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Fourth Grade Gives to the 'Gladiator'

This year, instead of having a gift exchange for Christmas, the Van Buren 4th graders followed second grade's example of giving to others. The fourth graders adopted the USS Gladiator – a Naval ship with 78 men stationed in the Persian Gulf. One of these men is the uncle of 4th grader Mason Miarer.

After learning about life aboard a Navy ship, the fourth graders asked for a list of goodies to send to the men on the Gladiator. They learned that they could not send homemade goodies because it usually takes several months for packages to arrive.

The students spent the morning of Christmas Party Day packing the boxes with the assistance of Michelle Miarer (Mason's mother), Linda Dominick (Mason's grandmother), and Ed Wymer. Ed is a well-known, smiling face behind the counter at the Van Buren post office. They were also joined by VBEPA Treasurer, Tammy Routson, who brought 80 pairs of new socks to send to the sailors. The students brought in items donated by their families such as: beef jerky, toothpaste, ramen noodles, candy, cough drops, toilet paper, and much more!

Other contributions were 78 decks of playing cards donated by Doak Decker and the Elks Club. Doak is the truck driver for the Van Buren post office and he also brought us a metal cage which made transporting the boxes to the Post Office so much easier. Beth Wilson, a DJ from WBVI, donated Koozies to help the guys keep bottles of water cool. Student Hunter Foltz commented, "I could not believe my eyes when I saw all that stuff on the tables." Over 200 pounds of goodies were shipped in 23 large priority boxes!! Shipping costs were covered through monetary donations from students, teachers, Ed Wymer, and the VBEPA. The 4th grade students should get tremendous credit for working together to problem-solve the most efficient way to pack boxes.

Students also made joke books, drew self-portraits, and created Valentine's Day cards to send along with the goodies. The boxes were expected to arrive around Valentine's Day but to everyone's astonishment the boxes arrived two days after Christmas. Our Gladiator contact described the sailors' reactions "like kids on



Soft toilet paper



Socks donated by Tammy Routson

Christmas morning". We were told that they loved everything but were especially thankful for the soft toilet paper (which they never get!).

Fourth grader Jessica Roberts said, "This was my most favorite Christmas ever. My opinion is that this was more fun than a gift exchange. My favorite thing we sent them was hope."



Packing with help from Linda Dominick



Packing with help from Ed Wymer



The metal postal cage filled with 23 boxes

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High School/Middle School News

VAN BUREN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Second Nine-Week Grading Period 2009 - 2010 School Year

ALL "A's"

6th Grade	Kami Boney, Marcus Brand, Logan Brooker, Corey Bucholtz, Morgan Drake, Alexander Duran, Brooklyn Hoyng, Mary Kane, Andrew Kelley, Ian Kern, Samuel Lawn, Savannah McIntosh, Ruth Moon, Cole Ohlrich, Nicklaus Overmyer, Katelyn Reineke, Callie Spears, Kylie Sturgill
7th Grade	Emily Anderbery, Jennifer Irving, Tyler Sarreshteh, Shivang Saxena, Chancellor Sonnenberg, Alexis Youngpeter
8th Grade	Lindsey Barchent, Michael Domke, Madison Endicott, Michelle Flanagan, Robyn Flick, Jenna Gallello, Zachary Hiris, Nicholas Hoehn, Kelly McCartney, Tory Palmer, Drew Patterson, Jonathan Rafferty, Rachell Resnik, Natalie Risser, Ted Simmons, Micheal Smith, Courtney VanHorn, Alisa Warren, Macaulay Williams, Tylor Williams
9th Grade	Elyse Anderbery, Heather Clark, Michaela Conkle, Sarah Greer, Brandi Hoyng, Sydney Jameson, Alexis Kelley, Cameron King, Cala Reynolds, Dylan Sexton, George Shawver IV, Kayla Sonnenberg, Kristen Tropf
10th Grade	Chaney Brown, Jaclyn Cole, Ashton Combs, Brian Davidson, Julia Endicott, Kaitlyn Endicott, Taylor Fieger, Kiera Gaswint, Meagan Grine, Jessica Hammond, Lacie Kern, Elizabeth Kniss, Macy McCartney, Amanda Pummell, Stephanie Sawyer, Shawn Smith, Taylor Watkins
11th Grade	Rachel Adolph, Brooke Barnhisel, Callie Bays, Carol Campbell, Devon Causey, Matthew Early, Logan Eaton, Aaron Edelbrock, Zachary Hoehn, Matthew Lee, Colleen McCormick, Scott Neall, Jacob Sexton, Hannah Shank, Megan Stewart, Clay Sudlow, Olivia Wills
12th Grade	Samantha Benson, Karleigh Carman, Lauren Clark, Tarah Clark, Alyson Combs, Amanda Couchot, Ashley Cytak, Sara Doxsey, Chelsi Faine, Michael Flanagan, Dillon Flick, Joseph Gallello, Tia Gilkerson, Katrina Glick, Madison Grant, Shelby Heitmeyer, Dillon Jameson, Katlin Mackedanz, Nichole May, Alan Molyet, Kayla Roberts, Alexander Roszman, Erika Stacy, Jason Tropf

ALL "A's" and "B's"

6th Grade	Gabriel Anderson, Alejandro Arriaga, Jacob Badertscher, Briana Barnhisel, Hannah Bayer, Anthony Bilbrey, Lauren Brown, Aric Dewey, Mackenzie Edler, Madeline Ellingsworth, Rebekah Frampton, Taylor Gilliland, Samantha Hagans, Elexia Hassan, Evan Heminger, Kendyl Junge, Ethan LaFontaine, Brianne Lasley, Zachary Lonyo, Victoria Manley, Gabriele McCracken, Leah Norr, Justin Routzon, Thomas Rowles, Carlee Schmelzer, Jacob Shawver, Jared Smith, Mackenzie Wagner, Skyla Williams
7th Grade	Ross Adolph, Allison Arthur, Caitlin Brink, Andrew Conner, Kristin Conner, Matthew Cooper, Collin Coulter, Adam Endicott, Draeton Fasone, Max Frost, Rachel Geroge, Tabitha Gerken, Mackenzie Howard, Bailei Hoyng, Lucas Huber, Jameson Jacobs, Brooke Klausing, Kaitlyn Kniss, Jessica Lawrence, Kailey Leal, Travis Lewis, Dillon Ludwig, Nathan Maynard, Alyssa Miller, Riley Miller, Abigail Phillips, Justin Phillips, Ian Rafferty, Wade Schimmoeller, Jeffrey Sexton, Lauren Wise

