



# OCTOBER VAQUERO NEWS

Please remember to keep your child home if he/she is sick. Call the office if your child will be absent for illness or other reasons. Absentee line is: 909/594-1434 # 2 or 38161 or dial us direct at 909/444-4399. Leave student name, reason for absence and teacher or room number. Homework may be requested after 2<sup>nd</sup> day of absence.

## NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH! RED RIBBON WEEK!

- Oct. 1 **Wear blue** to show that we are bully-free!  
**Vejar Community Club** meeting at 6pm in MPR. Join us! Be a part of the decision making team!
- Oct. 2 & 9 Young Rembrandts class... 1:30-2:30 for those registered
- Oct. 2 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip 9-1. Be on time, don't miss the bus! Early out!
- Oct. 3 **English Language Advisory Committee** (ELAC) Parent Meeting @8:30 a.m. in room 12
- Oct. 4, 18 & 25 Minecraft & Technology class... 2:40-4:10 for those registered
- Oct. 5 Spirit Day! Wear Vejar Red! VVV Spirit Rally at 8:30 am.  
Parent/Teacher conferences...  
Minimum Day. TK/K dismiss at 11:30, Grades 1-5 dismiss at 12:00
- Oct. 6 Parent Symposium at Walnut High School. Registration starts at 7:30, keynote speaker and breakout sessions 8-12noon. Come learn about emotional intelligence, academic success, vaping, how to get into the college of your choice, etc., etc.
- Oct. 8-12 **Book Fair** in library – look for flyers, order online! We need volunteers 7:45am-3pm! 😊
- Oct. 8-9 4<sup>th</sup> grade, “Walk through California” Don't forget to dress up!
- Oct. 8, 22 MORE Club in the MPR, 3-4pm
- Oct. 9 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip 9-1. Be on time, don't miss the bus! Early out!  
**Kona Ice** sales every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month. Look for flyer!
- Oct. 10, 11, 12 Parent/Teacher conferences...  
Minimum Day. TK/K dismiss at 11:30, Grades 1-5 dismiss at 12:00
- Oct. 15-16 Vision & Hearing Testing for grades K, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>
- Oct. 16, 23 & 30 Hip Hop Dancing – for those registered
- Oct. 18 Great California Shake Out- 10am
- Oct. 19 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip 8:30-1:30. Be on time, don't miss the bus!
- Oct. 24, 31 Musical Theatre “The Nutcracker” coming to Vejar. Enroll now! 2:40-4:10 in MPR
- Oct. 26 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip 8:30-1:30. Be on time, don't miss the bus!
- Oct. 26 **Harvest Festival!** Join us, enjoy the food, fun and games! Sign up to volunteer!
- Oct. 31 **Story Book Costume Parade** (8:30-9:15am) nothing scary please, and easy for your child to change back into regular school clothes once parade is over.

**Regular school attendance** is vital to your child's success. This includes coming to school on time every day. When your child has a calm morning, has breakfast, and arrives to school on time, they are ready to learn and do their best! Coming late causes them to not only miss part of the instruction, but also to have a rushed, panicked attitude that distracts from learning all day. **Remember**, students should arrive to school between 8:00 and 8:10 each morning. Bell rings at 8 for recess so that students may enjoy some playtime before the 8:10 bell...then they line up and are escorted by their teachers to the classroom so that by 8:15 they are in their seats and ready to learn. If your child is getting out of the car or walking through the gates at 8:15, he/she is already missing instructions! They are late.

**Immunizations:** if you have not turned in student immunizations - they are due to office immediately. Your child may be excluded from school for non-compliance.

**Vejar CC** wishes to thank everyone for their kind donations to our Vejar Round-Up. Our goal is \$30,000.00 with funds going towards Vejar's various programs such as: classroom start-up costs, technology, field trips, science night, Meet the Masters (art classes), library assistance and so much more. Please keep those envelopes coming – we are at \$9,167.00 as of last week. The fundraiser ends officially October 31<sup>st</sup>, but may be extended to help us come closer to our goal!



**Box Tops:** Please keep collecting these - each one represents \$\$ to us. Last year the monies collected paid for new "mice" and ink cartridges for the printers in both tech labs! Kudos! Tell friends and family too. Go to [boxtops4education.com](http://boxtops4education.com) to check out other ways to help our school. ☺

**Appreciation Tokens:** Saved tokens at home should be returned to school and placed in the token jar for school wide rewards. Looking forward to our first reward! Wearing a favorite hat, extra recess, pajama day, etc., etc., lots of ideas! What fun, and such diversity...tokens are passed out to students for good behavior, and for following the Vejar Values. Ask your student if they received a token today.

**Be a volunteer!** We need volunteers in classrooms, for the upcoming Harvest Festival, etc., etc. Join the Vejar Community Club, be an integral part of your child's education. Come to the office to fill out the Volunteer application, we need a copy of your CDL and a TB clearance (California Health & Safety Code 121545 states that volunteers in schools must be free of active tuberculosis before they volunteer). Also, our Board Policy 1240 states that we shall establish procedures to protect the safety of students that include laws related to tuberculosis testing and criminal record checks (a background check will also be conducted).

**MTM** (Meet the Masters) started last week. Your child will learn to draw like the Masters! Look for your child's artwork on display at upcoming events. Contact your child's teacher to volunteer and find out when your child's lesson is scheduled for. Be the art representative for your child's classroom ☺

**Safety Review:** If you park across the street from the school, please do not cross or ask your child to cross in the middle of the block! Teach your child safety and to properly use the crosswalk. Remember, jay walking is against the law and you must set a good example. Help us keep our children safe! Mrs. Haynes, our wonderful crosswalk lady is always ready to help.

**Courtesy** counts every day, don't leave your car parked or unattended while in line to drop off or pick up your child! Be extra cautious when driving through and respectful of prompts from staff and crossing guard. Be respectful of her duties, remember she is looking out for all of us.

**Lunch Reminder:** Please keep in mind that we do not call classrooms to advise your student of a late, forgotten or "surprise" lunch delivered by parents. Instruct your children that if they don't have a lunch they should come to the office & "check". It's always a good idea to have emergency lunch money in their lunch account.

**Menu:** You can sign up to pay online and view the menus at: <http://www.walnutnutrition.org>

**Remember:** Every **Tuesday** is an early out day...TK/K out at 11:35 Grades 1-5 at 1:25pm  
On **Minimum Days** TK/Kinder is out at 11:35am and Grades 1-5 out at 12pm  
**Regular** M-W-Th-F schedule: TK/K dismiss at 1:30, Grades 1-5 at 2:40pm

**Medicines:** Please do not send any meds, cough drops, pills, etc. to school with your child. All medicine must be accompanied by proper paperwork from the office, duly signed by child's doctor, whether prescription or over the counter.

What is going on at Vejar? Still wondering? There are many ways to find out... 1) Check out our **website** at [www.vejarelementary.org](http://www.vejarelementary.org) 2) Read the monthly Vaquero News 3) Read the marquee, and/or 4) the white board at the school entry gates for day to day updates 5) informational flyers that go home with students 6) emails or phone call messages from our principal, Ms. Prenger. If you have not received any of these, please stop by to update your information. This year we will use the Remind App for one way text message reminders from school. Sign up for this free service by texting @veja to the number 81010.

**Halloween, fall** festivities coming...prepare your child's **Story Book Costume** for our Grand Parade! Nothing scary or revealing, stick to storybook characters; students can wear their costume to school for the parade but **MUST CHANGE** into regular clothes immediately after. Parents and guests are welcome to come, take pictures and help their children change back into regular school clothes. It is a fun morning, don't miss it!



