

**NEXT PTO MEETING: Tuesday, May 11th at 6:30 pm via [Zoom](#)**

**This is a long email!** Make sure to expand your email to see our whole message. You'll see a singing hedgehog at the end!



**Thank You VHE Staff!**

The start of May means Staff Appreciation Week. This year, we plan to honor our staff for the whole month. Keep an eye out for details in your inbox tomorrow! Our VHE teachers and staff have moved mountains over the past

year, and we want to show them our appreciation.

Last Friday, Ms. Seidl sent an email about the instructional design for the 2021-22 school year. In it, she linked a family survey in case you'd like to provide input for your child's classroom placement next year. Below is that link again in case you missed it.

[Click here to submit input](#)

**Events at a Glance | MAY**

**ALL YEAR**

Please reach out if your family needs assistance.

Rachael Nachtwey, Social Worker  
 rlnachtwey@madison.k12.wi.us

**MAY 3 & ONGOING**

**Materials Pickup**

Self serve pickup at Door 6  
 All Grades  
 Weekdays from 8 am - 6pm

**MAY 11**

**PTO MEETING via Zoom**

6:30 - 7:30 pm

Zoom link [HERE](#)

Dial in: 312 626 6799, Meeting ID: 869 5604  
 6342#, Passcode: 743140

**MAY 13**

**FAMILY CONNECTIONS**

Supporting families with students that have IEP's, 504's or are experiencing struggles at school:

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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## FAMILY EMPOWERMENT

Supporting families with black and brown students:

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)



### We Need YOU!

The PTO needs to fill some board positions for next year. We specifically need to fill the positions for:

**Secretary**

**Vice President**

**After School Class Coordinator(s)**

**Garden (volunteer position - non-board)**

To maintain all of the wonderful programming that the PTO works to make a reality, we need volunteers who are willing to step up and help. Taking on the commitment of being a board member brings along with it the support and guidance of continuing board members. Some positions require less time than others, and we feel we can find a right fit position for you. Involvement as a board member is incredibly rewarding and provides the opportunity to be even more directly engaged with the community and school. Please be in touch with our presidents, Emily Cusic Putnam and Kim Wheeler Yates for information or details about any board involvement or general volunteer opportunities: [prez@vanhisepto.org](mailto:prez@vanhisepto.org)



## INCLUSIVE BOOKS FOR OUR KIDS

Dear Van Hise PTO,

Thank you so much for your generous approval of our request for more culturally and linguistically responsive books for our classroom libraries. What a beautiful gift this is for our students! We can't wait to get these books into the hands of kids and to see the joy they bring. Thank you for

your thoughtful discussion at the PTO meeting and your charge to ensure that all students see themselves reflected in our classroom libraries. Thank you for approving our second grant that features children and families with disabilities. Our students will love them!

We appreciate your generous support in ensuring our classroom libraries are places where all children can see themselves. Our classroom libraries are richer because of you.

With many thanks,

Leah Glanzer

### Reminders to Families: Office Procedures:

#### Arriving late?

Enter at Door 6 (off Segoe Rd parking lot)



Fill out Student Sign In/Out form  
School staff will accompany the student to their classroom.

### Student needs to be picked up early?

Enter at Door 6 (off Segoe Rd parking lot)  
Fill out Student Sign In/Out form  
School staff will accompany the student to the entryway or to the sidewalk outside to meet up with their parent.  
Please allow a few extra minutes for this process. Thank you!

### What is the process for dropping off an item my student has forgotten?

A cart will be stationed right outside the main entrance at Door 6.  
Place the item in the bin on top of the cart or place it on one of the open shelves on the cart. Make sure the item has the student name on it. There is a pad of sticky notes/pens if you need to label the item.

### Can we enter through the doors on the Waukesha St side of the building?

Due to COVID restrictions, Van Hise students are not allowed to enter through that door when arriving late or leaving early. The doors on the Waukesha St side of the building will only be an entrance or exit at arrival or dismissal times WITH STAFF.