8th Grade

Kenzi Beall, Kaylee Boney, Dean Brink, Tyler Clark, Austin Corey, Mary Davidson, Brandon Edelbrock, Zara Fournier, Aaron Franklin, Shelby George, Kurtis Gibson, Carlie Hertel, Collin Hiatt, James Irving, Sawyer Junge, Esther Moon, Ashley Overmyer, Ayasha Paluch-Keckler, Gregory Paul, Scott Phillips, Alexa Piccirillo, Ivan Quezada, Daniel Roberts, Joel Schumacker, Abigail Shroll, Elijah Simon, Corey Spoon, Breanna Starr, Paige Sudlow, Matthew Wilkins

9th Grade

Chandler Adams, Sarah Benson, Ryan Brauneller, Alexis Clark, Malynn Eaton, Laura Endicott, Audrey Evans, Morgan Flick, Kaleigh Frampton, Erik Glass, Olivia Godzak, Grace Haffenden, Nicholas Halliday, Emily Lammers, Hailey Lowden, Brady Lucas, Daniel Moon, Preston Potteiger, Ashley Smith, Brennon Swain, Garrett Ward, David Weber

10th Grade

Joseph Claes, Brandon Conner, Julia Edelbrock, Elizabeth Ehrnschwender, Amber Ellinger, Megan Ewing, Thomas Haase, Katie Hertel, Zane Kieffer, Bryon Lako, Megan Lee, Cory Mathias, Jeremiah McDougle, Tyler McGrain, Joshua Roberts, Dean Rodabaugh, Sara Roth, Kshitij Saxena, Kailie Scarlett, Joseph Simon, Eric Wymer, Scott Wymer

11th Grade

Erica Arthur, Riley Bayer, Jessica Borsani, Jacob Brown, Madison Coldren, Rebecca Farling, Vinh Hang, Kylie Jacomet, Tiffany Keiser, Kalyn Leeper, Brandon Lucas, Richard Meyer, Jude Palmer, Lindsay Rinker, Joel Ryder, Taylor Shackelford, Taylor Squire, Emily Toupalik, Layne Turner, Jonathon Ward, Kasie Wilkins

12th Grade

Tyler Akers, Alex Anderbery, Jessica Blakely, Sarah Brink, Thomas Cunningham, Josh Hart, Robert Jarke, Steven Jett, Anthony Male, Jennifer McDougle, Brandon Moran, Dana Motter, Riley Patterson, Sebastian Pietsch, Zacharey Potteiger, Nicholas Rafferty, Aaron Souder, Morgan Tackett, Caitlin Tuohy

Van Buren's 5th Grade Spelling Bee Winner Is...

Austin Hickman will be the 5th grade representative for the HC Spelling Bee to be held on February 11, 2010, at 7:00 P.M. in Central Middle School Auditorium. Brandon Bell is the alternate. The two battled fiercely and Austin won by correctly spelling labyrinth! Congrats to Austin and Brandon and all the participants in the VB Elementary Spelling Bee!

The winner of the Hancock County Spelling Bee will qualify for The Blade Championship Spelling Bee to be held in Toledo on Thursday, March 18.



Brandon Bell, son of Craig and Kathy Bell; and Austin Hickman, son of Gary and Kay Hickman.

VB Academic Boosters Proudly Present

December Awesome Knights

Students are chosen monthly by each high school teacher based upon one or more of the following: academic achievement; positive attitude; class participation; letter grade improvement; and/or outstanding performance.

All students chosen monthly will receive a coupon for a free sandwich from McDonalds and a certificate of recognition from the Academic Boosters organization.

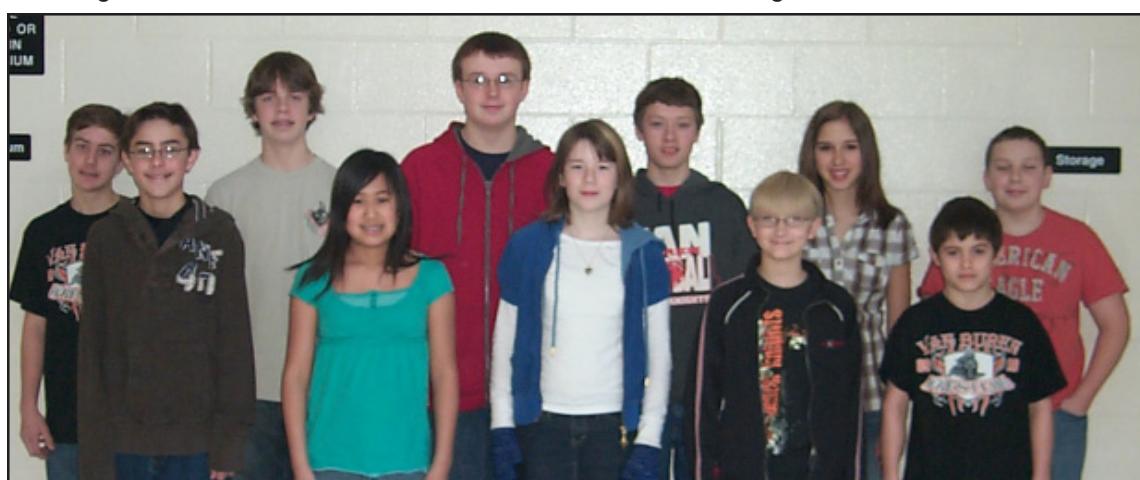


Back Row: Kevin Haase, Travis Campbell, Joseph Simon, Dillon Flick, Zach Fournier, Eric Wymer, Brandon Moran. Middle Row: Rebecca Franks, Jordan Cassidy, Matt Lee, Josh Hart, Cameron King, Brady Lucas. Front Row: Alexis Kelly, Emily Toupalik, Ashley Cytak, Devon Causey, Brandi Hoyn, Taylor Fieger.

