



Lisa Farina, Principal

October 2019

Dear Vollmer Families,

Happy fall, everyone! We had a great start to the school year and want to take an opportunity to thank you all for this. Without your support, it would not have happened. I want to use this letter as an opportunity to answer some common questions I have heard about building safety, academic intervention, clubs, and communication.

Q: How is Vollmer maintaining a safe learning environment?

A: We started practicing our response procedures this month. We have practiced three evacuation drills and two lockdown drills. As we go through the year, we will practice shelter-in-place, hold-in-place, and lockout drills, as well as another lockdown drill. This is one way we are working to keep Vollmer a safe place to learn. If you want more information about how Rush-Henrietta and Vollmer are keeping students and staff safe, visit this [link](#) on the R-H website. In addition, during October, we will have a Safety Week to highlight and practice many drills.

Q: What is Academic Intervention Services (AIS) and when does this start?

A: Academic Intervention Services is the supplemental instruction or additional support services that assist students in meeting the state learning standards as evidenced by achievement on New York state assessments in English Language Arts for grades 3-8, mathematics for grades 3-8, and Regents exam courses required for graduation. Vollmer provides AIS to students who score below state-designated performance levels for proficiency on assessments. Additionally, Vollmer provides AIS to students who are at risk of not achieving state learning standards as indicated by their achievement on local measures. A student becomes eligible for AIS services when a review of multiple measures of evidence indicates that the additional support is needed. Students identified as needing AIS to address instructional gaps receive supplemental instruction. This supplemental instruction provides extra student-teacher support and is designed to help students achieve the standards in core academic areas. Additionally, some students may need support services that address other factors impeding academic performance such as behavioral and attendance issues. These support services are often delivered by mental health professionals on our staff and may not require direct academic instruction.

These services at Vollmer started within the classroom during What I Need Now (WINN) time from the start of school. We also use this time to challenge students that are working beyond standards. Our interventions occurring with reading and math specialists outside of the classroom started last week. Here is a link to the district website with more information about [Academic Intervention Services](#). If your child qualifies for AIS within or outside the classroom, you will be receiving a letter by the end of October.

Q: When do clubs start at Vollmer and what are the clubs?

A: Clubs will start at Vollmer the week of October 28. Last year, we offered Run Club, Intramurals, Student Council, World Languages (Grade 6 Only), Makers Club, Math Club, Drama Club, Magic Club, and Kindness Ambassadors Club. We may or may not have these exact same clubs. More information will be coming out about Vollmer's clubs. The clubs occur from 3:40 to 4:20 p.m. on designated days and there is a bus that transports students home

Q: How can I stay involved and up-to-date with Vollmer information and activities?

A: Staying in touch with your child’s classroom teacher and following along with how they send news home is the most important way to stay up to date. Here are some other ways to obtain information:

Vollmer Principal E-News

This is my primary communication tool. I send home an E-News one time a week and supplement with reminders, emergency alerts, and celebrations. You are automatically signed up if you provided us with your email address on your child’s blue card. If you have not been receiving my E-News messages, please check your spam or junk folders.

Vollmer Webpage

Be sure to visit the R-H district website and Vollmer pages for important district and building information. For example, lunch menus, E-News archives, pictures, transportation forms, etc.

R-H Website: www.rhnet.org

Vollmer Home Page: www.rhnet.org/vollmer

Vollmer PTO Facebook Page

We will continue to communicate using E-news and our Vollmer PTO Facebook Page. Be sure to join the Vollmer PTO Facebook Page by searching for “Vollmer Elementary PTO” in Facebook and requesting to join.

Vollmer PTO Meetings & Principal Coffee Hours

Please visit the district calendar for dates. We hope you can join us!

We hope this answers some lingering questions for this month. As always, please reach out to me through email or phone with any questions or need for clarification.

Sincerely,

Lisa Farina
Principal

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lfarina@rhnet.org



October 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 A Family Information Night Grade 4-6, GOLD PLC 6-7 p.m.	2 B	3 C	4 D	5
6	7 A	8 B	9 C	10 D	11 Superintendent's Conference Day NO SCHOOL	12
13	14 Columbus Day NO SCHOOL	15 A PTO Meeting 6:30	16 B	17 C	18 D	19
20	21 A	22 B Picture Make-up Day Principal's Coffee Hour 8-9 a. m.	23 C	24 D	25 A	26
27	28 B	29 C	30 D	31 A		



PBIS NEWS!!

