



The Leopard Tale

Home & School: Together We Can Make a Difference

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Team VVISD

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Happy Holidays!

We would like to wish all of you a wonderful holiday season and a happy new year!

Van Vleck ISD Staff:

Van Vleck Elementary	Transportation/Maintenance
E Rudd Intermediate	Technology Department
OH Herman Middle School	Food Service
Van Vleck High School	Van Vleck Administration
	Van Vleck Board of Trustees

Transportation

Services are provided for all students. On mornings when possible hazardous conditions exist, school officials will check the roads. Superintendent, John O'Brien, will inform area radio stations (92.5 & 102.5) and local Houston television stations (2, 11, & 13) immediately. Automated phone messages will also be sent out. Earlier notices will be given the previous day or evening whenever possible. Also, check the district's website at www.vvisd.org for more information.



Mission

Van Vleck Independent School District, through a solidified partnership with the community, will innovatively challenge each student to achieve maximum potential and success in a positive, safe, and stimulating environment.

Accreditation

All campuses in Van Vleck ISD are fully accredited by the Texas Education Agency. In addition, all VVISD schools are recognized by the Texas Education Agency's Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) for outstanding performance.

Herb Mays – VVHS, Recognized
Joe Ros – OHHMS, Recognized
Anthony Edison – Past VVISD Board President
Sarah Roper – E. Rudd Intermediate, Exemplary
David Holubec – Van Vleck Elementary Exemplary



Important Dates

12/17	Early Dismissal 12:30 p.m.
12/20-12/31	Christmas Holidays
1/14	Last day of 3 rd 6 weeks
	Early Dismissal 12:30 p.m.
1/17	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
1/18	Teacher Workday
1/19	First day of 4 th 6 Weeks

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||| *Everyone has the right to be* |||

||| *respected and the responsibility* |||

||| *to respect others.* |||

||| www.bullying.org |||

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Attendance

Regular school attendance is essential for a student to make the most of his or her education—to benefit from teacher-led and school activities, to build each day's learning on the previous day's, and to grow as an individual. Absences from class may result in serious disruption of a student's mastery of the instructional materials; therefore, the student and parent should make every effort to avoid unnecessary absences.

State law requires that a student between the ages of six and 18 attend school, as well as any applicable accelerated instruction program, extended year program, or tutorial session, unless the student is otherwise excused from attendance or legally exempt.

When a student must be absent from school, the student—upon returning to school—must bring a note, signed by the parent that describes the reason for the absence. A note signed by the student, even with the parent's permission, will not be accepted unless the student is 18 or older. **IF A VALID NOTE IS NOT RECEIVED AFTER THREE SCHOOL DAYS AFTER THE ABSENCE, THE ABSENCE SHALL BE UNEXCUSED AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION WILL BE TAKEN. *NOTE – "PERSONAL REASONS OR OUT-OF TOWN" ARE NOT EXCUSED ABSENCES.**

Programs

- ~Advanced Placement
- ~Bilingual/ESL
- ~Career & Technology Education
- ~Drug-Free Schools
- ~Early Childhood
- ~Gifted & Talented
- ~Migrant Education
- ~Pre-Kindergarten
- ~Special Education
- ~State Compensatory Reading

Board of Trustees



Van Vleck ISD Board of Trustees & Superintendent, John O'Brien, welcomed their new members at the November school board meeting. Pictured above - Martin Dailey, Terry Evans, and Donnie O'Connell. The district and board members wish to thank outgoing members: Anthony Edison, Dale Trevino, and Scott Lowry for their years of service.

TICKET FOR LIFE

*B*andage scraped knees. Kiss away fears.

*W*atch their heartbreak and dry their tears.

*T*each them to know what's right and what's wrong.

*S*how them how to be gentle and when to be strong.

*T*ell them you love them, and then let it show.

*T*hat's the easiest part of helping them grow.

*T*here needs to be discipline, but don't overdo it.

*P*raise and encouragement strengthens their spirit.

*S*how them respect for their feelings and thoughts.

*T*hey should know they're important, self worth can't be bought.

*S*how them some patience and always be kind.

*D*eveloping minds make mistakes time to time.

*T*each them to be the best they can be.

*W*hen they're happy within,

*W*HAT A RIDE LIFE CAN BE!

