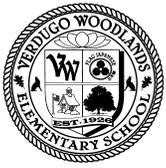


# OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2017 - ECHOES

VERDUGO WOODLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - A CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL



October: COOPERATION - Work Together for a Common Goal.

November: CITIZENSHIP - Accept the Rights, Privileges and Responsibilities of Living in our Community and Country.



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear VV Families,

Thank you to all who walked us in the 2017 International Walk to School Day on Wednesday, October 4th! We had a record turnout! If you're looking for more family fun this month, we have some great ideas for you! Join us for this month's Restaurant Fundraiser on Friday, October 6th at Kebab Daddy, 3701 Ocean View Blvd, Montrose, CA 91020, from 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM! Our annual Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 14th. The Fall Festival is fun for the whole family! Look for flyers in the Thursday Folder for pre-ticket sales information. The annual Great California Shakeout will be conducted on Thursday, October 20th. VV students and any VV visitors will participate in the state-wide emergency earthquake drill on the 20th. You may also want to support VV and Glendale Kiwanis at the Annual Kiwanis Duck Race at Verdugo Park on Saturday, October 28th. Buy your ducks now for a chance to win the \$10,000 top prize! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming on Monday, October 30th to Friday, November 3rd! Get your holiday shopping done early! Contribute to a classroom library!

School will be closed for District Staff Development Friday, October 27th and this month's Flag Assembly will be held on Halloween, Tuesday, October 31st. Please remember to be safe when trick-or-treating and have a *s-p-o-o-k-a-c-u-l-a-r* time!

The results are in! Last spring, students in grades three through six took a standardized assessment called the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). This rigorous assessment is based on Common Core State Standards. Our dedicated teaching staff, receptive students, and supportive families worked hard to meet these standards. Individual student score reports are have been mailed home. School-wide test scores may be found on our website, [www.verdugowoodlands.org](http://www.verdugowoodlands.org) under "Site Shortcuts." Verdugo Woodlands is on our way and committed to working towards 100% mastery for all of our students through targeted interventions and instruction in language arts and math.

How can you help your child? "Showing up for school is one of the most important steps in assuring academic success at school and beyond. Attendance has a direct impact on all aspects of a well-rounded education. Better student attendance is a significant predictor of better academic performance. Chronic absenteeism - missing 10 percent of school during an academic year, or 18 days - has a direct correlation of students dropping out of high school" (EdCal, Volume 47, Number 6, September 5, 2016). The tardy bell rings at 8:15 AM daily and 9:15 AM on Thursdays. Gates open at 7:45 AM and 8:45 AM on Thursdays for all students. Instruction begins at 8:20 and 9:20 respectively. We are here to work with you to improve your child's attendance. Letters are being sent home for students who are excessively late and/or tardy. Please drive safely and plan accordingly so your child can get to class on time.

I am confident that with your help we will continue to grow and excel in the coming year!

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Mrs. Provost walks with Sevan Cash (pictured) and hundreds of VV students for International Walk to School Day on October 4th.

*"Eighty percent of life is showing up."*  
- Woody Allen

Congratulations to the WOW Winners for August:  
Leo Setton (1st grade) and Xander Zufelt (5th grade).  
Kinder Helper: Andrew Kusan.



Congratulations to the WOW Winners for September:  
Aidan Laudenslager (5th Moreno) and Kevin Sonati (TK Rossi).  
Kinder Helper: Kiki Valiente.



Congratulations to our September Students of the Month!



Join us for the Fall Festival!  
Saturday, October 14  
10 to 2 PM  
on the Upper Playground

# OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2017 CALENDAR

1-OCTOBER	2 M	3 T	4 W	5 TH	6 F	7
	2:30p JDL Homework Club 3p VV Voices 4th, 5th & 6th DC 3-4:30p Armenian Class	3p Chess 3p POSE (gr 4 - 6) DC 3p Sewing Garage	<b>Walktober 7:30a Verdugo Park</b> 2:30p VV Voices 3rd DC 3-4:30p Armenian Class	<b>Coats for Kids Drive</b> <b>9:15 Banking</b> 8-9a Parker Anderson <b>CheckThurs. folder</b>	<b>Coats for Kids Drive</b> 3p Taiko Drumming	
8	<b>9 Coats for Kids Drive</b> 2:30p JDL Homework Club 3-4:30p Armenian Class	<b>10 Coats for Kids Drive</b> 3p Chess 3p POSE (gr 4 - 6) DC 3p Sewing Garage 6:30p PTA Assoc. Mtg. Cafe (Free Child-Care)	<b>11 Coats for Kids Drive</b> 2:30p VV Voices 3rd DC 3:30p VV Voices 4th, 5th & 6th DC 3-4:30p Armenian Class	<b>12 - 9:15 Banking</b> <b>Coats for Kids Drive</b> 8-9a Parker Anderson <b>CheckThurs. folder</b>	<b>13 Coats for Kids Drive</b>	 <b>14</b> <b>10 - 2p UPPER PLAYGROUND</b>
15	<b>16 Coats for Kids Drive</b> 2:30p JDL Homework Club 3p VV Voices 4th, 5th & 6th DC 3-4:30p Armenian Class	<b>17 Coats for Kids Drive Fall Photo Makeup Day</b> 3p Chess 3p POSE (gr 4 - 6) DC 3p Sewing Garage 6:30p VWave Assoc. Mtg. Rm. 1220 (Free Child-Care)	<b>18 Coats for Kids Drive</b> 2:30p VV Voices 3rd DC 3-4:30p Armenian Class 6:30p Art Rep Training - Cezanne - Cafe	<b>19 - 9:15 Banking</b> <b>Coats for Kids Drive</b> 8-9a Parker Anderson <b>CheckThurs. folder</b>	<b>20</b>	21
22	<b>23 RED RIBBON WEEK</b> 2:30p JDL Homework Club 3p VV Voices 4th, 5th & 6th DC 3-4:30p Armenian Class	<b>24 RED RIBBON WEEK</b> 3p Chess 3p POSE (gr 4 - 6) DC 3p Sewing Garage	<b>25 RED RIBBON WEEK</b> 2:30p VV Voices 3rd DC 3-4:30p Armenian Class	<b>26 - 9:15 Banking</b> <b>RED RIBBON WEEK</b> 8-9a Parker Anderson <b>CheckThurs. folder</b>	<b>27 NO SCHOOL STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY</b>	28
29	<b>30 Scholastic Book Fair</b> 2:30p JDL Homework Club 3p VV Voices 4th, 5th & 6th DC 3-4:30p Armenian Class	<b>31 Scholastic Book Fair</b>  <b>FLAG CEREMONY</b> <b>Halloween Parade</b> 3p Chess 3p POSE (gr 4 - 6) DC 3p Sewing Garage	<b>1 - NOVEMBER Scholastic Book Fair</b> 2:30p VV Voices 3rd DC 3-4:30p Armenian Class	<b>2 - 9:15 Banking</b> <b>Scholastic Book Fair</b>	<b>3 Scholastic Book Fair</b>	4
5	2:30p JDL Homework Club 3p VV Voices 4th, 5th & 6th DC 3-4:30p Armenian Class	3p Chess 3p POSE (gr 4 - 6) DC	2:30p VV Voices 3rd DC 3-4:30p Armenian Class	<b>9 NO SCHOOL</b> <b>Kinder Parent Conferences</b>	<b>10 VETERAN'S DAY</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	11
12	2:30p JDL Homework Club 3p POSE Rehearsal DC 3-4:30p Armenian Class	<b>14 JUMP ROPE FOR HEART!</b> 3p Chess 3p POSE Dress Rehearsal DC 6:45p POSE Performance DC	2:30p VV Voices 3rd DC 3-4:30p Armenian Class 4p POSE Performance DC <b>SQUARE ONE PAPER ORDERS DUE!</b>	<b>16 - 9:15 Banking</b> <b>1st Trimester Report Cards go home!</b> <b>CheckThurs. folder</b>	<b>17 MINIMUM DAY</b> <b>FLAG CEREMONY</b> 	18
19	<b>20 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK</b>	<b>21 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK</b>	<b>22 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK</b>	<b>23 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK</b>	<b>24 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK</b>	25
26	2:30p JDL Homework Club 3p VV Voices 4th, 5th & 6th DC 3-4:30p Armenian Class	<b>28 SQUARE ONE ONLINE ORDERS DUE!</b> 3p Chess 6:30p Wave Assoc. Mtg. Rm. 1220 (Free Child-Care)	2:30p VV Voices 3rd DC 3-4:30p Armenian Class	<b>30 9:15 Banking</b> 3:15p School Site Council Meeting <b>CheckThurs. folder</b>	<b>1 - DECEMBER</b>	2
	<b>BE A VOLUNTEER!</b> <b>VW NEEDS YOU!</b>	<b>CHOOSE AN EVENT THAT YOU'D LIKE TO BE A PART OF AND GET INVOLVED</b>	<b>JOIN W.A.V.E. AND JOIN PTA</b>			<b>Get your PTA Membership Today!</b>