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## Principal's Message

Dear Van Buren Families,

I can't believe that we are at the end of the 2009-10 school year! I have had a wonderful time getting to know you and learning about this community. We have a wonderful school with outstanding teachers, dedicated support staff and of course the best students in Placentia and Yorba Linda.

To keep the learning going over the summer the Van Buren teachers have developed a summer math incentive program. One of the biggest challenges the students and teachers face each year is the mastery of basic math facts. When students know those facts with speed and accuracy, then the acquisition of concepts taught during the year come much easier. We will send home a flyer before school is out to provide you information about this math incentive program. Summer learning is fun and we hope you take time to support your child as he/she practices their math facts.

The anticipation of the new school year comes with excitement as well as concern. We all want our child to be in the right classroom with the right classmates, and with the right teacher. As a staff, we meet in grade level teams to place students in classrooms so that there is a balance of students by gender, academic abilities, special needs and other factors. When classes are balanced, all students are provided the best learning environment and opportunity. We do not accept requests for specific teachers, however, if you feel there is

information about your child that you feel would be helpful for us to know when placing your child, please leave a note at the office desk and it will be routed to me for consideration.

Next year, we will be faced with six furlough days and four of them will be during the school year. This means that, along with larger class sizes, we will have fewer days of instruction. Therefore it is critical that we work more closely together to ensure that your child masters the state standards. We commit to making the most of our instructional time, and on your end, I ask that you do not schedule activities and appointments that take your child out of school if at all possible.

This school year would not be the success that it has been without the involvement and support from our PTA. President Lisa Pierro and the rest of the board have been very active this year and have worked diligently behind the scenes to provide resources and encouragement to the entire school community. Special recognition also goes to Bryan Thomas and the carnival committee for their tireless work on this event scheduled for Saturday, June 5. I hope to see all of you there!

Thank you again for allowing me the privilege of serving you as the principal of Van Buren Elementary School. May the summer break be a time for your family, making special memories, and relaxation.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Valburg

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## A Note From Your PTA President

Van Buren Families,

I just don't know where to end... The PTA team has provided this year with fantastic activities. Thanks to your support, we have been able to provide funding for enhanced learning experiences for the kids at VBE. Thanks to the support of Mr. Valburg and our fabulous teachers, volunteers and staff, our kids have had incredible learning experiences here at VBE. Sure the PTA can fund programs, but it's the added support of our staff that takes it to a higher level.

Our school garden is underway.

Thank you to Sonja Moreno for taking the steps to make this a reality. On Family Night, many volunteers were out with their shovels removing the plants to clear the area in which our Van Buren Elementary Garden will begin to grow. There are many steps left in this ongoing process. Get involved and watch the fruits of your labor grow (literally).

Our Carnival Committee has been working diligently to provide our school with an awesome end of the year carnival. I look forward to a fun-filled day with the kids of our school. Please mark your

calendar to attend our Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> event.

This summer the PTA board will be preparing for next year, and we are open to suggestions. What do you think went well? What would you like to see PTA provide for at VBE? Please email me your suggestions at [Lisapierro63@gmail.com](mailto:Lisapierro63@gmail.com). I look forward to serving the needs of our PTA next year. Have a fantastic summer!!

Thanks for all you do, it starts with you. ☺

Sincerely,  
Lisa Pierro

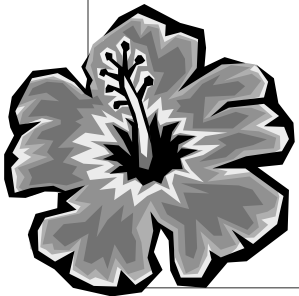
## Bring Your Aloha to Our Carnival on June 5<sup>th</sup>!

We invite you and your family, your friends and neighbors to our VBE PTA Hawaiian Carnival on Saturday, June 5, from 11 AM to 4 PM.

For kids of all ages to enjoy: a train ride, slides, video game truck, obstacle course, 20 game booths, a famous magician, face painting and crazy hair booths, opportunity drawings for gift baskets, yummy food, and more!

We graciously thank our volunteers, families, and community for all the support in making this carnival happen.

Come enjoy this very wallet-friendly event and support our children! For any questions, please contact Bryan Thomas at [citizenbryan@gmail.com](mailto:citizenbryan@gmail.com).



## Last Day Dismissals

*Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup> is our last day of school!*

- **All Kindergartners are early birds 7:50-11:10 AM**
- **First- through six-graders dismiss at 12 PM**



## Box Tops' Bucks and Pouches' Fundraiser

Thanks for participating in General Mills' Box Tops for Schools Program. VBE earned over \$300 this year!

We also continue to collect empty Capri Sun or Kool Aid pouches to raise funds for our school.

This summer, keep clipping and collecting those tops and pouches, and your child could win a prize in a special drawing this September:

1. Every bag of 50 box tops you collect earns a chance in a drawing for a Toys 'R Us gift card.
2. Every bag of 25 Capri Sun or Kool Aid drink pouches earns a chance for drawing for fun recycled Capri Sun products, like pencil pouches or a backpack! (Please remember to remove the straw, cut across the top above the straw hole, and rinse the pouches. Pouches must be dry and empty.)

Please place them in separate Ziploc bags, label with your child's name, and turn them in on the first week of school. For any questions, please contact Cathy Bastieri at [cbastieri@pylusd.org](mailto:cbastieri@pylusd.org).



## Yes, We've STILL Got Them – \$5 Movie Tickets

Take your favorite Roadrunner – or two, or three – to the movies for cheap! As a service to our VBE families, PTA offers movie tickets at Cinema City in Anaheim Hills for only \$5 each.