~Wanda Oleson



TEAM VVISED Highlights

Van Vleck Elementary

Mr. David Holubec was recognized at Region III, Texas Education Service Center in Victoria, Texas recently. Sandi Borden, a representative for TEPSA (Texas Elementary Principal & Supervisors Association) acknowledged Mr. Holubec and Van Vleck Elementary for being the

longest standing Exemplary Campus in our region. Mr. Holubec and his students and staff have received Exemplary Status from TEA for 10 years!



Mr. Holubec depicted by a student at the Van Vleck Elementary Fall Festival

E. Rudd Intermediate

Mrs. Rudd's dreams come true! Van Vleck's E. Rudd Intermediate school children enjoying the new playground dedicated, in loving memory, to Mrs. Carrie Rudd. As many of you know, Mrs. Rudd lived right across from the school and she loved hearing and watching the kids play next to the school. She made a generous donation to VVUSD for maintenance and improvements for the historical school. Part of the improvements is a new playground. Principal, Sarah Roper, staff, and students at E. Rudd Intermediate are very thankful for Mrs. Rudd's contribution.



OH Herman Middle School

Principal, Joe Ros, is proud of Mrs. Yvonne Evans and her 7th grade History classes. They participated in a Texas History Field Trip around Matagorda County on November 18, 2010. Students toured sites in Caney, Bay City, Blessing, Collegeport and Matagorda. She wanted her students to learn more about history in their

own backyards, especially since Matagorda County played such an important role in the early history of Texas. This tour was assisted by the Matagorda County Historical Commission. For more information, visit:

http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~txmatago/mc_hc_field_trip_2010.htm



Mrs. Evans' 7th grade students participate in Texas History Field Trip



Van Vleck High School

Mr. Herb Mays, Principal of VVHS, says it has been a great start to the 2010-11 school year!!



VVHS Head Basketball Coach, Joe Davis, encourages his team to DRESS FOR SUCCESS!!

BE A LOCAL HERO



Join the Van Vleck
Fire Department
Contact Meredith
Keelan, Fire Chief, for
more information.
(979) 245-9440

Industry & Community Involvement

Matagorda County Regional Medical Center

VVHS Students are meeting monthly with MCRMC personnel and participating in seminars, job shadowing jobs in the medical field, & learning about medical college & career paths. MCRMC is collaborating with VVISED to sponsor the 5th annual Health Fair in early February 2011. More information to come!!!

Conoco Phillips, NPI (Nuclear Power Institute), & Texas A&M

VVISED recently signed agreements with The Texas Engineering Station (TEES), an agency of the State of Texas and a member of the Texas A&M University System, through its Nuclear Power Institute (NPI), and created the Powerset



WIT program. The WIT program focuses on providing students in 11th and 12th grades with the tools necessary to further their educational and professional opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics with a focus on nuclear energy. The original Powerset program was implemented last spring and both Powerset and

Powerset WIT groups at VVHS recently toured the Texas A&M Engineering facilities, attended a Texas Aggie Volleyball game, participated in a career fair



and job shadowing at Conoco Phillips, toured Brazosport College's Nursing Department, and is planning a trip this coming

January to Los Alamos, New Mexico to tour the National Science Laboratory where challenges are solved for the environment, medicine, space, and national security.

<http://www.lanl.gov/>.

The Powerset & Powerset team is:
Mollie Huber & Leanne Sliva – sponsors for Powerset WIT; Bret Breitenkamp & Amy Ging – sponsors for POWERSET; Christie Dement and John O'Brien – Administration.



Tips for Encouraging Children

Encourage * Spend Time * Help * Include your children in decision making * Notice * Teach children that mistakes are opportunities to learn
* Teach and model mutual respect

<http://www.familywellness.com>

*Only as high as I reach can I grow;
Only as far as I seek can I go;
Only as deep as I look can I see;
Only as much as I dream can I be.
~ Karen Ravn*

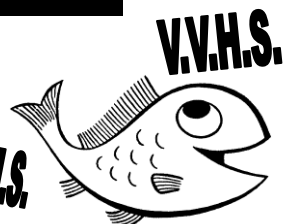


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E.Rudd

O.H.H.M.S.



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A Salute to TEAM VVSD!!!

