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VACDES PTO NEWS

WELCOME!

Dear VACDES Families:

The PTO makes a tremendous difference for our school community. Students and families enjoyed the Popsicle Social, sponsored by the PTO, at our Back to School Night, and the faculty is looking forward to dinner provided by the PTO the evening of parent conferences, October 21. Thank you to our PTO which gives so much to the school. I encourage all parents and guardians to become involved with our PTO.

Please make sure that you monitor your child's participation in web-based activity. Whether it's texting, playing video games, or interacting with Internet sites, your child's safety can only be ensured if adults at home and at school are checking on the child's activity and reinforcing Internet safety. For ideas on ways you can support your child in developing safe Internet and texting habits, go online to Commonsensemedia.org and search the *Parents Need to Know* page. For additional support, contact your child's teacher or the school office.

Please see schedules of various special activities in our school newsletters, which may be found on the VACDES website at:
<https://www.wps.k12.va.us/domain/1354>.

All the best,

Dr. Nan Bryant
Principal

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE ?

Any amount of time and effort you can give is appreciated. And there are easy ways to support the school through its daily activities. Here is how to get started!

- Complete a PTO form and return it to your child's teacher or email it to: vacdespto@gmail.com
- Sign up for Martin's A + program for VACDES. Every time you use your bonus card, VACDES earns money. The school identification number is 20277.
- Come to the PTO General Meetings! These are held quarterly and provide a great forum for sharing ideas. Also a way to meet your fellow VACDES parents!
- Collect Box Tops that earn money for our school. The information will come home with your child.
- Buy a shirt for your child to wear on Spirit days. Shirt order forms are available at school events or can be requested by email at vacdespto@gmail.com.
- We need donations of snacks for the Run and Read event in Autumn, you can send them with your child to school (example: mini bags of pretzels and "candy corn" or any other snack individually pre-packaged). Thank you!

FUND COLLECTORS IN PROGRESS

Support VACDES while shopping! Do not forget about:

- 1) Register your Martin bonus card at A + School Rewards.
- 2) Collect those Box Tops: look for the collection information soon

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Upcoming Events:

10/1 Spirit Night at Chipotle
10/7 STEAM Night
10/17 Tie Dye at the Front Yard
10/21 Parent Teacher Conferences Meals
10/31 Autumn Run and Read
11/2 Sweet Frog Spirit Night
11/4 Cultural Night
11/12 PTO General Meeting
11/14 Spirit Night at Cici's
12/3 Ledo's Spirit Night
12/10 Winter Concert at Handley
12/12 Easely Created Fundraiser
12/17 PreK/K Concert