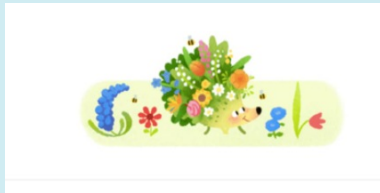


NEXT PTO MEETING: Tuesday, April 13th at 6:30 pm via [Zoom](#)

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!



Principal Seidl's Spotlight

It's Spring and I am Back!

Nothing beats a little time with the K-2 classes to bring a smile back to my face! Finding worms on the pavement after a fresh rain is a welcome, sweet break. Thank you for your support and continued positive messages of care and support as I returned to Van Hise this past week.

In the weeks ahead we are preparing to welcome back more students and continuing to build a caring community of learners, for those attending both in-person and virtual learning. We are a stronger community when we work together!

My husband, Doug, has begun immunotherapy at the UW Carbone Cancer Center, and I join my family in helping him take on this cancer. Please know that, moving forward, I intend to be at Van Hise 4-5 days a week and will be working closely with Lindsay Maglio, the Interim Principal that supported our school in my absence, to ensure that there is support for our school during the final quarter of the 2020-21 school year.

We will continue to take an "all hands on deck" approach to welcome additional students into the building. By the end of April, 288 students will be returning for in-person instruction, and 20 classrooms will be using technology to concurrently instruct our virtual and in-person Hedgies! This will be a busy month of learning as we focus on the success of this transition for all in our school community.

In addition to welcoming more students, we are also working on the transition to our 2021-22 school year. Prior to my leave, I began working to develop an instructional design plan for the coming year. We have experienced a shift in our total allocation based on declining enrollment - a trend across our district. I will share more information about next school year in May, following the return of students. However, until then I am asking for your help. Consistent with prior years, parent input for class placement will be considered as we plan for 2021-22. *Completion of this input form is optional.*

[Click here to submit input](#)

As your Principal, it has been very rewarding to see the hard work of our staff and

students in making yet another successful transition this school year from all virtual to concurrent instruction. I know that this month we will continue to see these efforts as we expand this model. Our plans for next year are in the works and I look forward to continuing our partnership in supporting the education of your child.

With gratitude,
Mary

Events at a Glance | APRIL

ALL YEAR

Please reach out if your family needs assistance.

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

APRIL 13

PTO MEETING via Zoom

6:30 - 7:30 pm
Zoom link [HERE](#)

One Tap Mobile:
Dial in: 312 626 6799
Meeting ID: 869 5604 6342#
Passcode: 743140

APRIL 15

EARLY RELEASE DAY &
AFTERNOON CONFERENCES

11:45 Dismissal

APRIL 19

MATERIALS PICKUP

8 am - 6:00 pm & 4-6:00 pm
VHE Vestibule Outside of Office



Helpful Info for Families

Ms. Seidl has worked with teachers to put together some helpful information about Re-Entry. Check out the slidedeck as well as other links at www.vanhisepto.org.

A Message From our School Social Worker:

Are your students eligible for free or reduced price school meals but staying virtual? You are likely eligible for benefits via the P-EBT program!

What is P-EBT?

P-EBT is a program that provides grocery benefits to families whose children would have received free and/or reduced-price meals at school but didn't because of the pandemic. Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) is an electronic system that allows a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participant to pay for food using



SNAP benefits.

You may be eligible for P-EBT if:

1. Your child receives free or reduced-price meals at a school that participates in the National School Lunch Program
2. Your child learned from home full or part-time during the 2020-2021 school year because the COVID-19 pandemic caused their school to close or operate with reduced attendance or reduced hours for at least five school days in a row.

If you believe you are eligible but don't receive benefits by April 12, 2021, you can apply online through a simple application. A link will be posted at the DHS [**P-EBT program webpage**](#) when available. This application will not require social security numbers or income eligibility. Learn more [**here**](#) or by calling 1-833-431-2224.



Order Your Yearbook!

Thanks to all who submitted photos for the yearbook. We had an incredible response. It is so uplifting to see all those smiling faces. **Supplies are limited** - place your order ASAP to reserve yours!

[Order Yearbook](#)

Notification Procedures for Positive COVID-19 Cases or Closures

Detailed plans have been made to consider Covid-19 procedures, closures, and contact with parents regarding these issues as well as potential exposures. Please read the detailed letter outlining these plans and procedures. Click [**HERE**](#) to read the letter.

***Spanish and Hmong translations are included in the document.**

Head out to pick up some BBQ at City Barbeque on April 26th!

You can enjoy great food and help raise money for the PTO. Don't forget to mention the VHE PTO and use code: FundA. More info below.

RESTAURANT NIGHT

MONDAY, APRIL 26TH



All open hours on Monday April 26th mention Van Hise Elementary School with your food purchase at City Barbeque at 7015 Sligo Drive (citybbq.com) and a portion of the proceeds go to the Van Hise PTO. Make sure to mention VHE and use code FundA.

City Barbeque
7015 Sligo Drive
(across from West Towne Mall)
Madison

ONLINE | APP | IN STORE

USE CODE: **FUNDA**

MONDAY, APRIL 26TH (11AM-8PM)

Mention Van Hise PTO



Founded by proud parents of Van Hise Elementary School

A is for Anti-Racism Parent Group Gear

The A is for Anti-Racism Parent Group has put together an online store for purchasing gear that features their logo. Check out options and consider purchasing a t-shirt, hoodie, tote, and more. Proceeds support stocking the Little Free Library!

[A is for Anti-Racism Online Store](#)



THE PTO NEEDS YOU!

We are looking to fill some PTO volunteer and board positions for next school year. Please reach out to Emily Cusic-Putnam and Kim Wheeler-Yates at prez@vanhisepto.org if you'd like to learn more!



You've reached the end. We hope to see you Tuesday 4/13 at the PTO meeting! Check www.vanhisepto.org for updates.

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