

The Hedgehog Herald

Van Hise Elementary Monthly Newsletter

April 2024

NEXT PTO MEETING: Tuesday, April 9th at 6:30 pm. IN PERSON @ VHE in the library with Zoom option. Link [HERE](#).

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Events at a Glance | APRIL

<p>APRIL 8</p> <p>EARLY RELEASE 11:30 AM</p>	<p>APRIL 9</p> <p>PTO MEETING 6:30 in the VHE Library Zoom Link HERE</p>
<p>APRIL 11</p> <p>EVENING CONFERENCES & STAFF POTLUCK</p>	<p>APRIL 12</p> <p>NO SCHOOL & CONFERENCES</p>
<p>APRIL 15</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>APRIL 16</p> <p>SHAKE SHACK FUNDRAISER Code: DONATEBURGER</p>
<p>APRIL 21</p> <p>Spring Garden Clean-Up Day</p>	<p>APRIL 26</p> <p>CARNIVAL</p>

We Welcome YOU!

Our monthly PTO Meeting is coming up on Tuesday, APRIL 9th.



We will hold board elections and have budget updates. Principal Stein will talk about staffing resources for 2024-2025 school year. The offline portion of the meeting will be a thank you and feedback session for class reps. A thank you event for all volunteers will follow. Folks are invited to walk to Great Dane at 7:30PM for a celebration of volunteerism. The PTO will purchase snacks / appetizers / small plates.

- Please send any questions by Sunday, April 7th.
- Let us know by Sunday if you may need child care at the meeting (PTO provides free of charge to families).
- Check out our agenda [HERE](#).

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

Remember to head to the Volunteering page on our website for a list of volunteer opportunities and links to sign up.

<https://www.vanhisepto.org/volunteering>



Share Your Feedback

The Van Hise PTO is looking for ways to celebrate successes and identify opportunities for improvement. While the PTO is not a policy making body and does not have authority over the school or district, we can help facilitate conversation around issues and are here to support our whole school community.

For those wishing to navigate concerns outside of the purview of the PTO we encourage you to utilize MMSD resources to provide feedback. One quick option is the [Let's Talk App](#).

[PTO Feedback Survey](#)

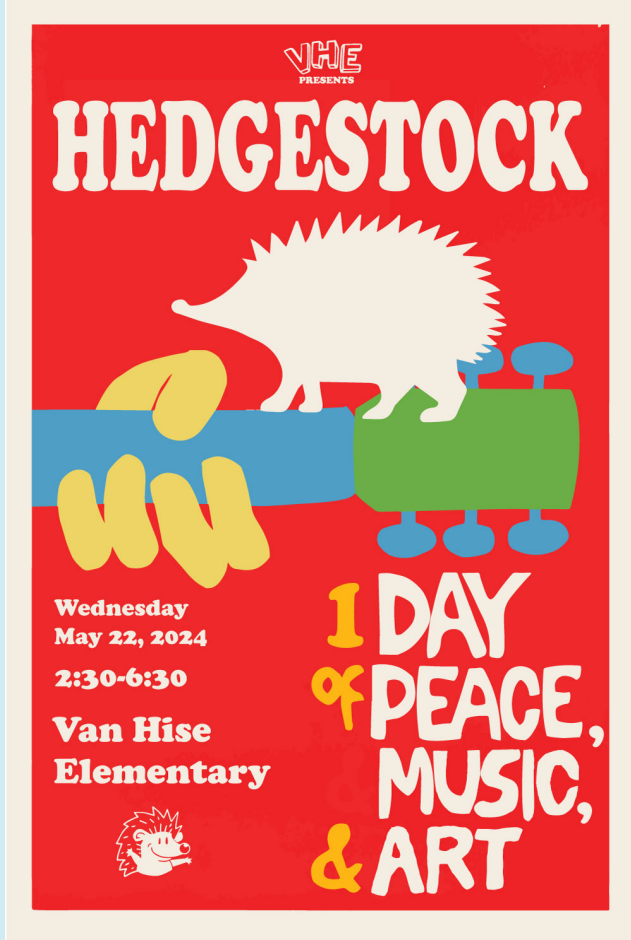


Shake Shack Restaurant Night

Our monthly restaurant night at Shake Shack is coming up on **April 16th**. Head over to Shake Shack at 558 N. Midvale in Hilldale Mall for dine-in or carry out between 11:00 am and 9:00 pm. 25% of proceeds go directly to the PTO! **Use code: DONATEBURGER.**

Hedgestock 2024

Hey Families! This year's VHE arts event is coming on Wednesday, May 22nd. We introduce you to



HEDGESTOCK '24!
This school community event will feature live music performed by VHE students, a student art showcase, a makers market, book making, a student talent show, and more! We can't wait to have you come and help us celebrate the arts, creativity, and our amazing school! More details to come.

-Brought to you by the Van Hise Specials Team and our awesome PTO



Garden Survey

The PTO Garden Committee has been busy working on making our grounds and gardens thrive! All are invited to consider joining the VHE Garden Committee. Meetings occur on the second Monday of each month at 3:10 pm

in Ms. Ford's classroom (room 109). If you can't attend this meeting time, you are still welcome to join ([sign up here](#) or email garden@vanhisepto.org for more information). We can make sure you still receive updates and meeting notes and can share feedback with us.