December Virtuous Knights

Many VBMS students go above and beyond every day to make our school and community a better place. Each middle school teacher selects one student per month as a Virtuous Knight. Virtuous Knights strongly exhibit the following qualities: *Hard-working, Enthusiastic, Kind to Others, Respectful, Generous, Responsible, School and Self Pride*.

Each student will receive a coupon for a free sandwich from McDonalds. Congratulations to the following students who have shown themselves to be Virtuous Knights.



Back Row: Austin Corey, Drew Conner, Tylor Williams, Micheal Smith, Rachell Resnik, Scott Phillips. Front Row: Frankie Pina, Ruth Moon, Kaydee Marialke, Aric Dewey, Tyler Sarreshteh.

Van Buren HS/MS Guidance

- The updated Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms for the 2010-2011 school year are now available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov for those students who will be attending college next year. The FAFSA should be filed as soon as you can online after January 1.
- Registration deadline for the April 10 ACT test is March 5. It is also recommended that sophomores should consider taking the June 12 ACT test. This is typically the first scheduled ACT test for most students.
- Information will be given to all students in late February regarding post-secondary options and taking college courses for next school year. If you have any questions prior to that, you may call me at school.
- This is the time of the year when scholarships for seniors start coming in on a regular basis. Seniors should stop in the guidance office weekly to pick up applications.
- Any student who may be participating in college athletics, needs to register with the NCAA clearinghouse. This is to be done by the end of their junior year. You can register with the clearinghouse at www.ncaaclearinghouse.org. You are to notify the guidance office when registering so we can send in your six semester transcript.
- Scheduling for next year will begin in the middle of February. Starting with the juniors and continuing through this year's 8th grade. We hope to have all the students scheduled for next year by April.
- There will be a scheduling meeting for the 2010-2011 school year for all current 8th graders and their parents on March 10 at 6:30 P.M. in the cafeteria. A letter will also be sent home with your student.
- Also, a reminder that students must have the appropriate number of credits by the end of the year for grade classification. For next school year, students must have completed 14 credits for senior status, 9 credits for junior status, and 4 credits for sophomore status.
- Any senior who needs makeup work for graduation through a correspondence class must be completed, with a final grade to the guidance office by May 1.
- Juniors are also reminded that they are given one college visitation day in the spring to be used up by May 1 if they choose.
- Any junior boy or girl who is interested in attending Buckeye Boy's State or Buckeye Girl's State as our school representative this spring should contact the guidance office for more information.

NO SCHOOL
President's Day - Monday, February 15

Superintendent's News

Message from the Superintendent

Every 10 years, the country goes through an official census. The latest census is scheduled for this year, 2010. Completing the census form is vital to schools, local governments, and other community organizations. Census information affects the number of seats our state holds in the U.S. House of Representatives. Census data is used to advocate for causes, rescue disaster victims, prevent diseases, research markets, to locate pools of skilled workers, and much more. Information that the census collects helps to determine how much federal funding our area may receive for infrastructure and services like hospitals, job training centers, schools, senior centers, public works projects, and emergency services.

The US Bureau of the Census has asked the Van Buren Schools to help recruit individuals for local Census Offices and field positions for the 2010 Census. The following information was provided by the US Bureau of the Census:

US Census Bureau Plans to Hire Up To 24,000 Ohioans now through July 2010

Jobs are To Staff Local Census Offices and field positions for the 2010 Census

BOWLING GREEN – The US Census Bureau is currently hiring staff to work in offices in Bowling Green and recruiting for field positions, agency officials announced. Details about the available positions are now posted on the Census website, www.2010censusjobs.gov. Interested applicants should call the toll free number, 1-866-861-2010, to schedule a test, the first step in the application process for a job with the US Census Bureau.

VB Graduate Gives Civil War Presentation

Former honor student, Jon Tropf, returned to VBHS on Friday, January 22 to host a lecture/discussion on Civil War history with Mr. Obenour's AP Government class.

Jon, now studying History at Eastern Michigan University, took time out of his classes and his work with the EMU basketball team to address the class concerning some of the major strategies, battles, and generals that had an instrumental impact on the development/outcome of the Civil War.

Jon is hoping to turn his undergraduate studies in history and his work with the EMU basketball team into a career that will include teaching and coaching.



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Currently the Bureau is hiring clerks, administrative assistants, office operations supervisors and recruiting assistants.

"We are recruiting for all our positions, which include enumerators, crew leaders, crew leader assistants, and field operations supervisors," said Bill Fuller, recruiter for the Detroit Regional Census Center. "Each office will hire between 800 and 1,000 employees between now and June 2010 at hour pay rates from \$8.25 to \$19.50. We are looking to recruit 119,039 Ohioans for testing."

"Census personnel will choose staff from that pool of successful test-takers for the 18 local census offices in Ohio." The Detroit Regional Census Center, which supervises hiring for Ohio, West Virginia and Michigan, has a goal of recruiting approximately 247,000 in the three-state area to secure an applicant pool of 177,840 from which to hire.

The 2010 Census is one of the largest operations conducted by the federal government and is mandated by the US Constitution for the reapportionment of congressional seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. The census is also used to help determine how more than \$400 billion in federal funding is distributed annually throughout the country for schools, healthcare facilities, safety forces, roads and highways, and other essential services.

Art College Presentation

On Friday January 22, Art II, III, and IV students listened to a lecture provided in class, by the School of Advertising Art's (SAA) college representative Andrea Renner. Ms. Renner brought with her former 2009 Van Buren graduates, Taylor Colgate and Mia Otto, who are currently attending the graphic design school.

SAA is an advertising art school in which classes focus entirely on Art or art-related academics. It is located in Kettering, Ohio and the entire student body is approximately 200 students. An associate degree is available in 2 years with the option of earning a bachelors degree by transferring to another art school such as Columbus College of Art and Design or any other liberal arts school. SAA offers intense advertising training and has an average of 93% placement of graduates working in the advertising industry. They pride themselves on offering small class sizes and one-on-one attention.

The art students and Mrs. Nye particularly enjoyed seeing Taylor's and Mia's projects and listening to their comments regarding the school, their experiences, and observing their professional artistic growth.



