

Valerius Eagle News - September 2015

Dates to Remember in September

- 9/3 PTO meeting 7-8pm in the Media Center
- 9/7 Labor Day - No School
- 9/10 Back to School Open House 5:30 - 7pm
- 9/16 Late Start
- 9/18 PTO Dad's BBQ during students lunch times:
 - Kindergarten: 11:40 - 12:00
 - 1st Grade: 11:40 - 12:00
 - 2nd Grade: 11:50 - 12:10
 - 3rd Grade: 12:20 - 12:40
 - 4th Grade: 12:00 - 12:20
 - 5th Grade: 12:10 - 12:30
- 9/18 Homecoming/Spirit classroom parties at 2:45pm
- 9/30 Late Start

Online Calendar

1. Click the web address
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 the Office

This school year is off to a great start! We hope you're having a smooth start to the school year as well. We have made car tags for our parent pick up families and sent them home Friday. If you still need one or have not received yours, please let Mrs. Mitchell know at mitchellj@urbandaleschools.com or you can call the office at 457-6500.

PTO Corner

Welcome back families! We are looking forward to a fabulous year! There are quite a few things to communicate as we kick off another school year...don't forget to "like" us on Facebook so you stay in the loop!!! www.facebook.com/valerius elementary

COMMUNICATION

If you did not "opt in" to receive PTO communications during your online school registration this year, but want to receive weekly emails from PTO, please let us know by responding to valeriuspto@gmail.com. Also, the school registration system only allows for a "primary" email address. If there is a second parent who also wishes to receive communication from either PTO or the school, please let us know so we can add them to our lists.

PTO MEETING

Our first PTO meeting of the year is Thursday, September 3rd at 7pm in the Valerius Library. Free childcare is provided and a special presentation is scheduled on Quality Continual Improvement.

CLASSROOM PARTY MONEY

If you were not able to attend the Supply Drop and Drive last week, please send your child(ren)'s \$5 class party money to school in an envelope marked with their name, teacher and the words "homeroom parties." Or you may donate to your child's class parties at the Ice Cream Social on Thursday, September 10th. Classroom party money is used to fund the Spirit Parties in September, Winter Parties in December and Friendship Parties in February.

MEET THE TEACHER ICE CREAM SOCIAL

5:30-6pm Ice Cream sundaes in the gym sponsored by the PTO
6-6:30pm classroom presentations grades K-2
6:30-7pm classroom presentations grades 3-5

GIFT CARD REWARD PROGRAM

Gift Cards are Back! Order your cards by the second Monday of each month (September 14th). The gift card program donates a percentage back to our school for every card you buy. It's easy to get started. Sign up on their website www.shopwithscrip.com or go to our webpage (<http://www.urbandaleschools.com/schools/valerius-elementary/pto/>) for the paper forms. You can set up your account to pay with your debit card or order online and send Go mobile! Log in to your Scrips account on www.MyScripWallet.com from your cell phone!

HYVEE SHOP AND SHARE

Shop at HyVee anytime Friday 9/11 through Sunday 9/13 and 3.5% of your grocery sales will be donated to Valerius.

HYVEE MARKET FRESH GRILL

Need to grab a quick bite before your child's activities this week? We've got you covered! When you dine on Tuesday 9/15 or Thursday 9/17, Urbandale HyVee's Market Fresh Grill will donate 10-20% of your total bill to Valerius. Kids eat free on Tuesdays and their buffet has something for everyone!

We will post the 2015-2016 HyVee Shop/Share and Market Fresh Grill flyers with all dates for the year on the PTO website (<http://www.urbandaleschools.com/schools/valerius-elementary/pto/>). Print the flyers and give to the cashier/server for Valerius to get credit...print extras and hand out to neighbors! Thanks for your support!!!

PTO Corner continued

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

http://www.urbandalecommunityed.com/programs/2015_Fall/fall15

Fall brochure for community education classes or to register for the J-Hawk Mile during homecoming week (Wednesday 9/16)

VOLUNTEERING

We still need to fill some critical spots in our volunteer roster!

Homeroom Parent:

We are celebrating the fact that each class already has an identified lead homeroom parent! However, we're still looking for additional individuals willing to help with the planning of the parties. Please contact Kristen Richer (kristenricher76@yahoo.com) if you're interested in helping out in this FUN way!

Running Club:

<http://valerius elementarypto.bringit.bz/public/97ac40>

Running Club will kick off Monday, September 14th this year and we couldn't be more excited!!! Kids run/walk laps around the track during their lunch recess and volunteers tally those laps each week. We need 3-4 volunteers each day from 11:30am-1pm for 6 weeks and we have lots of openings left! Sign up with the link above if you would like to hang out with some awesome kids for one of your lunch "hours" each week.

