

**ROARING WITH PRIDE,
VAN BUREN ELEMENTARY,
GO PANTHERS!**

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A NOTE FROM OUR FEARLESS LEADERS!



A Friendly Note from Our Admin Squad!

Hello Van Buren Families,

This year has been passing us by real fast, but we have been doing some great things. We are excited to continue to work hard and make sure our students get the best equitable education in a safe and welcoming environment. Meaningful partnerships are crucial for student achievement, we need you. Our staff is doing many great things throughout the day, but there are some ways that you can help us improve our student's academic and social well-being.

- Stay in contact with the teachers and make sure they are doing their assignments
- Make sure to send your children to school every day and on time. Students get stressed out when they are late
- Talk to your children and really listen to what they have to say. in the morning send them to school in a good mood and receive them with a smile after school
- Participate in school family events so we may build on our partnerships

We hope everyone has a great holiday season and a Happy New Year

Mrs Arellano

Counselors Corner

Happy December Panthers! It was great seeing all of the families come out to the Lunch on the Lawn. Despite the rainy weather, we had an awesome turnout and our kids loved having their families come eat with them. We look forward to seeing everyone at \all of our future events! Remember to keep bringing your kids to school on time every day; attendance still counts! We hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season and enjoys some much-needed time off.



PANTHER PRIDE

VAN BUREN ELEMENTARY



Ms. Ramirez

**5th – 8th Grade Counselor
Cal Poly**

By: Nijjah Gorman bridges and
Elisa Martinez Juarez



Mrs. Ramirez says that she loves working at Van Buren, one of her favorite things about working here is working with the 5th-8th grade students, especially the middle schoolers. Mrs Ramirez's most difficult part of working at Van Buren is she lives in Turlock so her drive to and from school takes a long time, it's about 45 miles away. Mrs. Ramirez describes herself as friendly, humble, and caring. In her free time she likes to spend time with her family and read a good book in spanish. One of her current projects is getting some high school students to come visit our school.

**Mrs. Ballesteros – The
Legendary 5th-grade
Teacher
San Joaquin Delta
College**

By: Serenity Beach and Nevaeh Mathews



Ms.Ballesteros teaches 5th grade at Van Buren Elementary. She said the best part of working at Van Buren is working with the kids. She said the most challenging part is when the kids have rough days. Her class is currently working on science projects, such as plants out of soil. The three words that she used to describe her classroom were calming, funny, and chaotic. Her main interest is photography.

Ms. Alejandra Torres-Santos

ELOP Program Facilitator

By: Serenity Beach and Nevaeh Mathews



Ms. Alejandra stated that her favorite aspect of working at Van Buren is engaging with the students. However, she identified parking as the most challenging element of her experience. The ELOP program is currently focusing on clubs, sports, and various other activities. When asked to describe herself in three words, she chose: empathetic, hardworking, and resilient. Additionally, she enjoys hobbies such as karaoke and horseback riding. Ms. Alejandra invites you to spend time with her after school.



STUDENT INTERVIEWS



BY NEVAEH MATTHEWS, SERENITY BEACH, ROGELIO DEL RIO, ETHAN NELSON

Question: What is your greatest wish?

1st Grade Answers:

Nova C: To be a vampire

Ja'joncen: Wishes he
can fly

2nd Grade Answers

Je'niyah W:

To go to Disneyland

3rd grade answers:

Victoria C: For her
sister to stop being
mean to her

4th Grade:

Daleyza C: Takis

5th Grade Answers:

Angela V: Get a dog

Cenaiya H: Become rich

Kasiya C: To be rich

6 grade answers:

Marco P: To go to college

Ivory C: Be a doctor

Ruvino D: To be in the
NFL

7th Grade:

Serenity B: To put a
smile on everyones face

8th Grade answer:

Nevaeh B: Te Be a
Nurse



Illustrious Students of the Month

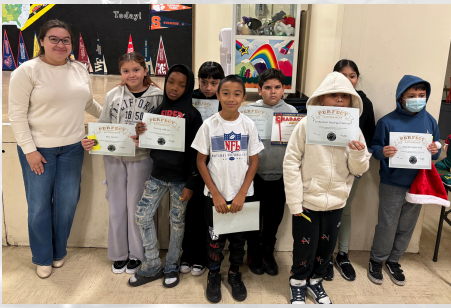
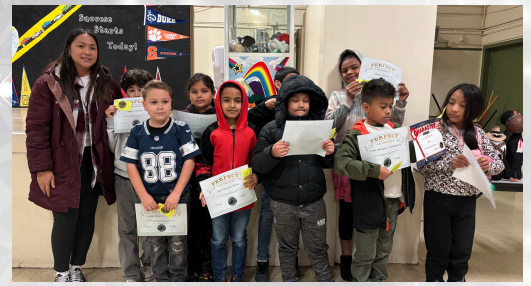
Decemeber's character trait celebrated the trait of TOLERANCE!