High School News

Alex McGrain Excels in 4-H with Honors

Alexandra McGrain, a senior at Van Buren High School, was one of twenty-four State Achievement Award Winners to travel to Atlanta, Georgia in December to represent Ohio at the National 4-H Congress. To earn this honor, she competed against more than 500 other Ohio 4-H members who completed an extensive application listing their accomplishments in: 4-H project work, 4-H participation, major 4-H honors, 4-H community service and citizenship, 4-H leadership, as well as school, community and church accomplishments in leadership, participation, honors, community service and citizenship. She was the State Award Winner in Health and Safety Achievement Awards and the 1st alternate State Award Winner in Clothing and Textiles. In Atlanta, the Ohio group joined 1,200 other 4-Hers from 44 states and Puerto Rico. The teens participated in many leadership, team building and community building workshops, held an International dinner and dance, toured various attractions in Atlanta, and performed various forms of community service throughout the city. Alexandra's community service included raking leaves, spreading mulch, painting, and planting in Piedmont Park, and helping to raise money for the second Habitat for Humanity Clover House Build in Atlanta, Georgia.

Alexandra, a 10 year member of Van Buren's Millstream Farmers 4-H club is currently the President of her club, the President of Hancock County's Junior Leadership Club, the President of the Hancock County Junior Fair Board, a 5th year Camp Counselor, and is on the Hancock County 4-H Advisory Board. She is also serving as the 2009 Hancock County Junior Fair Queen and the 2009 Hancock County Pork Industries Queen. She was also the 2008 Pork Industries Princess and the 2007 Rabbit Princess. She is very involved at the State level being a State 4-H Ambassador and a member of both the State 4-H Teen Council and the State 4-H Fashion Board. All these state groups are a select group of 4-H teens who serve as youth spokespersons, facilitators, hostesses, emcees, and presenters for major 4-H events and programs held throughout the state.



Other major 4-H awards and recognitions that Alexandra has received include being chosen in 2009 as Hancock County's Outstanding 4-Her, Outstanding Camp Counselor, and her 4-H club's outstanding member. She also was awarded the Citizenship Washington Focus Trip which is a 4-H leadership program where the youth participate in a week-long program in the summer giving them a chance to meet motivational speakers, Senators, and Representatives, while experiencing our national government's democratic process at work. She has also been awarded other leadership trips including State 4-H Leadership Camp, Carving New Ideas Workshop Camp, and The Buckeye Leadership Workshop Camp. Her work in 4-H involves her leadership role in the various clubs and boards that she participates in, being a mentor to younger members, and the numerous hours of community service she has performed through 4-H to benefit the community. One of those services she performed this year was vision screenings on Hancock County preschool-aged children. Alexandra attended several days of training at Ohio State University last spring with other members of the Vision Screening Team which enabled the county to receive grant money to use to purchase equipment to perform screenings on children that were in need.

Alexandra has accumulated over 600 hours of community service work through 4-H, her community activities, church, and school. Some of her community service includes such things as Donating 10 inches of her hair for Locks for Love, collecting suitcases for foster children, raising money for camp scholarships, litter pick-up, Make-a-Difference day projects, painting various buildings, planting a prairie garden at Van Buren State Park, walking in the March of Dimes, and helping her 4-H club host a fishing derby each summer for community children. In the community, she is a 9 year member of Silver Blades Figure Skating Club, has volunteered with Gliding Stars, and was chosen 3 years to serve as a youth staff member of the Hancock County Addiction Prevention Program for Youth, (H.A.P.P.Y.). As a staff member of H.A.P.P.Y., she helped conduct weekend events for middle-school students, power days and lock-ins for high school students, leadership days for elementary students, and county-wide events such as dances, bowling parties, pizza parties, ice skating parties, tail gating, etc... to encourage students to participate in healthy activities and to stay drug and alcohol free. At her church she has helped teach Vacation Bible School, lead Sunday Church services at a local nursing home, participates in her church's youth group, and has sewn book bags to be filled with school supplies to donate to The Festival of Sharing. At school, Alexandra is a member of *The Association*, the Women's Chorus, the Concert Choir, and serves as the choir's librarian. She has played volleyball, ran track, and played soccer. She served on the prom committee and was chosen to serve as a freshman mentor.

Alexandra is the daughter of Denny and Kathy McGrain of Van Buren and the granddaughter of Helen Patterson and the late Dwight Patterson Sr. of Findlay and Margaret McGrain and the late Cloyd McGrain of North Baltimore. She has one brother Tyler, who is a sophomore at Van Buren.

Vaccine and Scoliosis Update

We have been notified that there are changes in the vaccine requirements for students for the school year 2010 - 2011. We wanted to let parents know as soon as possible so that you can act on this now rather than waiting until the summer months. The changes are:

- Kindergarten students now need two doses of varicella vaccine or documented proof of disease from their health care provider.
- Kindergarten students must have a 4th dose of polio vaccine administered on or after the 4th birthday, regardless of the number of previous doses.
- Tdap booster is required for entry into the 7th grade.

We would be happy to schedule your child for their school vaccines at the health department (419-424-7869) or call your physician. Please don't wait until the summer months to call for an appointment.

The Hancock County Health Department's hours of operation were reduced to 28 hours per week in March 2009. Because of this, we have had to make some changes in what services we offer. We will not be doing scoliosis screening for the 6th, 7th and 8th graders this school year. Your family physicians can screen or we would be happy to screen them here at the health department with an appointment. We truly regret that we had to cut this program and hope that we can reinstate this service next year. Please call us if you have any questions or concerns about either of these issues.

High School News

College Panel

On Thursday, December 17 several former Van Buren students came back to talk to seniors about life in college. The discussion included: choosing a major, what classes in high school helped the most when they got to college, talking to your professors, what to bring to college, roommates, having a job while going to school, applying for scholarships, study time, time management, extracurricular activities, changing colleges, and many more topics. Seniors asked questions, as well as Mr. Zender and Ms. Schwemley to generate the discussion. Thank you to the following graduates for giving up precious sleep time to participate during their winter break from college: Danielle Terry (Ohio University), Kristina Rowles (Ohio University), Ray Wolfe (Ohio University), Logan Grant (University of Toledo), Chase Marshall (BGSU), Whitney Kaufman (Owen's Community College), Shelby Calland (Ohio State University), and Chris Glick (Bellarmine University).



