

# Valerius Eagle News - May 2016

## Dates to Remember in May

- 5/3 Mrs. Lienemann's class field trip to HyVee
- 5/6 1st Grade field trip to Science Center
- 5/6 Muffins with Moms (8-8:45am)
- 5/9 Gift Card Reward Program Orders Due
- 5/10 Band Concert (7-8pm)
- 5/11 Late Start (Valerius begins at 10am)
- 5/12 PTO Meeting (7pm) in the Valerius Library (free childcare provided)
- 5/13 All Library books due back to school/last library class of year
- 5/13 Kindergarten field trip to Blank Park Zoo
- 5/16 2nd Grade field trip to Living History Farms
- 5/16 3rd Grade field trip to Civic Center
- 5/18 4th Grade field trip to Historical Building and State Capitol
- 5/23 Culture Day
- 5/24 3rd Grade field trip to Blank Park Zoo
- 5/24 Field Day (12:15-3:15pm)
- 5/25 Buddy Run (2pm)
- 5/27 5th Grade Graduation (11am)

## Online Calendar

1. Click the web address  
[https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=urbandaleschools.com\\_3k6635dg1lvt3b74his743b6n8%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/Chicago](https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=urbandaleschools.com_3k6635dg1lvt3b74his743b6n8%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/Chicago)
2. Once the calendar pops up, go to the bottom right of the screen and you'll see +Google Calendar. Click on the + sign.
3. The calendar will pop up and a message will say, "Do you want to add this calendar?"
4. Click yes.

## Message from Mrs. Mauro

We will host “Muffins with Moms” breakfast this Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> in honor of Mother’s Day. Moms, aunts, grandmas, or other ladies who are significant in the lives of our students are welcome to come to school at 8 on Friday morning. We will have coffee, juice, and muffins in the cafeteria. We hope to see you there!

We have many exciting end of year events planned. Please be sure to check out the Valerius Events Calendar (directions for access on previous page). Remember, we have an open door policy at Valerius and parents are always welcome, so if there are end of year events you’d like to see, feel free to stop by. We will finish the year with an all school picnic on May 27th. Parents are welcome to attend, but will not be able to order or purchase adult lunch from Urbandale nutrition services on that day. You may bring lunch with you if you’d like to join your student(s). Student lunches will be provided by food services as usual on the 27th.

## News from the Health Office



### VISION SCREENING REMINDER

When you are attending appointments for your child’s well child physical or eye doctor visit for this summer, please make sure that your physician notes the exact (20/20) vision result. **Vision screening is now required by Iowa Law** for students entering **3<sup>rd</sup> grade and Kindergarten** for the 2016-2017 school year. Documentation on a physical form is sufficient, but if the eye doctor would like to use a form it can be printed from here: [http://cdn.urbandaleschools.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Certificate-of-Vision-Screening2015fillableFinal\\_2.pdf](http://cdn.urbandaleschools.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Certificate-of-Vision-Screening2015fillableFinal_2.pdf)

If your child has already had a recent vision screening within the past year, please contact your physician or eye doctor to have the documentation sent to your school health office. Thanks!

## Counselor's Corner

We will be ending the year in our guidance classes by taking some time to think about career options and how they are tied to our interests and skills. It would be really helpful if you took the time to discuss some of these questions with your child to help start a dialogue about this topic

- As a child, what were your dreams for the future?
- What careers were you interested in when you were younger?
- Did you know about your job when you were a kid?
- What skills did you have that made your career choice a good fit?
- How much education did you need for your career?
- What are some benefits of your job? What are some things you might change if you could?
- Did you have to move to get your job?
- Is this your dream job?
- What types of jobs did your parents have when you were little?
- How important do you think it is to graduate from high school? College or trade school?
- What's more important when choosing a job? Money or enjoyment?

Thank you in advance for making the time to have a conversation with your child. It's very valuable for students to hear thoughts from "real" people on this topic and I know your child will enjoy hearing about your experiences! Have a great May!

## PTO Corner

As the year comes to a close, we want to thank each and every one of you for your time, talents and treasures to make this another fabulous year at Valerius! We want to recognize those who have helped with a program/event, coordinated a program/event, took on an Officer position, volunteered at the school in classrooms or the library, and for braving the weather to cheer on and tally laps for our Flying Eagles! We couldn't have done it without you! We have put your treasures to good use to support our

kids and teachers and give them the tools they need to be successful. We have a lot to be thankful for this year!

We will be voting in our new Officers and Coordinators as well as approving next year's budget at the **May 12th** PTO meeting which will be held in the Valerius Library at 7pm. Free childcare will be provided in the art room. We hope you will make time to join us for our last meeting of the year.

Thanks to all the families who sent in Box Tops and Labels this year! We collected a total of 10,303 Box Tops - \$1,030.30 which helped to pay for class field trips and was also used to pay for the new balls and hula hoops the kids are using on the playground. We also collected 7,041 Labels, which were redeemed for a \$100 debit card. The PTO has decided to use the money from the debit card to help fund the Muffins with Moms event coming up on May 6.

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

### **BOOKS WANTED FOR THE SCHOOL LIBRARY!**

As you are cleaning or decluttering our residence this summer, please consider donating any gently used children's books to the Valerius library. Any books will help us continue to replace worn copies or add new additions for all students to read! As always, your contribution is always greatly appreciated.

Parents/Guardians,

All school library books are due Friday, May 13th!

Your child will be receiving an overdue notice every week starting the week of May 2nd, and it will continue until all books have been returned on Friday, May 13th!

After that date, if you and your child cannot find the books, please send cash or check to the office to pay for that book or books.

If you have questions, please call our direct line [515-457-6508](tel:515-457-6508).