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VMMS FRIDAY FLYER

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VETERANS MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

LUNCH MENU

MON	CP's Pizza, Carrot Sticks w/Dip, Kiwi, Milk Choice & Brownie Lite Bite Served W/ Milk: Turkey Wrap Specialty Entree W/ Milk: Hoagie Meal
TUES	Dwight's Quesadilla, Mexican Corn, Green Apple Slices, Milk Choice Lite Bite Served W/ Milk: Chef Salad w/Ham Specialty Entree W/ Milk: Pizza Wedge
WED	Nash's Noodle/Chicken Parmesan w/Breadstick or Bun, Green Beans, Strawberries, Milk Choice Lite Bite Served W/ Milk: Chef Salad w/Turkey Specialty Entree W/ Milk: Hoagie Meal
THURS	Fried or Baked Chicken w/WW Roll, Baked Potato, Fruit Salad, Milk Choice Lite Bite W/ Milk: Fruit & Cottage Cheese Plate Specialty Entree W/ Milk: Pizza Wedge
FRI	Taurasi's Teriyaki Chicken, Rice Bowl, Orange Wedges, Milk Choice Lite Bite Served W/ Milk: Tuna Salad Specialty Entree W/ Milk: Hoagie Meal

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION!

Parents and students, this year the VMMS chorus will continue doing Box Tops for Education as one of our fundraisers. Please be on the lookout for any items you may have that have a Box Top for Education label on them. Cut them out, place them in a bag and turn them into the box in the main office or the chorus teacher, Ms. Roland. This is a great way to earn money and the more people that pitch in the better. Last year over \$700 was earned just by clipping out box top labels. This money is spent buying equipment, music, paying for performance fees etc. Thank you, Heather Roland

FIREFLY GIRLS!

Are you a girl who likes to go outside, explore, & aren't afraid of bugs? Do you enjoy learning about the world around you & helping out your community? The Firefly Girls still have a few spots open this year. Our next meeting will be Wed 14 Oct after school. Please have a ride by 4:45. We will be discussing Help the Hooch and future projects. For more info see Ms. Hedger or Ms. Morris.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAT 10	All State Chorus Auditions - Cordele
MON 12	Homecoming Week!
TUES 13	Report Cards Go Home!
WED 14	3:30 – 4:45 PM Firefly Girls Meeting Tennis @ Cooper Creek
THURS 15	PTSA Raffle Ticket Drawing Play Auditions - Cafeteria 1:10 – 2:20 Passport to Manhood Meeting
FRI 16	Reflections Art Projects Due – ALL VMMS STUDENTS! Pep Rally! 5PM Football vs. DCMS @ Northside HS
SAT 17	"HELP THE HOOCH" Community Service Opportunity Savannah Trip (8th Graders)

ESSENTIAL 51 "STUDENT OF THE WEEK" RULES FOR NEXT WEEK! (OCT 12 – 16)

- Rule 9 - Always say "thank you" when someone gives you something. If you do not say it within 3 seconds after receiving an item from a teacher, the item will be taken back from you. There is no excuse for not showing appreciation.
- Rule 10 - When you are given something from someone, never insult that person by making negative com

VMMS & BRADLEY PARK CAR WASH FOR THE VALLEY RESCUE MISSION!

Bradley Park Car Wash Partnered with Veterans Memorial Middle School will be sponsoring a canned food drive for The Valley Rescue Mission. The kick off will be Saturday, October 24th from 11:30am to 1:30pm. Please support our students by dropping off a can good at Bradley Park Car Wash. The food drive runs October 24th to November 14th. Students will also be at The Bradley Park Car Wash on: October 31st, November 7th & November 14th from 11:30am till 1:30pm. Bradley Park Car Wash Promotion: **Bring Four (4) cans of food and receive \$1.00 off the Silver or Gold Wash or \$2.00 off the Platinum Wash**



SCHOOL PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY MONDAY, OCTOBER 19TH!

Picture re-takes are for new students, students who were absent on picture day & students who had a problem with their order. If there was a problem with a student's photo on the first pictures, they need to RETURN their package they had a problem with on the day of re-takes.

THE HELEN RUFFIN READING BOWL TEAM

The Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl Team will have a meeting on October 21st at 3:45 in the media center. The meeting is required for all members to attend. It should end by 4:30 PM.

8TH GRADE TRIP TO SAVANNAH!

All 8th graders are invited to sign up for the third annual Savannah, GA trip on Oct. 17th; cost is \$65 per student. See Dr. Breazeale gbreazeale@mcsdga.net or Mr. Hutson rhutson@mcsdga.net for more information.

VETERANS MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL**HOMECOMING SHIRTS
ON SALE!!!**

Homecoming shirts are on sale in Mrs. Blanton's room in the morning or after school. The price is \$10.00. We will be having homecoming the week of the 12th. Monday the 12th will be a door decorating contest between all of the homerooms. The winner will receive goodies for their homeroom. We will be playing the DCMS Wildcats. Please start getting those doors decorated. Also, we will have different events each day of the week. The pep rally will be Friday the 16th along with tailgating and foot ball game. We plan to have organized events at the tailgate. These include powderpuff football, pie throwing, eating, etc... We will also be nominating a Mr. and Miss VMMS. POC bblanton@mcsdga.net.

HOMECOMING WEEK!

Homecoming will be the week of October 12, 2009. We are now selling t-shirts (\$10.00). A pep rally will take place on October 16th during activity time and we will tailgate after school. Teachers and parents will then escort the students to Northside for the game. If you want to purchase a t-shirt, please see Mrs. Blanton in the mornings! POC bblanton@mcsdga.net.