Family BBQ/Tailgate Friday 9/18:

<http://valerius elementarypto.bringit.bz/public/a72aa5>

There are still a lot of spots left! Sign up today to pick up food, help grill, serve lunch or assist with clean up! It will be a fun day to have lunch with your student(s), visit with the Valerius community and then you can stay for your child(ren)'s Spirit Party! A flyer will be sent home with students as well as posted on our website with all the details.

Box Tops/Labels:

<http://valerius elementarypto.bringit.bz/public/5eb24d>

Hello Valerius families! We are still in need of 3 more volunteers for the Box Top and Labels program at Valerius. The program runs from September through April and it's a great way to volunteer from home. There are 5 contest where parents send in special labels (Box Tops and Campbell's Labels for Education) that they get off of different products. Each classroom has a collection box and there is one volunteer for each classroom who collects the labels, trims them to size, counts them and then returns them to school. Last year we raised \$1,343 from Box Tops which helped pay for field trips the kids took during the year and received a \$100 gift card from the Labels which went towards bean bag chairs for the kids to use in their classrooms. To sign up to help, please go to <http://valerius elementarypto.bringit.bz/public/5eb24d>. If the class in which your child is in is already taken by another volunteer, but you would still like to help, please feel free to sign up for a different class. Thank you!

Annual Notice – Open Enrollment – Urbandale Schools

The deadline for filing an open enrollment application for the 2016-2017 school year is March 1, 2016 for grades 1-12 and September 1, 2016 for kindergarten students. The completed form should be submitted to the resident and to the receiving district.

Students that open enroll in grades 9-12 shall not be eligible to participate in **varsity** contests and competitions during the first ninety (90) school days of transfer.

Parents are responsible for transporting children open enrolled to another district. This applies to all students, including those with an IEP. If a child open enrolls to a district that is contiguous (borders) to the home district, and the parents' income meets economic eligibility requirements, the family may qualify for transportation assistance.

Applications that have been denied may be appealed in the Iowa District Court of the resident district. If the application is based on harassment or a serious health condition, the denied application would be appealed to the Iowa Department of Education.

Additional information regarding open enrollment can be found on the Urbandale Community Schools Website:

<http://www.urbandaleschools.com/our-district/student-services/open-enrollment-2/>

Lunch Menu

For an up to date, printable version of the lunch menu, go to: <http://www.urbandaleschools.com/breakfast-lunch-menus/>



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LUNCH September 2015

M	T	W	T	F
	1 Entrees E Chicken Fajitas Sides Refried Beans Watermelon Animal Crackers Milk	2 Entrees F Chicken Patty Sides Pacific Blend Vegetables Green Grapes Milk	3 Entrees A Spaghetti with Meatballs Sides Lettuce Salad Cantaloupe Milk	4 Entrees B Fish Strips Sides Mashed Potatoes Mixed Fresh Fruit Salad Milk
7 HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL	8 Entrees C Baked Chicken Sides AuGratin Potatoes Dinner Roll Peaches - Diced Milk	9 Entrees D Mozzarella Cheese Sticks w/Marinara Sides Mixed Greens Green Grapes Milk	10 Entrees E Meat Nachos Sides Green Beans Watermelon Milk	11 Entrees F *Pulled Pork Sides Calico Beans Red Grapes Milk
14 HOMECOMING WEEK A Entrees J-HAWK SUB Sides Corn Applesauce Cups Whole Fruit Frozen Fruit Cups Milk	15 Entrees B Macaroni & Cheese Sides Mixed Vegetables Pears - Diced Cinnamon Crisp Milk	16 LATE START C Entrees Turkey Gravy over a Biscuit Sides Mashed Potatoes Red Grapes Milk	17 Entrees D Cheesy Garlic Flatbread Sides Lettuce Salad Mixed Fruit Milk	18 National Cheeseburger Day! E Entrees Cheeseburger Sides Baked Beans Granny Smith Apples Harvest Cheddar Sunchip Snack Mix Milk
21 Entrees F Big Daddy's Turkey Pepperoni Pizza Sides Smiley Fries Apricots Milk	22 Entrees A Cheese Lasagna Rollup Sides Mixed Greens Red Grapes Milk	23 Entrees B Chicken Nuggets Sides Sweet Potato Souffle Banana Blueberry Bread Milk	24 Entrees C Walking Taco Sides Refried Beans Peaches - Diced Spanish Rice Milk	25 Entrees D Fish Nuggets Sides Pacific Blend Vegetables Strawberries Frito Lay - Cheetos Milk
28 Entrees E Meatball Sub Sides Mashed Potatoes Red Delicious Apples Milk	29 Entrees F Mini Pepperoni (Turkey) Pizza Bagels Sides Pass Pineapple Rings Milk	30 LATE START A Entrees Chicken Patty Sides Cheesy Broccoli Oranges Milk		