Freshmen Mentoring Christmas Dinner

On Friday, December 18 the Freshmen Mentoring Program held its annual Christmas dinner. Freshmen, mentors and all high school teachers enjoyed a dinner of ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, corn, rolls, and desserts. The mentors and mentor teachers provided and cooked all of the food. This is a fun and delicious tradition that we hope takes place for a long time.



HAVE A HEART — Help Hope House

The high school multiple disabilities class, along with students from the Alternative Opportunity Center, is collecting items for Hope House as a service learning project. Students from both classes will also be making stuffed animals that will be given to the children who use the services provided by Hope House.

The Hope House helps homeless women and their children find permanent housing. Hope House also assists low-income people find housing that they can afford. The mission of Hope House is to end homelessness in Hancock County. We are asking for donations of the following four items: paper towels, toilet paper, boxed cereal, and canned soup. Collection boxes will be outside the high school/middle office, in the high school/middle school cafeteria, in the superintendent's office, and in the elementary school office. Collections will start on January 25 and run through February 19.



Spring Break is Thursday - Monday, April 1 - 5, 2010

Middle School News

News from MS Principal Jay Clark

PUBERTY: The Game Show

Mrs. Sunderman's eighth grade class entertained us with a comical look at puberty with the one act play *Puberty: The Game Show*. Hosts Alan Beckman (Sawyer Junge) and Elana Wana (Alisa Warren) guide the two 'tweenage contestants Karen (Michelle Flanagan) and Tommy (Jon Rafferty) around the life-sized game board as a studio audience cheers them on. "Experience" segments put contestants in a real-life puberty quandary while other turns included questions. The performance included commercials for such products as the "Beard-Whacker 2000," which were created by the students with Mr. Kniss' help. The tech crew had their hands full with video, the scoreboard, and sound needs. Babs (Matthew Wilkins), the announcer and director of the game show kept things moving.



Elementary News

Do You Know An Absolutely Incredible Kid?

Campfire USA needs your help in finding Absolutely Incredible Kids in grades 6 through 8 to recognize at their "On Behalf of Youth" luncheon. If you know a young adolescent who has shown exceptional skills in the areas of youth development, talent and skills, leadership and community service, family development, nature, advocacy, or diversity, nominate him or her! Nominations are due to the Campfire office by March 19, 2010. An electronic copy of the nomination form is located on the middle school webpage: www.vbschools.net; click on Middle School.

News From The Hancock County Health Department:

Tdap Vaccination Required of Current 6th Graders

All students entering seventh grade in the 2010-2011 school year are required to have the Tdap vaccination prior to the start of their seventh grade year.

No Scoliosis Screening

Due to a reduction in hours, the health department will not conduct scoliosis screening for middle school students this year. If you have a concern about your child and scoliosis, contact the health department.

December Knights of the Round Table

Students selected by their noon monitors enjoyed lunch and an ice cream treat as "Round Table Knights" — a reward for their positive attitude and behavior during the month of December. Students were also able to invite a friend or family member to join them at the round table. Congratulations to these students!



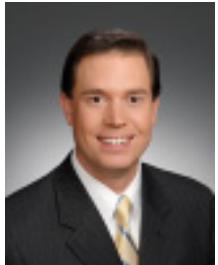
Back Row: Alexis Bear, Sydney Leeper, Ashley Franklin, Ethan Stumpp, Ryan Domke, Maria Trusty, Anna Girdler, Jared DiNarda. Middle Row: Emma Reineke, Gage Keckler, Trey Gregory, Nathan Potteiger, Oliver Thomas, Zachary Seitz, Treyton Still. Front Row: Brooke Shepherd, Allison Martin, Ryan Strapp, Andres Miranda, Alec Muzy. Not Pictured: Mia Leal, Hunter Wilson, Makenzie Harvey.

Music Booster News

Channel 13 News All-Star Basketball Team Coming to Van Buren on March 20

The Uniform Committee has arranged for news anchor, Lee Conklin, and his Channel 13 News' All-Star Basketball team to play a fund-raiser game at Van Buren.

On-air personnel include:



Jay Berschback



Greg Bilazarian



Lee Conklin



Dave Holmes



Joe Nugent



Zack Ottenstein



Jeff Smith



Chad Sokol

This game will take place on March 20 at 1:00 P.M. with pre-game festivities to start at noon. Mr. Eakin is busy putting together a basketball team and a cheerleading squad of teachers and staff. Excitement is building in the halls of our school!

We plan to augment this event with opportunities for all to participate and win prizes during pre-game events and throughout the afternoon. Plan to come to this unique, fun-filled afternoon as we raise funds for **The Sharp Dressed Band** campaign.

As they say in the news business, "Stay tuned for further details".

First Thursday of the Month is "Van Buren Uniform" Day at Domino's Pizza

Domino's Pizza will hold a fund-raiser day the first Thursday of each month from now until May. On this day, Domino's will donate 20% of sales when you order with the coupon code VBU – or mention Van Buren Uniforms. Domino's Pizza donated \$200 to the uniform fund when a similar event was held on December 3.

51 Students Measured for New Uniforms

Five sixth grade band students were first in line as fifty-one band students were measured for the new uniforms on Wednesday, January 27th. These students will be taking instrumental music in high school next year, or plan to march with the band next fall as junior high students. Kathy Rodabaugh from the Uniform Committee assisted Joe Lutes from DeMoulin Uniform Company as he gathered the information needed to make the uniforms for these students. Additional uniforms will be made in varying sizes for future band members to bring the total the 70 uniforms we will be ordering.

Currently, we plan to order the jackets with detachable shields (which, at 120 days, take twice as long to make) at the end of February. We will continue to raise funds and order the rest of the uniforms (which take about 60 days to make) as the funds become available. We feel we can have all the pieces arrive in time for the fall.



Van Buren Black Knight Marching Band

The Uniform Committee would like to thank the following Donors who have made contributions to the Sharp Dressed Band Campaign since the December Issue:

Full Uniform

Mr. & Mrs. James Bado; Mr. & Mrs. Duane Aukerman; Clyde-Findlay Area Credit Union; Ball Metal Products

The Uniform Committee has made arrangements with SuBu Shirts and Caps to have the name of each 'Full Uniform donor' sewn into the uniform.