**NEED PARENT
VOLUNTEERS****HOMECOMING WEEK!**

Homecoming Week is coming October 12-16!! We need parent volunteers to assist with the Tailgate on October 16th from 3:00p to 5:30p. Contact trpalmer92@aol.com if you can help!

SCOLIOSIS SCREENING

Tuesday, October 20, 2009 VMMS will participate in the annual Scoliosis Screening. Permission forms will be distributed to students in the next few weeks. If you do not wish for your child to participate in the screening, you must complete, sign and return the bottom portion of the consent form prior to the screening date.

BEST SELLING AUTHOR!

Save the date! Best selling author Neal Shusterman will be at the Columbus Public Library Auditorium on Monday, October 19th at 7:00 PM!

BOOSTER CLUB NEWS!

VMMS Athletic Booster Club is selling adult t-shirts for \$10.00 each. Sizes L – 4XL Red, Navy Blue, or White. Email ddmccullar@aol.com with your order. Limited supply!

VMMS STUDENTS PERFORMING AT THE SPRINGER

Have you ever watched a play at the Springer Opera House? This would be the time to do it since VMMS has two students who are members of the Cast & Crew of "Ramona Quimby" which is playing this fall! The production will run from September 30th – October 10th. Support our 7th grade performing artists, Mary Kathryn Alford & Dasha Nolan by going out to see what Ron Anderson (Director, Springer Children's Theatre) calls a stage adaptation of the wildly popular children's series by Beverly Cleary.

CONTESTS**MCS D'S COMPUTE THE FUTURE WRITING CONTEST!**

In celebration of Technology Learning Month in October, the MCS D Division of Information Services is sponsoring a technology and writing contest. The contest is open to all students in the Muscogee County School District. Winning contestants will receive a brand new NETBOOK, courtesy of lenovo!

This year's theme: Web 2.0 Technology Tools in the Classroom

All entries must be received by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, October 21, 2009.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Forrest Toelle at 706-569-3777, or by email at ftoelle@mcsdga.net.

SCIENCE FAIR!

It's VMMS Science Fair time again! This year all students are required to participate by doing a science fair project. Students will be able to work alone or in groups of up to three (pending teacher approval). The projected due date for projects is 20 Nov. The VMMS Science Fair will be held in the library 3-4 Dec. Winners will be selected to move on to the regional science fair at CSU. If you are interested in being a "science buddy" to help advise students in conducting experiments or would like to be a judge please contact Ms. Hedger thedger@mcsdga.net.

PTA REFLECTIONS ART PROGRAM

All VMMS students are required to participate in the PTA Reflections contest. This program is a national arts competition sponsored by the National PTA and VMMA PTSA. This competition includes six different arts areas--visual arts, photography, music, writing, film/videography, and dance. Students can submit original works of art in as many of the divisions as they want. Each piece must be the original work of a single student inspired by this year's theme: "BEAUTY IS..." Each entry will be judged against student entries from other classes in their grade. Grade level winners will go on to compete against winners from other schools in Muscogee County School District.

WHEN: Deadline for all student entries at VMMS is Friday, October 16, 2009.

WHERE: Students should turn in artwork to their Language Arts Teacher.

HOW: Go online to georgiapta.org to download entry forms and to find a list of Rules and Guidelines. A set of rules will be posted in the school media center.

QUESTIONS? Call Mrs. Bess Kendrick-Holmes, PTA Reflections Art Program Chair, at 706-565-6735 or contact by email: besskh@juno.com.

WRITING CONTEST DEADLINES!

The deadline for turning in Arts Reflections "Beauty Is" is October 16, "Compute the Future" writing contest is Oct. 21, and the VFW entries are due Oct. 23. POC's – VMMS Language Arts Teachers.

RELAY FOR LIFE!!!

Parents... Tuesday, our Relay for Life (RFL) co-captain, Jenny Carver and I attended the wrap up awards banquet for last year's RFL event. We brought back to school a "VIP Team Award" and a "Platinum Award" for raising \$10,900.00. This year our goal is to raise more money for our VMMS RFL team and to increase our staff, student, and parent participation. Normally it is a 10.00 registration fee... However, for one month ONLY, American Cancer Society RFL is waiving the fee!!!! All of us have been touched by cancer, and if you have never attended a RFL rally it is very moving. It is very simple to register; I have included a link below. It takes 3 minutes, and remember, it's only free until October 21st!!!! Thank you!!!! Tracy Fox - Relay for Life Captain.
TEAM NAME: VMMS Rangers & Crowns for a Cure
TEAM CAPTAIN: Tracy Fox
https://secure3.convio.net/tacs/site/TRR/RelayForLife/RFLFY10SA/494889461?pg=tfind&fr_id=24455

PTSA NEWS!

The PTSA would like to give a "Big Thank-you" to Northside High students, Adrianna Baez, Taylor Caldwell, Brenna Jones, Joycelyn Jordan, Haley Luttrell, Tyisha McClendon, Katelyn McConnell, Jennifer Miller, Kimberly Poindexter, Ashton Sanders, & Bryce Snell for helping administer vision & hearing screenings here at VMMS. We also want to thank Ms. Brown, the Northside HOSA advisor for great supervision & training to her students. Special thanks to our wonderful ladies in the office Brenda Simonton and Chris Lewis along with Dr. Thomas for making the process go so smoothly! Thanks also to our dedicated parent helpers, Debbie Hall, Melissa Tikkanen, Cheri Winterfeld, Torri Phillips, Karen Eldridge, Diane Fausti, and Bess Kendrick-Holmes. A huge thanks to our Partner in Education, Honey Baked Ham for donating lunches. We were praised by Mr. Easley for having one of the best and well organized vision & hearing screenings in the district. Thanks to everyone who participated!