There are some important dates coming up that we don't want you to miss. Mark your calendars today. We also encourage you to fill out our garden survey via the button below.

Coming Up...

- April 21st: Spring Garden Clean-Up Day, all community members are welcome. Please rsvp [here](#).
- May 19th: Garden Planting Day, all community members welcome. Please rsvp [here](#).

[Garden Survey](#)

Come One & All...

The VHE Carnival is less than one month away, and we are excited to have you join us for this super fun event! We have a new option to save time and pre-order your admission bracelet(s) today. You can order via the orange button below.



Admission bracelets are not required for entry, but they are required for all-access game play and include a meal ticket.

A meal ticket without game play and also a gluten free meal ticket are available for purchase - as well as an option to donate to the event. The all access bracelet is \$20, and the individual meal options are \$5 each.

Bracelets, meal tickets and individual game or food tickets will also be available for purchase the day of the event.

**It is important to us that the Carnival is accessible to all. If needed, we encourage you to reach out to our VHE Social worker, Molly McNett, at mmmccnett@madison.k12.wi.us. Scholarship bracelets are available to families.

[Pre-Order Here](#)

We Need Your Help

In order to make this wonderful event happen we need your help! We are currently looking for day-of volunteers to:

- Set-up for the event
- Run games
- Serve food
- Hand-out prizes
- Clean up after the event
- Ticket sales



Game volunteer shifts are divided by classroom. All other volunteer shifts are open to anyone. To volunteer, add your name and email address to our Volunteer Form.

[Sign Up to Volunteer at the Carnival](#)

Teacher and Staff Potluck

The PTO has a tradition of providing teachers and staff with a potluck during conferences. Spring conferences are coming up on April

11th and 12th. The potluck will be on Thursday, April 11th. Friday breakfast and lunch will be catered by the PTO.

Meal items and treats give the staff a chance to get some much needed sustenance and are also a kind token of our appreciation for all they do! Please consider volunteering to donate a food item(s). We are also looking for folks to set up and clean up!

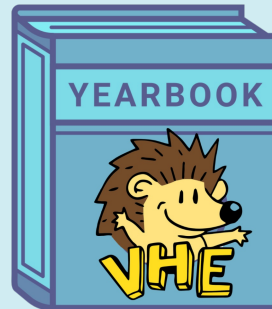


[Sign Up for the Potluck HERE](#)

Free Yearbook for Each Student With the Chance to Order An Additional Book Today!

The Van Hise PTO is delighted to offer free yearbooks to all Van Hise students this year.

We would like to offer families the opportunity to purchase **extra** copies. The cost per additional copy is \$15. If you would like to purchase additional copies, please use the QR code below or click [HERE](#).



****NOTE:** If you do not want additional copies, you do not need to submit an order, as each student will receive one copy automatically.



After School Classes

There will be no after school classes on the early release day of April 8th or on the day of after school conferences on April 11th. As usual, there will also be no classes on days that are fully off school.



Math Workbook Sale

We are pleased to announce that we will be selling summer math workbooks again through ParentTeacherMode. These have been a popular way to keep your kids' math skill sharp over the summer. The sale will run from April 22nd through May 17th, and

books will be delivered to students before school is out. We'll send out a reminder to order when the fundraiser opens!

Needs in the Health & Social Work Offices

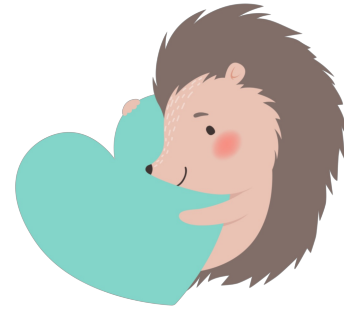
The health office always appreciates donations. The health office has identified the following needs:

- Snacks

Our social worker has identified the following needs:

- Backpacks (gender neutral preferred)

Items may be dropped off in the VHE office. Thanks to all who have donated in the past!



Playground and Lunch Volunteers

The PTO helps out with extra eyes and hands on the playground and in the lunch room. Consider volunteering for a time slot or two. Volunteers check in at the office and receive a vest. Remember: to volunteer, you must have completed the MMSD steps to become an "Approved Volunteer" ([see the MMSD volunteer page for information](#)).

Head to the Volunteering page on our website to find the sign up links!

[PTO Volunteer Page](#)

Coming Up..

Spring is always a busy time in the life of VHE! Just to get you ready, here are some important things coming up in May. We will send details as we get closer to the events!



Maker Faire with Bake Sale (May 4)

- There will be opportunities to volunteer to support Hedgies making art. Art projects will be free of charge, and some projects will support the Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week in May!

Staff Appreciation Week (May 6-10)

- More info coming about ways community can get involved with showing our thanks to the Van Hise staff.



You've reached the end. We hope to see you Tuesday, 4/9 at the PTO meeting! Check www.vanhisepto.org for updates.



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