TK/Kinder		
Pachardo	Yathzeli Herrera	Endy Garcia Salcedo
Allen	Athen Lopez	Fernanda Tovar Munoz
Miguelino	Sofia Romero	Guadalupe Gomez
First		
Barosso	Matteo Serrano	Luke Ramirez
Yang	Nathan Fa'anu	Lyrica Jordan
Second		
Dominguez	Frances Abequibel	Olivia Pratt
Chase	Ariel Sierra	Hpnotiq Ronquillo
Kaler	Sir Cameron Chambers	Alexander Gomez Ortiz
Third		
Singh	Sophia Barocio	Javier Andrade
Golis	Kimshy Ramos Calmo	Liam Marquez Nochebuena
Saepharn	Silas Nhep	Jason Ruiz Rios
Fourth		
Lara	Britany Lopez Perez	Alexander Prado Ramirez
Duarte	Marc Rodriguez	Ariana Aguilar
Fifth		
Montero	Akosua Owusu	Kasiya Copeland
Ballesteros	Eliana Rivera	Christopher Vega Meza
Sixth		
Lupian	Larriah Thorton	Rodolfo Ware
Fernandez	Carlos Heredia	David Roman
Seventh		
Bryant	Nevaeh Matthews	Cristopher Calmo Mendoza
Prisock	Jizelle Ayala Andrade	Jason Chavez
Eighth		
Dates	Allison Cerros	Luis Andrade
Teevan	Mark Moore	Leonel Morales-Guerra



TOLERANCE
AND
RESPECT







Monthly Vocabulary Words

By: Nevaeh Matthews

Grades: K-2

Word: Large

Definition: of considerable or relatively great size, extent, or capacity.

Sentence: "he came in carrying a large case."

Grades: 3-5:

Word: Advantage

Definition: a condition circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position.

Sentence: "it would be to our advantage to keep it."

Grades: 6-8

Word: Probable

Definition: likely to be the case or to happen.

Sentence: "the most probable outcome is that they will continue to vote for the same party"

Can you use these words this month?

Mark Your Calendars!

PBIS Assembly - 6th

Parent Coffe Hour - 13th

Breakfast With Santa - 14th

Winter Break - 23rd - Jan. 3rd

Christmas - 25th

Kwanzaa - 26th

Hanukkah - 26th

New Year's Eve- 31st

Monthly Reflection

By: Rogelio Del Rio

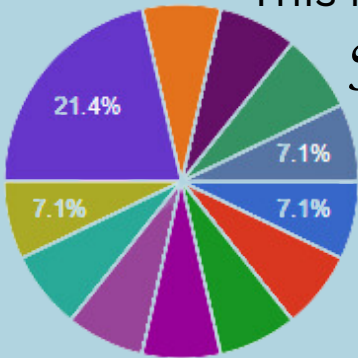
Hope is the last thing ever lost.

This Months Teacher was

Ms. Ballesteros

Rm.29

By:Serenity Beach,
Nevaeh Matthews



- Kindergarten - Ms Miguelino
- Kindergarten - Ms. Allen
- 1st Grade - Mr. Barosso
- Option 1st Grade - Ms. Yang
- 1st Grade - Ms. Dominguez
- 2nd Grade - Ms. Chase
- 2nd Grade - Ms. Kaler
- 3rd Grade - Ms. Golis

- 3rd Grade - Ms. Singh (Simon)
- 3rd Grade - Ms, Saepharn
- 4th Grade - Mr. Duarte
- 4th Grade - Ms. Lara
- 5th Grade - Mr. Montero
- 5th Grade - Ms. Ballesteros
- 6th Grade - Mr. Lupian
- 6th Grade - Mr. Fernandez

- 7th Grade - Mr. Bryant
- 7th Grade - Ms. Prisock
- 8th Grade - Ms. Dates
- 8th Grade - Mr. Teevan

Guess the teacher

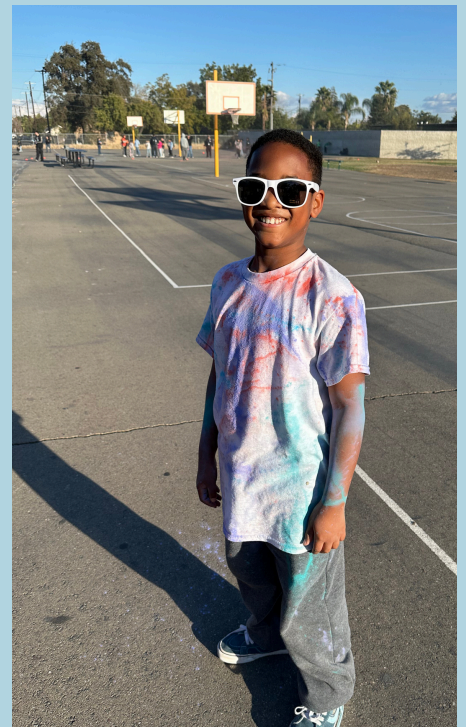
By Serenity Beach

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Who am I ?

