

April 2025

NEXT PTO MEETING: Tuesday, April 8th at 6:30pm. IN PERSON @ VHE in the library. Zoom link [HERE](#)

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April Newsletter Items Include:

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- Carnival Thank You!
- April Events
- Note from the Social Worker
- Note from the Art Room
- Makers Fair
- Behavioral Health Services Q&A
- Rollerblading in PE
- Playground Volunteers
- Hedgie Store Open
- Upcoming Events and Reminders: Shake Shack + Noodles + Trivia Night + MCM + Hedgestock + Mallards + Madison FC + After School Classes + Ollie's Labels



We Welcome YOU!

Our monthly PTO Meeting is coming up on Tuesday, April 8th.

We have a **full agenda** - including board elections, a recap of **quarter three community pulse survey results**, and a presentation by Principal Stein on staff allocations for 2025-2026.

- Please send any questions to prez@vanhisepto.org by Monday, April 7th.
- PTO provides child care free of charge to families. Email prez@vanhisepto.org if you plan to bring a child(ren) so we can plan accordingly.

As always, check out our website at www.vanhisepto.org for up to date news.

Carnival 2025 - Thank You!

Thank you to our Carnival Coordinator Adam Gratch, and the many volunteers who contributed to its success. Whether you helped with games, served up pizza, or gathered raffle prizes, we are immensely grateful.

Thank you also to all of our families and staff who attended.

If you have any feedback from the event - what you enjoyed, what you'd like to see in the future, etc., please let us know using the [Hedgie Feedback Form](#).

If you are interested in getting involved with planning for the 2026 carnival, please email prez@vanhisepto.org.



Events at a Glance | APRIL

April 7

11.25AM Release

No After School Programming

April 8

April PTO Meeting

6.30PM in VHE Library

or [ZOOM](#)

April 10

Evening Conferences

Staff Potluck - [Volunteer Here](#)

April 11

NO SCHOOL + Conferences

Staff Potluck - [Volunteer Here](#)

April 14-18

FORWARD Testing

April 15

Shake Shack Fundraiser (11AM - 9PM)

April 16

Garden Committee Meeting

5PM in VHE Library

April 22

Community and District Behavioral Health Resources

6PM in VHE Library

or [ZOOM](#)

April 26

Makers Fair (1-3PM)

April 27

Garden Clean-up Day (10AM - 1PM)

April 29

Noodles Fundraiser (4-8PM)

In response to recommendations and requests from families, we have created a [public PTO calendar](#) (click to subscribe). Please let us know what you'd like to see included.

*** [MMSD Calendar Now Available for the 2025-2026 School Year](#) ***

A Note from The School Social Worker



RESOURCE ROOM: The resource room is a new addition to our school and was created to help our community alleviate any financial stressors that they are facing. We want all of our students to have access to some basic needs so they can engage in academic, social and play activities at school. This is available to the entire VHE community.

Families can put in one request per month using **this** form. Requests will be accepted until the school year ends or supplies run out. This program is made possible by the generosity of our community. Please request only what you need so we can help as many families as possible. There are no requirements or questions asked to access the resource room. Once you have completed the form, please allow one week to receive the supplies.

Information is confidential and not shared. School Social Worker, Amy Robel, manages the requests and the resource room.

Mr. Lynch's Art Room Update – Clay Creations & Art Show

All grades have officially completed their clay projects, and we are excited to share them with you.



Join us at the All-School Art Show during conferences on April 10 & 11 to see all the incredible artwork your students have created.

Here's what each grade has been working on:

- Kindergarten – Clay turtles
- 1st Grade – Clay cupcakes
- 2nd Grade – Clay creatures
- 3rd Grade – Clay castles
- 4th Grade – Coil creations
- 5th Grade – Animal mugs

Come celebrate our young artists, admire their creativity, and take home your student's sculpture after the show. Looking forward to seeing you there!



Makers Fair

We are looking for people to join our planning committee for the Makers Fair on April 26. Please email prez@vanhisepto.org for more information.

The second annual Makers Fair is an opportunity for Van Hise learners to make and create for free ... and to celebrate our staff!

We will have multiple creation stations throughout the gym to make gifts in preparation for staff appreciation and to take home.

We have multiple opportunities to volunteer and support the Fair -

- **Bake Sale (Donate, Volunteer)**
- **Makers Fair (Set-up, Stations, Clean-up)**
- **Donate to Support Makers Fair Supplies and Staff Appreciation**
- **Supplies Wish List - COMING SOON!**

Families and Community Engagement

The Van Hise PTO hosted several meetings with the Families and Community Engagement (FACE) groups last year. This includes a series of teams, empowerment groups, open gyms and weekend events, adult clubs and classes, grade-level meet-ups, trainings and speakers.