## A message from TJ McCray, Director of Instructional Technology and Media Services

### Emergency Broadband Benefit Program (EBBP)

The FCC Emergency Broadband Benefit Program (EBBP) is a \$3.2B broadband subsidy program to help households struggling to pay for internet service during the pandemic. Eligible recipients of the Emergency Broadband Benefit include students participating in the National Free and Reduced Price Lunch Program (FRPL). This subsidy only works if families opt-in to participate.

#### Things To Know about the EBBP Program:

The enrollment process begins April 26; funding is first-come, first-serve. Please visit this [website](#) for enrollment information.

The FCC has created a FAQ [website](#), for families frequently asked questions regarding this program.

Eligible households can receive a monthly discount from participating internet service providers (ISPs). For a list of providers, please visit the following [website](#). The discount is up to \$50 per month off the standard rate for Internet service and associated equipment. On Tribal lands, the monthly discount is up to \$75 per month. All households with students in **Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)** schools

are  
automatically eligible for the benefit.

At Home Troubleshooting for Student Issued Devices  
Having issues with your district-issued device. Please try one of the following troubleshooting actions.

[English](#) [Spanish](#) [Hmong](#)



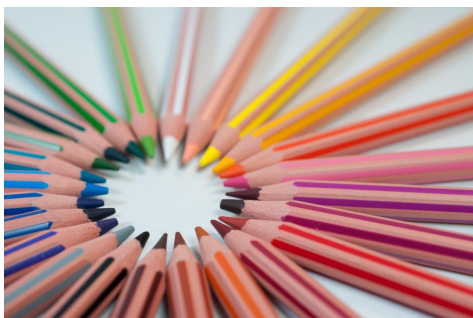
## INTERESTED IN WORKING WITH KIDS? Need a little extra cash?

Are you or someone you know, looking for part-time work of 10-15 hours per week? As a Crossing Guard, you will be providing a great service as a friendly face and kind presence to students each morning and afternoon. Are you responsible, dependable, enjoy kids and the outdoors? Then we want you providing for the safety of our school children for the 2021-2022 school year.

Starting pay is \$17.91/hour (appx. \$700+/month) plus regular raises and earned sick leave. Work is Monday - Friday (no nights or holidays and enjoy summer/school breaks off). Flexibility is required for early release dates (including early release every Monday afternoon). This is a great job for the retiree, grandparent, or stay-at-home parent.

Beginning in late June/early July, a job description and application will be available at: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/HR/employment/JobOpenings.cfm> (search "hourly" positions for crossing guard link). Please be sure to list on your application any experience you have directing/controlling children (including your own children or grandchildren). Interviews are scheduled to begin Monday, August 16, 2021; employment begins approximately Wednesday, August 25, 2021. For information, contact the City of Madison Crossing Guard Supervisors at 266-4703.

The salary is good but the rewards of being a Madison Crossing Guard are priceless!  
[Spanish Translation](#)



## NEXT MATERIALS PICKUP STARTS: MONDAY, MAY 3RD

It is set up to be **completely self serve at Door 6 (by the main office)**.  
Materials bags for ALL GRADES (KG-5)  
OPEN UNTIL 6 PM.

## LOST AND FOUND

It's that time of year again when coats and sweaters are left on the playground as temps warm up! Please know that on Mondays we will put tables out for students and families to browse the tables. Items will be kept for 2 weeks and then donated.



## MUSIC NOTES

In K-2 music classes with Mr. Olson, students have been learning about music

from a different perspective; outer space! In

April, we've been strapping into our spaceships of learning to explore ideas of movement, time, and sound through music. As we move into May, we'll be delving into the music of the Gamelan, a performance practice unique to the islands of Indonesia in south-east Asia. Students will explore creating their own ensemble (literally "together" in French) using instruments, as well as ideas of frequency and vibration in age appropriate stories and lessons. Questions? Contact Mr. Olson at [dbolson@madison.k12.wi.us](mailto:dbolson@madison.k12.wi.us) or 608-620-3682.



**You've reached the end. We hope to see you Tuesday 5/11 at the PTO meeting! Check [www.vanhisepto.org](http://www.vanhisepto.org) for updates.**

**Van Hise Elementary School**  
Madison, Wisconsin

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