Van Buren Color Run for Solidarity
November 15
By, Serenity Beach

Our Panthers were running for solidarity on November 15th. Diana Sandoval from the San Joaquin Pride Center helped us Support the LGBTQ community. Lots of teachers and students showed up giving support at our color run.







During the color run, they gave out sun glasses, flags, bracelets, pins, stickers, etc ... to each of the participants

By: Nevaeh Matthews





Students in Action



Stockton Fire Truck Visit November 18

By: Elisa Martinex Juarez and Niliyah Gorman-Bridges

On November 18, our school had a visit from the firefighter truck for Tk-3rd. They talked about what they do as a firefighter, and let some of the kids try the gear and use the water hoses. The kids enjoyed the water hoses the most.





Panthers with Game!!!



Flag Football Van Buren -v- Wilson
November 21, Van Buren Won 70-50. This is the first win of the session, and we all did well. We scored 70 points, which is a lot for a football game. I think that's the most we will score all session. The quarterback didn't throw any picks, the receivers didn't drop the ball that much, and we had their coach crashing out on the other side of the field, so I think we did well.





Panthers with Spirit

By: Nevaeh Matthews

At our Van Buren home game we had many students come together to support and cheer on our team. They made signs and cheered our team on to win.





Lunch on the Lawn Family Event

By: Muffin Castle

On November 22, the lunch on the lawn was not on the lawn because it was raining, so it was in the cafeteria. Everyone had pizza to eat with their families.

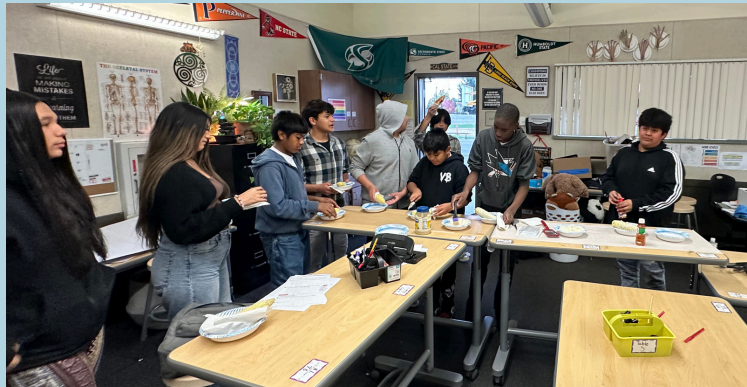




Cooking Club

By: Nevaeh Bello

Mr. Bryants cooking club made elotes on November 22. They covered them in mayonnaise, cheese, Tajin and crushed Takis. They looked really good.



Holiday Gifts from the Department of Corrections

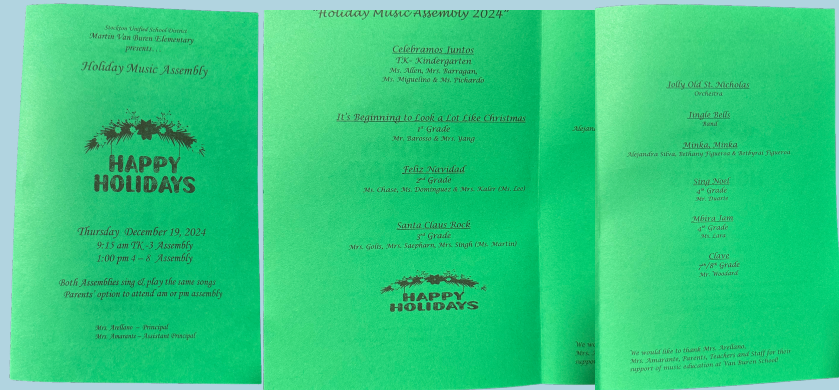
the Department of corrections came to our school and gave out presents to all of the students.



Winter Music Assembly

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The Music Assembly was a big hit ,
TK- 3rd Sang some of the best xmas
songs and 4th- 8th played
instruments





*Winter Music Assembly
December 19, 2024*



Jingle all the way to Breakfast With Santa

On December 14, 2024! We had Santa visit Van Buren for breakfast.
We took pictures, We had pancakes and sausage, and we did arts and crafts.
By: Nijah Gorman Bridges







Incredible Puzzle of the Month!



panther
PRIDE!



Get ready to bust a
gut with jokes !

By: Rogelio Del Rio

Why can't you trust an
atoms?

because they make up everything