Behavioral Health Services - School and Community Supports

Who: Anyone from the VHE community

Location: Van Hise Library Media Center and via **Zoom** (password: hedgie25)

Day: Tuesday, April 22, 2025

Time: 6 pm

If you are interested in family and community empowerment groups, **please let us know**.

Rollerblading in PE



4/14/25 - 5/1/25

VHE Families

- Students will only be rollerblading with Mrs. Zimmerman
- Students are encouraged to bring their own bike style helmet
If they do not own their own helmet one will be provided
Please plan for hairstyles that will fit a helmet
- Please tell your child their shoe size so they know what size rollerblade to wear
- Students should be wearing socks so they don't get blisters and to keep our rollerblades sanitary

Kindergarten and first grade families if you have filled out the parent volunteer paperwork I'd love to have you help out. These are the times I'm looking for

Monday: Khaja 8:30-9:00 ; Masha 12:15 - 12:45

Tuesday: Ford 11:45 - 12:15; Khaja 12:45 - 1:15

Wednesday: Kindergarten 11:15 - 12:15 ; First 12:15 - 1:15

Thursday: Kindergarten 11:15 - 12:15 ; First 12:15 - 12:45

Friday: Kindergarten 11:15 - 12:15 ; First 12:15 - 12:45

Email Mrs. Zimmerman at snzimmerman@madison.k12.wi.us

Playground Volunteers



The PTO helps out with extra eyes and hands over the lunch period.

Consider volunteering for a 30-minute time slot. Volunteers check in at the office to receive a vest and volunteer badge.

Due to schedule changes this year, the lunch room volunteers are especially needed to help ease transition into and out of the lunch room - even just one shift makes a huge difference!

**Find Volunteer Opportunities for Lunch, Recess, and
Other Events Here**



The **Hedgie Shop** is now open for Spring



Our sixth Shake Shack restaurant night of the year is **April 15!**

Head over to Shake Shack in Hilldale (558 N. Midvale Blvd.) all day.

The PTO will receive 25% of all sales from 11AM to 9PM.



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University Ave
3600 University Ave, Madison, WI 53705

April 29, 2025

4-8 pm

25%

of qualifying sales will directly benefit:

Van Hise PTO



1. On the day of the fundraiser, order your favorites online at noodles.com/order or on our app.
2. Once your order is complete, head to checkout.
3. Enter code "GIVING25" in coupon code and hit "Apply."
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**VAN HISE ELEMENTARY
ADULTS' NIGHT OUT**

**&
TRIVIA
NIGHT**

Tease your brain for a
good cause & win prizes

Saturday,

**May 3rd
6-9pm**

Delta Beer Lab
167 E. Badger Rd

Prizes | Games | Food | Fun

TICKETS

UNTIL MAY 1 - \$25

AFTER MAY 1 - \$30

DONATION ONLY:



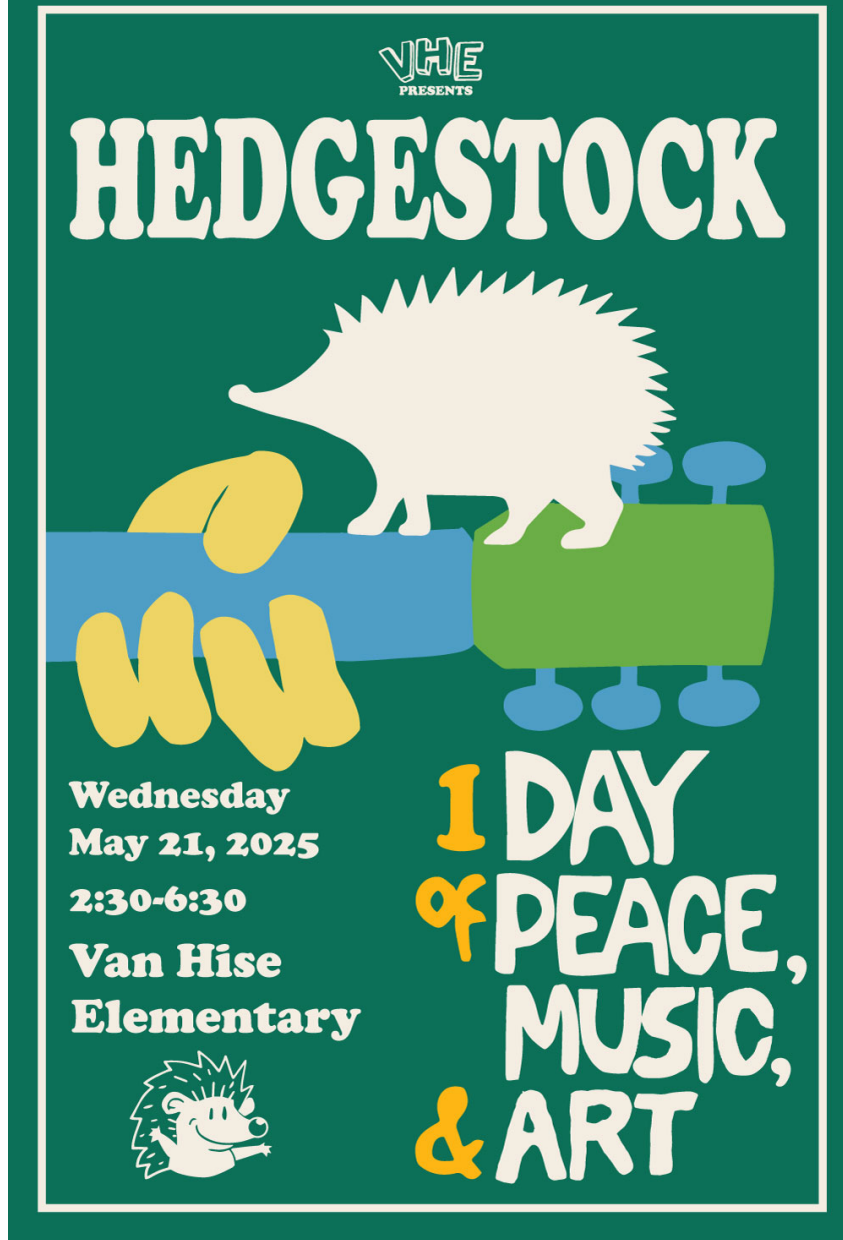
Enjoy an adults-only night out for a good
cause! The money raised will benefit the
5th grade end of year rewards trip and
graduation picnic.

For tickets & further information:
<https://tinyurl.com/VHEAdultNight>



Save the Date - May 14th from 5-8PM

***FREE* MMSD School Fun Night for Van Hise Elementary
at the Madison Children's Museum**



Hedgestock is coming up on May 21, 2025

The talent show will take place during the evening events (4.30-6PM). Talent show sign-up will take place during parent teacher conference in the gym! If you will not be available, you may also email [Sarah Zimmerman](#).

Things to know:

1. This is for any student at VHE. They can participate alone, in groups or with family members.
2. Brief description of their talent. Students will be responsible for bringing their own equipment to the talent show. A speaker and microphone will be provided.
3. Each time slot is 2 minutes but the talent can be shorter than 2 minutes.
4. If anyone has any questions they can email [Ms. Zimmerman](#).

Stay tuned for additional updates and opportunities to get involved.

Save the Date

Van Hise Elementary Night at the Mallards Game

More information will be sent home in April



SAVE THE DATE

**Van Hise
Elementary School**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

GATES OPEN: 5:05 PM
FIRST PITCH: 6:05 PM

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

**Mallards
MADISON**

Madison Forward FC Contest

Forward Madison FC is introducing its first-ever mascot, and they've invited VHE students to be part of the process.

Students had the opportunity to participate in designing and naming the mascot.

As a thank-you for their participation, Madison Forward FC is sending a free ticket voucher to an upcoming match.

Free tickets can be claimed [here](#).



AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES

After School Classes

REMINDER: If your student is attending after school classes, please send them with a snack.

Please share your feedback [here](#) so that we can continue to build upon what works and find ways to improve and make the program even better.

We are also looking for additional support! Please email prez@vanhisepto.org if you have capacity and interest to help with after school classes - including folks with legal or communications experience.

Please be in touch with prez@vanhisepto.org or afterschoolclasses@vanhisepto.org if you

have any questions.



Ollie's Labels

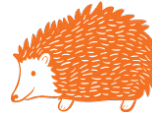
We want to reduce the items in Lost and Found this year and ensure your student's items make it back to them. Consider getting name labels from Ollie's Labels and VHE PTO receives 20% of every sale. This fundraiser is ongoing, and we will send reminders throughout the year.

[Order Labels](#)



You've reached the end. We hope to see you Tuesday, 4/8 at the PTO meeting! Check www.vanhisepto.org for updates.

VAN HISE PTO
ELEMENTARY



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