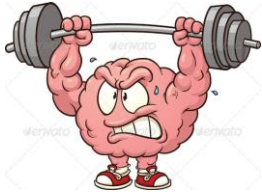


Instilling a Growth Mindset!



Reams of research show that students who are praised for being smart fixate on performance, shying away from taking risks and meeting potential failure. Students who are praised

for their efforts try harder and persist with tasks longer. These "effort" kids have a "growth mindset" marked by resilience and a thirst for mastery; the "smart" ones have a "fixed mindset" believing intelligence to be innate and not malleable. We acknowledge that we need to praise their efforts; however the praise needs to be connected to what they are learning, i.e. what their next steps are. The key to instilling a growth mindset is teaching children that their brains are like muscles that can be strengthened through hard work and persistence. So rather than saying, "Not everybody is good at math. Just do your best", say "When you learn how to do a new math problem, it grows your brain." Or instead of saying, "Maybe math is not one of your strengths," a better approach is adding "yet" to the end of the sentence: "Maybe math is not one of your strengths yet."

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Intelligence is malleable. We can all change our brain! Model taking risks by learning something new and talk about it to your child! Perhaps it will encourage them to take risks in their own learning!

*Erika Black
Principal*



This year's play is now underway at VK Greer. Fifty-five students turned out to say they were interested in being part of our play. Fantastic!

Auditions are finished and rehearsals have begun as we prepare to act and sing our way through the story of *The Emperor's New Clothes*. Mark Tuesday, May 15th and Wednesday, May 16th @ 7:00 pm on your calendar, so you will not to miss our fabulous performance!

Report Cards are Coming!



Report Cards will be coming home on February 16th. Please take some time to go over it with your child. In particular, please focus on your child's learning skills—responsibility,

organization, independent work, collaboration, initiative, and self-regulation. Research by neuroscientists and educational psychologists has shown that it is these skills that have the greatest impact on students' ability to succeed, not just in school, but in life.

These are also the skills that parents can help build at home. Students whose parents have high expectations and who focus on building strong work habits and a positive attitude are more likely to be successful in school. The information about your child's learning skills can help you support them in the areas that need improvement. We are all your child's teachers! Reinforcing the importance of their education and helping them learn outside of school is invaluable!

If there are comments or parts of the report card that you do not understand, please ask their teacher about them.

Dates to Remember:

February 1 st	Crazy Hair & Pizza Day Volleyball: Pine Glen @ VKG
February 2 nd	PA Day
February 7 th	Winter Electives Day 1
February 8 th	Volleyball: VKG @ St. Mary's
February 8 th & 9 th	Science North Workshops in gym
February 9 th	'ER' Spirit Day, Assembly
February 13 th	Volleyball: VKG @ Irwin
February 14 th	Winter Electives Day 2
February 15 th	Volleyball: Spruce Glen @ VKG
February 16 th	Red, White & Pink Spirit Day, Report Cards go home
February 19 th	Family Day Holiday
February 20 th	Volleyball: VKG @ HPS
February 21 st	Winter Electives Day 3
February 27 th	Volleyball Tourney @ Riverside
March 9-18 th	March Break

Please Return your "Yellow Sheet"!

Each child will soon be given a yellow Student Information Verification form. Parents/guardians are asked to make any updates/corrections necessary and return it to school as soon as possible. Even if all of the information is correct, please sign and return.



Winter Electives!

Winter Electives are fast approaching. A big thank you to Ms. Valliere for spearheading this year's committee and to Mrs. Poulos for all of her work organizing behind the scenes! We appreciate you!

What Else is Happening at VKG?

- ✓ Battle of the Books (Junior/Intermediate)
- ✓ Reading Club
- ✓ Knitting Club
- ✓ Rock Band
- ✓ Junior Coding
- ✓ Cross-Country Skiing Club
- ✓ Electives (grades 1-8)
- ✓ VKG Volleyball Teams
- ✓ The Emperor's New Clothes Rehearsals
- ✓ Junior Ukulele Club and Intermediate Band!
- ✓ Valentine's Day Activities, Spirit Days

What's the best way to get better in reading and math?

The only way to get better in reading is to read! The only way to know your multiplication tables is to practice them! Help your child practice their timetables while driving in the car and be sure to read with them every night!



Little Caesars Pizza Kit

VKG's Concert and Rock Band members will be selling pizza kits from Feb. 8 - 20th. Extra order forms are available in the office for anyone interested in ordering.



Frozen pizza making kits, breadsticks, cookie dough and much more! All proceeds will go towards our incredible instrumental program at VKG.

2018 Kindergarten Registration

Please register your child as soon as possible.

What you need to bring:

- ✓ Child's proof of age (e.g. birth certificate)
- ✓ Name and phone number of your family doctor
- ✓ Child's health card number (optional)
- ✓ Child's immunization record

JK students must be 4 years old by December 31, 2018.



Dress for the Weather!

Winter is still here and we would like to remind all students to come to school prepared for the weather. We regularly go outside for recess and some physical

education classes in the winter months.

Please ensure your child has a pair of shoes at school each day.



Rock Band

This year VKG has its very own Rock Band thanks to Mr. Kirkpatrick! The band has been practicing at recess and after school and is sounding great! Rock on to: Wes Brown - Drums, Sam Richter - Keys, Heath Buitenhuis - Guitar, Tanner Paddle - Guitar, Barron Seifried - Guitar, Michael Perlock - Bass, Dom Veitch - Vocals, Nathan Perry - Vocals, Daniel Clarke - Aux. Percussion & Vocals

Viper Volleyball

Our volleyball season is now in full swing. A huge thank you to coaches Ms. Asmussen, Ms. Valliere, Mr. Marshall and Mr. Kirkpatrick! Congratulations to the following players for making this year's school teams!



Girls: Ayla LaFrenere, Madison Marshall, Madison Flaxman, Madison Dafoe, Madison Stead, Sydney Brinklow, Jenna Gill, Tori Howe, Tori Jones, Jadyn Heath, Hannah Russell, Lili Ziemba, Abby Takacs-Tinsley
Boys: Gray Patey, Nate Stanley, Michael Perlock, Kaleb Thrush, Bryer Sutton, Sam Richter, Caleb Duguid, Daniel Clarke, Baron Seifried, Tanner Heath.

Alternates: Dominic Veitch, Kodi Nicholls, Willy Middaugh

On Tuesdays, girls play first and on Thursdays, boys play first.