Other Donations

Mr. & Mrs. Todd Below; Ms. Judy Luth, DocuMall

As of January 27, we have raised \$8,880.50 – enough to purchase 23 of the 70 new band uniforms. At this time, we plan to order the jackets (which take twice as long to make) by the end of February. (as of the end of January, we are still awaiting the final figures for the Century Resources fundraiser held in January.)

We will continue to raise funds for the remaining pieces throughout the year. If you have been planning to give to this campaign but just haven't gotten around to it yet, please consider a donation at this time. We have several levels of giving for you to choose from.

Buy-A-Uniform

Please help to outfit the band with new uniforms by donating a uniform or part of a uniform:

Full Uniform	\$375
Fully Constructed Jacket	\$200
Trousers w/suspenders	\$100
Detachable Shield	\$ 50
Gauntlets (detachable cuffs)	\$ 25

Donations can be mailed to:

Van Buren Music Boosters
Uniform Committee
P.O. Box 100
Van Buren, OH 45889

Or given to any committee member:

Terri Crissman
Kathy Rodabaugh
Sharon Schultz
Rick Eakin
Bill Schultz, Treasurer

For more information on the 'Sharp Dressed Band' campaign, check out our website at www.vbmusicboosters.org.

Musical News

Become a patron of the musical (and get great seats in the meantime!)

The Van Buren High School production of *Children of Eden* is just around the corner – Friday, March 26 and Saturday, March 27 at 7:30 P.M.! Tickets and great seats for this production will go fast – but you can get your seats early if you become a **Van Buren Musical Patron!**

Becoming a patron is easy and saves you some time as well. In addition to receiving *the first seats that go on sale*, a patron also is allowed to *put up to two lines of copy into the musical program*. Your message can include a greeting to a cast member or just your name – you choose! Best of all, you *don't have to wait in line to pick out seats* – we can (at your preference) pick out the best seats for you and hold them at the will call for you to pick up at that evening's performance. (Or, you can come in during the patron sale dates and pick out your own seats – it's up to you!)

How do you become a patron? Simple – here's what you do:

1. Cut and fill out the patron ad form below (please follow directions on the form.)
2. Include your check or money order, payable to *VB Drama*. One patron ad is **\$20** and includes **two tickets (either one per performance or two for one night's performance.)**
3. Send the form to Linda Schwemley at Van Buren High School before the deadline.

All patron seats that are requested to be selected by the musical staff will be selected on a first-come, first-serve basis. **No refunds or exchanges for any ticket sales (patron or general public.)**

PATRON TICKETS will be sold from March 1 to March 19. (If you are wishing to pick out your own seats, you can contact Linda Schwemley to arrange a time before or after school to pick them out).

GENERAL PUBLIC TICKET SALES will begin March 22. Tickets will be on sale before school and after school. All tickets will be \$7.

QUESTIONS? Contact Linda Schwemley at 419.299.3384 x434, or email (lschwemley@vbschools.net).

CUT OUT AND RETURN BELOW

VAN BUREN MUSIC AND DRAMA DEPARTMENTS
PATRON AD
Children of Eden

NAME AND MESSAGE – PLEASE PRINT ABOVE ON LINES PROVIDED
 2 lines of copy – 36 characters per line maximum

I wish to have tickets reserved for:

FRIDAY ONLY (2 TICKETS) _____

SATURDAY ONLY (2 TICKETS) _____

FRI. & SAT. (1 TICKET EACH) _____

Reserve Tickets For:

Name _____

Phone Number _____

EMAIL (optional) _____

Please Pick Out Seats For Me (check here) _____ (will be available at will call on the evening of the performance)

I Wish To Pick Out The Seats (check here) _____ (any tickets not picked out by March 19 will be picked out by musical staff for you)

Sports News

CHILI

COOK-OFF!



FEBRUARY 19, 2010

4:00 — 6:00 pm

IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA

\$6.00

Ticket includes samples of every Chili (8 teams), Crackers, Drink & Dessert.

Extra bowls of chili are \$4.00 each.

Come for a great dinner & vote for your favorite chili.

All proceeds support the Van Buren Education Association scholarship fund.

Van Buren Youth Baseball and Softball Registration

Van Buren Youth Baseball and Softball Registration is underway for the 2010 season. A registration open house will be held on Saturday, February 20 from 10:00 A.M. until noon at the Allen Township Building located at the SportsPlex. Parents are encouraged to attend this meeting to learn more about baseball/softball and how they can volunteer to help the program. Registration forms will be passed out during school hours to the elementary classes. Extra forms will be available in both the elementary and middle school offices and will also be available at registration. Registrations are due by February 20.

The 5th annual VB Baseball Camp will be hosted in March at the high school. The camp will be held on March 13 & 14 from 2:00 - 5:00 P.M. Separate registration forms will be sent home through the school.

Anyone with questions concerning baseball should contact Donnie Foltz @ (419) 257-1123 (ljouiseline@aol.com). Anyone with questions concerning softball should contact Dianna Franklin @ (419) 581-2132 (ladydi@consultant.com).

Booster News

Van Buren Athletic Boosters Reverse Raffle

Is it time once again for the Van Buren Athletic Boosters Reverse Raffle! Mark your calendar now for the night of **Saturday, May 1, 2010**. This year's event will be held at:

The Hancock County Agency on Aging, Inc. (former Amvets building)
339 E. Melrose Avenue
Findlay, OH 45840

**Doors open & Dinner begins at 6:00 P.M.
Raffle starts at 7:00 P.M.**

In the Reverse Raffle format, the longer your ticket stays in the hopper, the greater your chances are of winning the \$5,000 Grand Prize. In addition to the grand prize, over \$4,000 in other prizes will be awarded. You do not need to be present to win. The seller of the winning ticket will receive \$100.

A buffet style meal will be catered by The Dark Horse and a cash bar will be available. Raffle tickets are \$50 each, which includes a meal. Fifty meal tickets will also be sold at \$20 each. In order to guarantee your meal, you must purchase your tickets before April 12, 2010.

