



# THE LEOPARD TALE

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## Student News



The Van Vleck High School Cheerleaders and Student Council, in conjunction with the OH Herman Middle School National Junior Honor Society, collected relief items for the fire victims in Bastrop. The combined effort consisted of over \$3,000 & a truck, trailer, and suburban full of water, toiletries, clothes, and nonperishable food items that were hand delivered. A special thanks to everyone who assisted with this effort.

### Higher Education Institutions Support VVISED Students

University of Texas proudly supports OH Herman Middle School by sponsoring Ms. Keelan and her students' Science Research Field Trips to LCRA park in Matagorda.

Texas A&M University generously supports Van Vleck High School students with the Powerset and WIT (Workforce In Training) programs that provide opportunities for students to learn about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematic careers.)



### Important Dates

9/19	SHAC (School Health Advisory Council) Meeting School Board Meeting
9/23	Homecoming
9/30	Last day of 1 <sup>st</sup> 6 weeks
10/3	First day of 2 <sup>nd</sup> 6 weeks
10/10	Columbus Day Holiday
10/17	School Board Meeting
10/18-10/21	Exit Level TAKS Tests
10/21	Parent Night/Volleyball & Football
10/24-10/28	RED RIBBON SAFE & DRUG FREE SCHOOL ZONE WEEK
11/11	Veteran's Day Last day of 2 <sup>nd</sup> 6 weeks
11/14	DEIC (District Education Improvement Committee) SHAC Meeting Board Meeting First day of 3 <sup>rd</sup> 6 weeks
11/21-11/25	Thanksgiving Holidays

### Seniors 2012 Make Their Mark



The Van Vleck High School Class of 2012 embarked on the 2011-12 school year! VVHS Principal, David Holubec, and his staff look forward to an exciting year for all!

VVE & E. RUDD  
MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT



It was all smiles when the staff and principal of Van Vleck Elementary and E. Rudd Intermediate, Sarah Roper, greeted our students prior to school beginning this year. They had a fantastic turnout and anticipate great things happening at VVE and E RUDD in 2011-12!

OH Herman Middle School  
Has Annual 6<sup>th</sup> Grade "Sundae"  
Celebration



Mr. Joe Ros and his staff welcomed their new 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to OHHMS!



Community Pep Rally

The LEOPARD tradition continues!!! WVSD hosted its annual Community Pep Rally and had a tremendous turnout! Students representing everyone from the peewee football players and cheerleaders to our varsity athletes were introduced. Thank you to the Student Athletes, Fans, Cheerleaders, Sponsors, Band, Athletic Booster Club, WVSD Staff, Athletic Director, Greg Bagby, and his coaching staff for making it a truly enjoyable event!



WVSD Principals Joe Ros and Sarah Roper exhibit TEAM SPIRIT as they run with the Bleacher Creatures and Ruddy Buddies at the Community Pep Rally!



OH Herman Middle School Cheerleaders Cheer on the Crowd!

New Leopard Traditions



Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Bagby for decorating bales of hay which were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Franz to help promote LEOPARD SPIRIT!!!!



The VVHS Cheerleaders purchased a new Leopard Tunnel/Run Through!!!!



Thanks so much to STP & OXEA who DONATED \$\$\$ to the Cheerleaders to help pay for the Run Through.

### VVHS Students Interact With Matagorda County Regional Medical Center Personnel



Under the direction of Community Relations Manager/Executive, Tiffany Foltyn, several Van Vleck High School Seniors, who have an interest in pursuing the medical field, 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 the lead sponsor for our annual VVHS/MCRMC Health Fair each year.



# Other News

## Technology Trends in Education

Today's technology landscape changes as quickly as waves rush in. Students of all ages are becoming more techno-savvy as time goes by. A recent study from the Sesame Workshop and the Joan Ganz Cooney Center found that 80 percent of children under 5 use the Internet on a regular basis. Source: The Independent, [www.independent.co.uk](http://www.independent.co.uk). Students have access to personal desktop computers, tablet computers, and/or smartphones. Students can look up research instantly.



The Texas Education Agency requires school districts to implement technology use in the classroom on a regular basis. Students have access to online instructional materials from the Texas Education Agency. The TEA is also requiring districts across the state to offer Texas Virtual School Network [www.txvsn.org](http://www.txvsn.org) to secondary students for college credit and credit recovery.

Students at Van Vleck High School can now take college courses through several colleges, i.e.: Lamar University, University of Texas Permian Basin, Wharton County Junior College, and Brazosport College, to name a few.

Students also have the opportunity to take AP courses which may enable the student to attain college credit during their junior and/or senior year. Students are encouraged to check with their college of choice to see what their degree plan will require. Also, students should seek academic counseling.



## Announcements

### Food Services

Parents may pay their student's lunch bill online  
<http://www.nutrikids.com/>



### Parent Portal

Parents can check their student's grades and attendance at

<https://txconnect.esc3.net/vanvlecktx/login.aspx>

### Congratulations . . .

to our own Mrs. Debbie Stewart who won a contest for the 2011 Red Ribbon Week Slogan. Recently, we received a call from the National Family Partnership that her slogan, "It's Up To Me to Be Drug Free," won!!! Way to GO! She was awarded \$500 worth of Red

Ribbon Week merchandise for the district. Our Safe & Drug Free Week is Oct 24-28!!



## Homecoming 2011 Festivities

9/23/11

New First Annual Homecoming Parade 1:30

LEOPARD Pep Rally 2:00

HS Volleyball beginning at 4:30

Junior Bar-B-Q HS Cafeteria 4:30-6:30

Homecoming Presentation 7:00

Varsity Football "Leopards vs. Cobras" 7:30

### Attention VVHS Band Alumni

Anyone interested in playing an instrument on the night of homecoming with our Mighty Leopard Band, contact Mr. Anthony Harmon at 323-5085!



## WE REMEMBER 9-11



VVHS students remember the victims of 9-11, firefighters, police officers, and our Military HEROS at our "*Leopards are Military Strong*" Pep Rally!!!

## BE A LOCAL HERO!!!!

Join or support the Van Vleck Fire Department. Contact Meredith Keelan, Fire Chief, for more information (979) 245-9440. Support the Van Vleck Fire Department at their Bake Sale on Sunday, September 25, 2011 at Walmart and their BBQ Fundraiser on October 29, 2011.



Congratulations to Van Vleck Fire Department for winning the "Best Commercial Entry" in this year's Rice Festival Parade.

# A Salute to TEAM VVSD!!!

