



Getting in Tune!

Time and time again, research shows that playing a musical instrument helps you perform better at school and work. It strengthens your brain,

develops problem-solving and critical-thinking skills, and improves your ability to communicate more effectively. Learning music can also improve self-confidence and help students excel in science, reading, and math.

Our brains love to learn something new. Just 30 minutes of training can positively affect brain patterns, enhance verbal memory, positively impact one's reading ability and executive functions, as well as strengthen brain circuits.

Please encourage your son/daughter to participate fully in music class, and if they have the opportunity to learn an instrument, embrace it full-heartedly! Important to note is that it is never too late to start! No matter what age you are, you will reap the benefits of learning an instrument!

Erika Skala Black
Principal

Dates to Remember:

October 2-5 th	Turkey Trot
October 3 rd	2/3 to Water Festival
October 4-5 th	5/6 to Yearly
October 5 th	Turkey Assembly
October 6 th	PA Day
October 9 th	Thanksgiving Day
October 10 th	Picture Day
October 20 th	Basketball Tournament @ HHS
October 27 th	Spirit Day - Dress as Candy
October 31 st	Black/Orange Day Halloween Games & Dances



The TURKEY TROT Has Begun!

Encourage your child to run laps during first recess October. 2 - 5. Each lap earns them a ticket to enter in a draw for a Thanksgiving turkey! Run, Run, Run!

Math Facts and Multiplication Tables are Important!

A student who masters their math facts and multiplication tables has a much easier time persevering with math problems in school. A solid recall of multiplication tables builds a student's confidence and decreases their cognitive load which allows them continuity of thought when solving problems.

Help your child learn their skip counting, math facts, and multiplication tables through card games, quizzing in the car, and posing questions when grocery shopping. We all memorize through repetition. Learning their facts now will help them immensely in years to come! By the end of grade 3, students should know their times tables up to and including 7×7 , and by grade 7, their 12 times tables.

Talking about money is also important. Ask your child to round off the cost of items and estimate the total of your shopping basket. The more conversations you have about money (e.g., Is \$10 enough to pay for everything? How much change will you get?) the more comfortable they will become working with numbers.



Vipers Rock Hoya Run!

Thirty-six of our students in grades 1-8 represented VK at the Huntsville Hoya's Cross-Country Run on Sept. 27th. We had four top 5 finishes throughout the age groups! Ryder Stewart (2nd), Leah Richter (1st), Sam Richter (1st), Dominic Veitch (5th). Congratulations to all of our runners!!

Dining out?

Dining out at Kelsey's in Huntsville or Boston Pizza in Huntsville or Bracebridge? Simply deposit your receipt in the box at the host stand with "VK Greer" clearly printed on the back. The restaurant will then donate a percentage back to us!



Quick Facts

- Only 21% of Ontario children in grade 3 report that they read together with a parent or guardian "every day or almost every day".
- Only 38% of grade 6 students say they talk to a parent or guardian "daily or almost every day about school activities".

Help students succeed by talking about school, having high expectations, and building positive attitudes. Fifteen to thirty minutes of daily reading is encouraged!!



2017-2018

Student Leaders

We have a fabulous group of intermediate students who have stepped up and formed this year's student leadership team! Their leadership and school spirit is appreciated! We are sure to see some fun spirit days in 2017-18!



Halloween Activities Tuesday, October 31st

Grades 1-3	10:00 - 10:25	primary dance
Grades 4-5	12:00 - 12:30	games
Grades 6-8	2:00 - 3:00	intermediate dance

Parents are welcome to join us!

2017-18 School Council Executive

Thank you to all who attended our meeting on September 26th. This year's executive is:

- Chair - Jennie Seward
- Healthy Snack Coordinator - Matthew Richter
- Treasurer - Lisa Menard
- Secretary - Amanda Asmussen

We thank all of you, as well as the Parent Members, for helping our council support VK and continue to make it the great school that it is! Our next meeting is on Thursday, November 9th at 6:30 pm in the library! New parents are always welcome!

Parents...

Please speak to your son/daughter about treating everyone with respect, using kind words, and keeping their hands and feet to themselves. Thank you!

Picture Day...

is Tuesday, October 10th. That's the first school day after Thanksgiving weekend. There will also be a retake day on Thursday, November 9th.

Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed for head lice checks. If you would like to help out, contact the school office. No experience required!



Food Allergies at VK Greer

Just a reminder to everyone that VK Greer is a *Peanut Safe* school. We have several students and staff at our school with life-threatening allergies. Please DO NOT send any nut products to school. This includes simulated or imitation nut products such as WOW Butter. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office.

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATES

Meeting & Membership

Join us on Thurs. Nov. 9th

6:30 pm in the Library

New participants always welcome!

Sign-Up Reminders:

Self-Nomination for School Council Parent Members (who attend meetings regularly and hold voting privileges) is open until OCT. 31st at dismissal.

To receive School Council emails, just sign up as an e-Council Member using the Self-Nomination form. (Available in the school office.) It's a great way to stay in the loop!

Other School Council Events / Dates / Info

Scrap Metal & E-Waste: donations made to AOR this year will go towards graduation costs.

Goods Swap: Saturday November 18th – this is your opportunity to donate and/or gather up FREE items for your family!

Santa's Bazaar: Friday Dec. 1st 4:30-7:30 pm



Our **MABEL'S LABELS** on-line fundraiser

<https://www.mabelsfundraising.com/campaigns/14338-vk-greer>