If you would like tickets, send your money to: Van Buren Athletic Boosters Attn: Carol Sudlow, 1166 Twp Rd 229, Van Buren, OH 45889. You can also get your tickets from any varsity coach and at any home boy's basketball game. Get your tickets before February 19 and you'll be entered into a drawing. Two lucky winners will win a free ticket.

If you desire reserved seating, please provide ticket numbers and names of all to be included in your party by contacting Carol Sudlow at 419.348.6679 or mail this information to the above address by April 12. *******Sold ticket numbers will need to be provided prior to reservations being taken for all in your party. Group seating cannot be guaranteed if a table is not reserved.*******

The Reverse Raffle is one of our biggest fundraisers and due to its tremendous success in the past, our organization has been able to contribute over **\$25,000** annually to support our fine athletes, cheerleaders, and coaches. You are encouraged to make this year's raffle another great success by helping out with ticket sales, black & orange raffle, silent auction, or door prizes. If you can help, please contact Carol Sudlow or any of the Athletic Booster board members.

Thank you for your generous and continued support of Van Buren High School and Middle School Athletics. And as always, GO KNIGHTS!!!

Your Van Buren Athletic Boosters Officers,
Ed May, Anita Huber, Steve Gilliland, Carol Sudlow,
Sean Brauneller, Kristina Junge, and Julie Erwin

The Van Buren Marching Band is in need of plastic lids for next marching season. Lids need to be approximately 3-4" in diameter. For example: lids from potato chip tubes, one-pound coffee cans, cake icing, or butter tubs would be very helpful! Lids can be dropped off at the band room or Mr. Eakin's mailbox in either the elementary or high school office.

REVERSE RAFFLE TICKET ORDER FORM

Saturday, May 1, 2010

The Hancock County Agency on Aging, Inc. (old Amvets on Melrose Ave.)
Doors open & Dinner – 6:00 P.M.
Raffle – 7:00 P.M.

Please return with your check made out to Van Buren Athletic Boosters by April 12, 2010. If you do not reply by this date, we cannot assure that a meal will be available for you the evening of the raffle.

Name(s): _____

List name(s) as you would like it to read on the ticket

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

_____ Raffle Ticket(s) @ \$50 each \$ _____
(1 dinner, pop and coffee included)

_____ Meal Ticket(s) @ \$20 each \$ _____

Total Amount \$ _____

Requesting a certain ticket number?
(Contact a booster officer immediately to assure receiving this number)

Number planning on attending the dinner? _____

If interested in reserving a table for the evening, please provide ticket numbers and names of guests within your party by contacting Carol Sudlow at 419.348.6679 or by sending to the below address by April 12, 2010. Sold ticket numbers will need to be provided prior to reservations being taken for all in your party.

Group seating cannot be guaranteed unless reservations are received.

Please return this form to Carol Sudlow, 1166 TR 229, Van Buren, OH 45889

**Early dismissals have been scheduled for
Teacher Inservice meetings.**

**Students will be dismissed at 1:00 P.M. Please mark your
calendar with the following dates:**

Friday, February 19, 2010 • Friday, May 7, 2010

School News

Van Buren High/Middle/Elementary School Students and Parents/Guardians

The price for the 2010 *Knight* is now \$55.00. A student can have his/her name stamped onto the book for \$5.50 but order must be placed by March 1, 2010, and a protective plastic cover can be purchased for \$2.50. A student can fill out the form on this page and give it to his/her teacher (elementary) or give it to Mr. Bratt in Room 235. When your student makes an order, please make sure that if he/she is paying by check and that the check is made payable to the 2010 *Knight* for the number of books purchased.

The yearbook staff thanks you for your support of the *Knight*, and we look forward to serving you in the future. If there are any questions, please contact Mr. Bratt, yearbook adviser, at (419) 299-3384 (ext. 407).

Order Form for the 2010 *Knight* Van Buren Elementary, Middle School and High School

Name _____
Grade/Teacher _____ Date _____

\$55.00 each Price of the 2010 *Knight* in FULL COLOR (coverage of the whole school including the elementary, middle school, and high school)

\$5.50 each Price to have your name put on your yearbook
(Ordered by March 1, 2010)
Write how you would like your name to appear

\$2.50 each Plastic protective cover for your book

Please fill out the following form and return it to your teacher (elementary) or Mr. Bratt in room 235 (middle and high school). Thank you, and enjoy your yearbook!

Quantity	Item	Price/Unit	Total Amount
	2010 <i>Knight</i>	\$55.00	
	Name on Book	\$5.50	
	Plastic Cover	\$2.50	

Please make all checks payable to: **2010 *Knight***. **TOTAL** _____

A reminder to PLEASE be careful as you are driving through the school parking lot and in front of the school. Pay extra attention to where the children are. Watch for them for they may be too little to see you. Keep our children **SAFE!**



Preschool Screening

FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2010

A developmental screening for 3, 4 and 5 year-old children for whom there may be concerns in the areas of gross or fine motor skills, speech-language or readiness. In addition a vision and hearing screening will be offered.

For students in the following school districts:
Arcadia ~ Arlington ~ Cory Rawson
Liberty Benton ~ McComb ~ Van Buren ~ Vanlue

SCREENING LOCATION:

Findlay First Nazarene Church
2501 Broad Avenue, Findlay

****PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED****

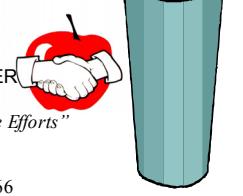
For a screening appointment call:
419.422.7525, ext. 209
Between the dates of
February 15, 2010 and March 18, 2010
(A confirmation will be mailed)

Register early! ~ Sessions fill quickly!

Conducted by:

HANCOCK COUNTY
EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER

"Meeting Student Needs Through Cooperative Efforts"
7746 C.R. 140, Findlay, OH 45840
Phone 419.422.7525 ~ Fax 419.422.8766



Mrs. Twining and Mrs. Teaman would like to thank all the students and parents who shopped at our book fairs. The elementary fair is an important fundraiser for our library program. The middle school fair provides extra books for our library, and books for the middle school Language Arts teachers' classroom libraries. This year we had two contests with the middle school fair. Brigitte Beggs (8th grade), won our "Guess how many books are in the middle school/high school library" contest. How many would you guess? Students who brought their parents to the book fair had their names entered in a drawing. Kyle Dennis, a 6th grader, won that one. Both students received a pair of movie tickets as their prizes.

