7 Habits of Successful Kids". This Month we have focused on Habit # 1, Be Proactive. Being Proactive is the habit of self-control. This habit teaches kids to take personal responsibility for their time, their behaviour, and how they treat others. As we move through the year, students will learn each of the habits and be encouraged to live the habits by asking, "How can I help?" What a powerful question. Through the "Leader in Me" program we are teaching them strong citizenship skills that will help themselves and others throughout their whole life. Below is an example of how service projects help kids grow in these areas.

Service Learning & the 7 Habits®

Service learning combines contribution with reflection to nurture a "How can I help?" attitude. Use our rubric before, during, and after completing service-learning projects to maximize impact.



APPLICATION OF THE 7 HABITS	BASIC	INTERMEDIATE	ADVANCED
Habit 1: Be Proactive® GUIDING PRINCIPLE: RESPONSIBILITY	We identified ways to help the community and modeled positive behaviors.	We responded to a community or global need with a focus on solving problems and modeling positive behaviors.	We responded to a community or global need with a focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding and solving problems. Giving time and energy to things we can affect directly. Modeling positive behaviors that strengthen and build others in positive ways.
Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind® GUIDING PRINCIPLE: VISION	We had a general idea of what we wanted to accomplish.	We researched a community or global need and identified a list of action steps to complete the project.	We used research to clearly define our goals and connect the project to our personal, class, and/or school mission.
Habit 3: Put First Things First® GUIDING PRINCIPLE: PRIORITIZATION	We performed a service with no clearly defined learning goals.	We completed the project by responding to a real-world problem with an emphasis on service over learning.	We focused on our most important priorities by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clearly articulating our learning goals. Aligning this project with our daily and/or weekly learning schedule. Transferring knowledge and skills from our classroom to our community.

Leader in Me

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DATES TO REMEMBER

October

5 - Picture Day

7- Harvest Potluck Supper

10 - Thanksgiving
No school

17 - Hot Lunch

18 - Volleyball@

Central School in Taber

19 - Assembly at 8:35 am

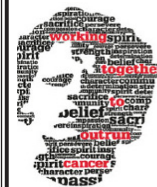
21 - PD Day -

No School

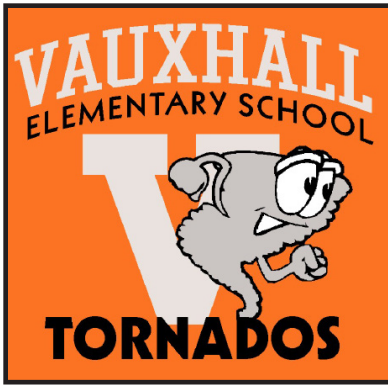
27 - Pumpkin Run

28 - Fall Fun Festival

**We ran for the cure
and raised \$ 210.00**



THE TERRY FOX
for cancer research RUN



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New Ways to Learn More about what's Happening at VES!

Did you know VES is now on Facebook, and What's App? We want you to see all the incredible ways we show we care about kids and celebrate their learning. Please follow us:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/VauxhallElementary>

What's App: 1(587)856-8161

Fall Fun Festival & Pumpkin Run

Thursday, October 27 our students will run for the pumpkins in our annual pumpkin run! Then on Friday, October 28 we'll have our annual Fall Fun Festival. The Fall Fest is a fundraiser for our year-end Grade 6 fieldtrip to Edmonton. Our grade 6 classes plan all the games and prizes for the big event. The day always takes place the last Friday of October and is a huge hit with the kids. As always, costumes are optional.

Celebrating Student Leaders!

We're on the lookout for students showing leadership qualities and this month we found many students rising to the challenge!

Liam VanderPloeg, River Lowen & Natasha Klassen: for meeting the bus each day to help carry a backpack for a student with a broken leg! Thanks you!

Alexis Bueckert who has been helping keep our outdoor VES sign updated. Thank you

Lincoln Deleuww, Carter Bennen, Cooper Broderson, Jhett Stober and Austin Odland, who helped unload all our disc golf course markers into the gym storage area.

Aaron Rempel and his family who helped put away all the chairs and tables after the Back-to-School BBQ.

Ricky Guenther who helped hold the door for grade one students!

Hot Lunches Return!

Our first hot lunch of the season will be from **Dairy Queen on October 17**. Special thanks to Ashley Tolsma who shows real leadership as she gives her time to plan and organize our hot lunches this year. If you can help her out either with helping to prepare or delivering the hot lunches to the school, please phone the school!

SCHOOL PICTURES

Individual school photos are scheduled for Wednesday, October 5 for all grades. Re-takes, will be on November 9.

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VES SCHOOL COUNCIL SPOTLIGHT



MEET OUR VES SCHOOL COUNCIL EXECUTIVES

We had a great turnout for our Annual General Meetings for our School Council and Parent Advisory last Wednesday. Many were in attendance and there to lend their voice, time and talents to help our school be the best it can be for our students. Great ideas were brought forward that can be explored further during the year. At the meeting our new executives for each council were voted in. I want to express our deepest gratitude to those who let their name stand

to serve on these vital VES parent organizations this year! Thank you!

School Council:

Co-Chairs: Dana Wall & Jen Skuban

Secretary: Janelle Wiebe

Council of School Councils Rep: Colleen Van Den Hoek

Classroom Representatives:

School Advisory Parent Association:

Co-chairs: Dana Wall & Jen Skuban

Secretary: Janelle Wiebe

Treasurer: Michelle VanderHoek

We Need Pumpkins!

If anyone has pumpkins they wish to donate for our VES Pumpkin Run this year, please drop them off at the school before October 21. Thank you!

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WE WANT TO KNOW!

HELP US MAKE YOUR CHILD'S EXPERIENCE OF SCHOOL BETTER

If you can spare a few moments to answer these questions, it will help our teachers and staff plan ways to give your child and others a better learning experience this year. Answer only the questions you want and send this page back to school. For those who respond, we will put your child's name in for a draw for a free hot lunch.

Child's Name _____ Grade: _____

- How does your child feel about school?
- What was your experience in this grade?
- How would you describe your child in three words?
- When your child grows up, what are five characteristics you want your child to have?
- At the end of the school year, what do you hope your child says about school?
- What hopes or goals do you have for your child this year?
- What is a strength for your child? What is a challenge for your child?
- How can we help your child succeed this year?
- How would you describe your ideal teacher?
- How would you describe a recent accomplishment that your child had outside of school?
- What motivates your child?
- Do you have any concerns for your child?