These are NOT passes. Tickets can be used for any movie, anytime, even on first night and opening weekends. See a 3D flick without paying the extra fee!

Buy your tickets at the front office until the last day of school, Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. No limits... get as many tickets you like!



## Thank You, Thank You...

The Newsletter Team greatly appreciates our photocopy and distribution parents, **Matti Garrow** and **Michelle Thomas**, for ensuring our families get our little newsletter in time!

## Upcoming Events

- June 1 - Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast, 9:30 AM, Rm 401
- June 5 - VBE Carnival, 11 AM - 4 PM
- June 7 - Music Assembly, 11 AM, MPR
- June 9 - Talent Show Cast Party, 2:15 PM
- June 10 - Awards Assemblies, MPR
- June 11 - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Party, CSUF
- June 17 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!





## Van Buren Elementary's Class of 2010

Our most heartfelt congratulations and warm wishes go out to our sixth graders and their families. Good job, and good luck as you move forward... we will miss you!

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### Sixth Graders... Party On!

VBE's Class of 2010 ends the year with a special celebration on Friday, June 11, 9AM – 1:30 PM, at the CSUF Titan Student Union.

If you would like to help on the day of the party, or for any questions, please contact Irene Pearson at [irenepearson@gmail.com](mailto:irenepearson@gmail.com).



## Congratulations, February/March Award Winners!

The following VBE students were recognized for their achievements at our awards ceremony in April. Kudos to our Roadrunners for doing really well!

Teacher	Student of the Month - Feb (Compassion)	Student of the Month - Mar (Cooperation)	Most Improved	Teacher's Choice
Miss Gotovac	Nicholas Lee/ Isabella Aguirre	Caleb Swain/Kiarra O'Connell	Mickey Chinchilla/Riley Jordan	Haley Juarez/ Denver Soto
Mrs. Willey	Stella Ruvalcaba	Kailey Amaya	Angelina Rizo/Ericson Zabot	Colin Jackson/Porter North
Mrs. Chadez	Anabelle Luna	Raider Ambriz		
Mrs. Bastieri	Hans Jeremy	Remi Nguyen	Michael Robertson/ Brandon Hsu	Justin Le/Donovan Nguyen
Mrs. Chadez	Julia Vasquez	McKenna Pomeroy	Jack Yeager-LoNigro	Cameron Sparacio
Mrs. Carl	Tara Le	Vanessa Jackle	Kane Julian/Amelie Drake	Jovitha Prakash/Andre Arcilla
Miss Naval	Max Andeel	Maddie Donahue	Elisse Taylor/Isabella Navarrette	Ashley McCormick/Isaiah Arthurton
Mrs. DeMascio	Melissa Vu	Ryan Carr	Jacqueline Soria/Nicholas Fletes	Isha Arora/Tassos Pelonis
Mrs. Neff	Jake Ervin	Brennen Cavish	Nolan Burke/Michael Javier	Ryan Diaz/Kingsley Holmes
Miss Taylor	Bryan Rubalcalva	Alexandra Wesselmann	Bobby Domingo/Victoria Cochrane/ Shivani Sadam	Lauren Lee/Destiny Omar/ David Martinez/Lucca Rivera-Avila
Mrs. P. Johnson	Krystal Hoskins	Aidan Girty	Nick Manning/ Mackenzie Lawson	Thurman Brown/ Jaelyn Anderson
Mrs. San Roman	Rachel Wolfe	Annemarie Joseph	Taylor Galvez/Yazen Balouk	Jeremy Campbell/ Justin Aguilera
Mrs. Shipe	Czara Liu	Luke Franco	Abby Chertock/Ian Kearney	Brandon Bermejo/Makenna Thomsen
Mrs. Bless	Kyle Crane	Cassandra Oropeza	Adrian Zavala/Johneel Hernandez	Sara Chertock/Chandler Lee
Mrs. Hasson	Carly Moreno	Purva Patel	Jeremy Soria/ Brennan Ackermann	Courtney Ricotta/Presley Moffett
Mrs. Parmenter	Mia Bannon	David Ballard	Cole Jensen	Catlinh Nguyen/Joshua Brookman
Mrs. Muller	Makynna Keefe	Ronni Dymond	Riley Thomsen/Jordan Simpson	Tyson Durbin/Alexis Foyil
Mrs. Nguyen	Erika Henderson	Christian Tran	Valerie Stanford/Steven Argudin	Parker Williams/Yousef Alawwad
Mrs. Shibata	Camille Sparacio	Sondra Sakakibara	Sarah Matticks/Paige Bastieri	Adam Abdi/Isaac Orozco
Mrs. J. Johnson	Ruth Lee	Sarah Carr	Cole Lanksbury/Madison Morgan	AJ Arcilla/Jethro Pobre
Mrs. Paradis	Imari Roberts	Jordan Yots	Nicole Blake/Michael Verdoza	Brandon Go/Landri English
Mrs. Vale	Richard Ortega	Austin Maxwell	David Soria/Chris Gregg	Angy Moran/Birgit Nelson
Mrs. Koss	Justin Ritchie	Omar Cherif	Niko Mota	Nolan Wyatt
Miss O'Rourke	Raymond Cerna	Jose Mendez	Eric Lemos/Brijit Reyes	Jordi Villagomez
Mrs. Viscusi	Cesar Sanchez	Payton Ritchie	Jack Durbin/Christian Cline	Ryan Vu/Cole Lanksbury
Miss Tracy J.	Bobby Domingo	Jonathan Aran	Aaron Coppock/Zachary Alayra	Roy Horgan/Jeremy Soria