(Answer to how many books in the MS/HS Library: 9146)

February - March Menu/Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
** Menu subject to change **  Happy Valentine's Day	NO SCHOOL President's Day Rescheduled - Varsity Girls Basketball @ McComb	•Hamburgers, French Fries, Fruit, Milk • Taco Salad, Corn Chips, Fruit, Milk Hancock County Music Festival Rehearsal @ Van Buren HS	•Chicken Noodle Soup, Hot Dogs, Fruit, Milk • Hamburgers, French Fries, Fruit, Milk Interim Reports Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 P.M., Allen Twp. Center	•Hamburger Gravy over Mashed Potatoes, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk • Chicken Pot Pie, Buttered Broccoli, Fruit, Milk 18	•Macaroni & Cheese, Peas, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk • Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Tomato Soup, Fruit, Milk Early dismissal @ 1:00 P.M. for Teacher Development Varsity Boys Basketball w/Hardin Northern Var Wrestling @ Sectional Tournament, Carey HS	Hancock County Music Festival Rehearsal @ Van Buren High School, 8:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M. Varsity Boys Basketball w/ Kalida Var Wrestling @ Sectional Tournament, Carey HS
14 FEBRUARY	15	16	17		19	20
Hancock County Music Festival 3:00 P.M. at Van Buren High School	•BBQ Rib Sandwich, French Fries, Fruit, Milk • BBQ Rib Sandwich, Tater Rounds, Fruit, Milk Academic Boosters - 7:00 P.M., Home Resource Management Classroom 121 Fifth, Sixth, Middle, & High School Band Concert - 7:00 P.M.	•Baked Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Beef Gravy, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk • Vegetable Beef Soup, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk Girls Basketball Sectional Tournament @ Findlay HS, TBA	•Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes w/Chicken Gravy, Fruit, Milk • Salsbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Beef Gravy, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 P.M., Allen Twp. Center	•Vegetable Beef Soup, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk • Hamburger Gravy over Mashed Potatoes, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk 25	•Cheese Pizza, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk • Cheese Pizza, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk Varsity Boys Basketball @ Patrick Henry Var Wrestling @ District Tournament, OOC Toledo MS District III OMEA Honors Band/Choir Festival rehearsal, Wapakoneta MS, 6:00 - 9:00 P.M.	Twinsburg Northcoast Invitational Show Choir Competition @ Twinsburg HS MS District III OMEA Honors Band/Choir Festival @ Wapakoneta MS, Rehearsal, 10:00 A.M., Performance, 3:00 P.M. Girls Basketball Sectional Tournament @ Findlay HS, TBA Var Wrestling @ District Tournament, OOC Toledo
21	22	23	24		26	27
Regular Print - Elementary Menu (K-5) Italicized Print - MS & HS Menu (6-12)	•Beefy Nachos, Corn, Fruit, Milk • Sloppy Joe Sandwich, Corn, Fruit, Milk Athletic Boosters - 7:00 P.M., Community Room	•Beef & Noodles over Mashed Potatoes, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk • Lasagna, Green Beans, Garlic Toast, Fruit, Milk Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 P.M., Allen Twp. Center	•Hamburgers, French Fries, Fruit, Milk • Hamburgers, French Fries, Fruit, Milk Boys Basketball Sectional Tournament @ Fostoria HS, TBA	•Pepperoni & Cheese Breadsticks, Corn, Fruit, Milk • Chicken Noodle Soup, Hot Dogs, Fruit, Milk Girls Basketball District Tournament @ Liberty Benton HS, TBA	•Fish Sandwich, Tater Rounds, Fruit, Milk • Macaroni & Cheese, Peas, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk Boys Basketball Sectional Tournament @ Fostoria HS, TBA Var Wrestling @ State Tournament, Columbus	Girls Basketball District Tournament @ Liberty Benton HS, TBA Var Wrestling @ State Tournament, Columbus
28	1 MARCH	2	3		5	6
Lunch Prices: K-5 \$1.85 6-12 \$2.10 Ala Carte \$2.35 Adult \$2.60 Milk \$0.45 Sandwich \$1.50 French Fries \$1.35 Ice Cream \$0.70	•Sloppy Joe Sandwich, Corn, Fruit, Milk • Mini Corn Dogs, Curly Fries, Fruit, Milk Music Boosters - 7:00 P.M., Fine Arts Wing	•French Toast Stix, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Links, Oranges, Milk • Turkey Gravy over Mashed Potatoes, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk Boys Basketball District Tournament @ Liberty HS, TBA Girls Basketball Regional Tournament @ Elida HS, TBA	•Chili w/Cheese, Butter Bread, Fruit, Milk • Taco Salad, Corn Chips, Fruit, Milk Boy Scout Troop 313 - 7:00 P.M., Allen Twp. Center	•Shredded Chicken Sandwich, French Fries, Fruit, Milk • Sweet & Sour Chicken over Rice, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit, Milk Board of Education meeting 7:00 P.M., Community Rm	•Cheese Pizza, Corn, Fruit, Milk • Cheese Pizza, Corn, Fruit, Milk Boys Basketball District Tournament @ Liberty HS, TBA District III OMEA Large Group Contest @ Shawnee HS	Girls Basketball Regional Tournament @ Elida HS, TBA District III OMEA Large Group Contest @ Shawnee HS
7	8	9	10	11	12	13

Fall 2009 Honors

Girls Varsity Soccer Awards – Midland Suburban Soccer League

Defenders

First Team
Taylor Fieger

Attackers

First Team
Madie Coldren

Midfielders

Second Team
Brooke Barnhisel

Honorable Mention

Michaela Conkle

Honorable Mention

Morgan Flick

Honorable Mention

Tori Swain

Goalie

2nd Team
Julia Edelbrock

We apologize to Julia for omitting her name from the December newsletter – Fall 2009 Honors.

Van Buren JV & Varsity Girls Basketball game at McComb has been rescheduled for Monday, February 15, 2010.

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www.vbschools.net**