

10.16.09

VMMS FRIDAY FLYER

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VETERANS MEMORIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

LUNCH MENU

MON	Chicken Filet on Bun, Peas and Carrots, Fresh Fruit, Milk Choice & Cookie Lite Bite Served W/ Milk: Ham Wrap Specialty Entree W/ Milk: Pizza Wedge
TUES	Beef-A-Roni w/Breadsticks, Tossed Salad, Pears, Milk Choice Lite Bite Served W/ Milk: Oriental Chicken Salad Specialty Entree W/ Milk: Hoagie Meal
WED	Hot Dog/Chili Dog, Potato Wedges, Fresh Fruit, Milk Choice Lite Bite Served W/ Milk: Baked Potato w/Chili & Fruit Specialty Entree W/ Milk: Pizza Wedge
THURS	Fried or Baked Chicken w/WW Roll, Sweet Potatoes & Apples, Fruit Salad, Milk Choice Lite Bite W/ Milk: Fruit & Cottage Cheese Plate Specialty Entree W/ Milk: Hoagie Meal

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.

SCOLIOSIS SCREENING DATE CHANGE!

The date for Scoliosis Screening was changed from 10/20 (during ITBS) to 12/3. Permission forms will be distributed to students prior to the screening date. 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.

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 between 4:30 & 5:00 PM. Please arrange a ride.

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

Athletic Booster Club soccer pictures and release forms (regardless if you are ordering or not) are due Monday Oct 19th!

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY	<p>HOMEcoming: Wear Spirit Wear or Homecoming T-shirt Reflections Art Projects Due – ALL VMMS STUDENTS! Pep Rally! PTSA Raffle Ticket Drawing 5PM Football vs. DCMS @ Northside HS (Tailgate!)</p>
17 SAT	<p>"HELP THE HOOCH" Community Service Opportunity Savannah Trip (8th Graders)</p>
19 MON	<p>Athletic Booster Club soccer pictures and release forms due Picture Re-Takes! 4PM Tennis Match vs. St. Luke @ Cooper Creek 7PM BEST SELLING AUTHOR Neal Shusterman at the Columbus Public Library Auditorium</p>
20 TUES	<p>Relay for Life – Last Day to Register for FREE! COGAT Testing 6th Grade</p>
21 WED	<p>COGAT Testing 6th Grade National Teach-In on Veterans' History 3:45 – 4:30PM Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl Team Meeting 4PM Tennis Match vs. Creekside @ Cooper Creek COMPUTE THE FUTURE Contest Entry Deadline</p>
22 THURS	<p>VFW WRITING CONTEST Entry Deadline 1:15 – 2:30 Teacher Apprentices from Northside HS 1:10 – 2:20 Passport to Manhood Meeting COGAT Testing 6th Grade</p>
23 FRI	<p>Red Ribbon & National Dropout Prevention Week • 23-31 October No School – Fall Break</p>
24 SAT	<p>Peer Helpers & Girl Power Meet @ Bradley Park Car Wash 11:30 – 1:30 to Kick Off the Canned Food Drive to Benefit Valley Rescue Mission!!! 5PM Football Jamboree @ Kinnett Stadium VMMS vs. Eddy</p>

CONTEST DEADLINES!

Arts Reflections "Beauty Is" is October 16 • "Compute the Future" writing contest is October 21 • VFW Patriot's Pen entries are due October 23 • Contact VMMS language arts teachers for more information.

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 @ Bradley Park Car Wash. Please support our students by dropping off canned goods. The food drive runs October 24th to November 14th & students may drop cans off at VMMS during those dates as well!

Students may also help collect canned food at The Bradley Park Car Wash on:

- October 31st (11:30 – 1:30 pm)
- November 7th (11:30 – 1:30 pm)
- November 14th (11:30 – 1:30 pm)

Bradley Park Car Wash Promotion

Bring Four (4) cans of food on food drive dates & receive \$1.00 off the Silver or Gold Wash or \$2.00 off the Platinum Wash



ESSENTIAL 51 “STUDENT OF THE WEEK” RULES FOR NEXT WEEK! (OCT 19 – 22)

Rule 11- Surprise others by performing random acts of kindness. Go out of your way to do something surprisingly kind & generous for someone at least once a month.

Rule 12 (not included on VMMS E51)

Rule 13 – When we read together in class, you must follow along. If you are called on to read, you must know exactly where we are & begin to read immediately.

PTSA BREAKFAST FOR THE FACULTY & STAFF!

The PTSA will be hosting a breakfast on Friday, November 6th for the VMMS faculty & staff. We need parent volunteers to send in breakfast items such as pastries, bagels, muffins, or any other breakfast items you would like to donate. Your child may drop the items off at the office on the morning of November 6th. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer at the breakfast, please contact Cindy Bell, PTSA Hospitality Chairperson at 706-660-9059 or by email cindybell@knology.net. Thank you VMMS parents for all your help & support!

TEACHER OF THE YEAR (TOTY) NOMINATIONS!

Please submit nominations for our VMMS Teacher of the Year by the end of the day on October 22, 2009.

Go To: <http://teachersites.schoolworld.com/webpages/TClarke1/forms.cfm?myform=11475>

Password: Rangers

Criteria for Teacher of the Year:

1. Minimum of three years teaching experience
2. Has the respect of faculty and staff
3. Has the respect of parents
4. Has the respect of students
5. Enthusiastic
6. Demonstrates excellent interpersonal skills
7. Demonstrates excellent verbal and written communication skills
8. Maintains excellent classroom management
9. Translates curriculum objectives into interesting and meaningful lessons for students
10. Assumes other responsibilities at the school and system level
11. Involved in the community
12. Actively participates in professional growth activities
13. Plans to continue active teaching status

Teachers & students will have the opportunity to submit nominations at school. Should you have any questions, please contact our VMMS Teacher of the Year (2008-09) Rhonda Burch @ rburch@mcsdga.net.

CONTESTS

MCSD’S COMPUTE THE FUTURE WRITING CONTEST!

In celebration of Technology Learning Month in October, the MCSD 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.

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=tfnd&fr_id=24455

SARA SPANO CLOTHING BANK VOLUNTEERS!

Please email rdlmg@hotmail.com if you would like to volunteer at the Sara Spano Clothing Bank on one of the following dates: December 15th, and/or December 17th.

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

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 T-SHIRTS!

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!