We are so excited to share all the amazing things that are happening at Vollmer with PBIS!! Throughout the month of September, we focused on the character trait of ambition. Ambition is the desire to achieve something or to succeed, accompanied with motivation, determination and an internal drive. Ambition describes those that achieve success based on their inner desire to do so and their belief in themselves.

This month, the students shared what being ambitious means to them through an interactive bulletin board outside of the main office. Each morning students' responses to what ambition means to them were read over the morning announcements. Each and every day we were impressed with their thoughtful explanations and insight into this character trait. It is evident that our children at Vollmer are incredibly focused and are ready to learn each and every day!

This school year, we continue to give yellow and white tickets to students for exhibiting the Vollmer Values. Students who are Ready to Learn, Responsible, Respectful, Trustworthy and Kind earn these tickets throughout the school building from all staff members.

White tickets are given away in the cafeteria. Students who earn these tickets for exceptional behavior can place the tickets in a drawing for Friday Fun Lunch! Students that win this get to select a friend from any classroom (same grade level) to join them for lunch. This Friday lunch is a time when students can play games, listen to music, draw/color, and watch movies.

The yellow tickets are given throughout the building and are placed in a drawing to win tangible and intangible rewards. Students are given the choice of what item they would like to place their tickets in, for a chance to win gift cards or for privileges like being first in line to get lunch. Ask your children about all the great rewards they can earn for exhibiting behaviors aligned with the Vollmer Values.

Students will continue to be acknowledged as a student of the month and bus rider of the month. Students will be recognized at the PBIS assemblies, through media (Vollmer TVs) throughout the building and by having their photo displayed in the main hallway. Students are selected by any staff member at Vollmer or bus driver, for exhibiting the vollmer values.

Here are the **character traits** we will be focusing on for the 2019-2020 school year::

PBIS Character Traits

September	Ambitious
October	Fair
November	Accountable
December	Tolerant
January	Honest
February	Empathetic
March	Kind
April	Courteous
May	Flexible
June	Dedicated

Vollmer Health Office News
Mrs. Gerbino SNT
October, 2019

Fall is here again and we will be entering cold and flu season. Here are some gentle reminders of when to keep your child home from school:



FEVER- if your child has a temperature of 100.3F or above



VOMITING/DIARRHEA - if your child has been vomiting or has diarrhea in the past 24 hrs.



RASH- with intense itching or fever



HEAD LICE- very itchy head or active live lice



EYE INFECTION- redness, increased itching, "crusty" or yellow drainage from the eyes



CONTINUOUS COUGHING- coughing not relieved by cough medicine



HOSPITAL STAY or VISIT TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM

As many people will be getting colds and the flu we would greatly appreciate your assistance in preventing the spread of illnesses in our school. Please help us teach your children good health habits to protect themselves as well as others:

- Plenty of rest and nutritious food are needed.
- Do not eat or drink from the same utensil or container after someone else.
- Keep hydrated by drinking a lot of healthy fluids (soda or pop does not count)
- When coughing or sneezing cover the nose and mouth by coughing or sneezing into a tissue or bent elbow.
- Practice frequent hand washing with soap and water or hand sanitizer. As this is one of the best ways to prevent the spread of germs. Wash, Wash, Wash those hands for at least 20 seconds!!

Please be sure that we have your current telephone numbers if your child gets sick at school. Inform the school immediately of any changes in your telephone number(s) so we may be able to contact you when needed. Thank you in advance for working with us to keep students and staff healthy and in school.

Health Office Numbers

Mrs. Mary Gerbino, RN MS SNT
359-5560

Attendance Line
359-5588

Mrs. Karen Miller, Health Aide
359-5561

VOLLMER PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- PE classes are 50 minutes every other day
- Sneakers that tie or velcro are required. No slip ons or sandals
- Dress for the weather and activity with appropriate clothing
- Follow the Vollmer High 5 behaviors discussed in class
- Report injuries to a physical education teacher
- Medical excuses require a note that is given to Mrs. Gerbino, school nurse
 - o 1 or 2 days excused require a note from a parent/guardian
 - o 3 or more days excused require a note from a medical professional

We have had beautiful weather to start this school year. Students have been working hard learning our routines which include an instant activity to increase cardiovascular health, strength and endurance exercises as well as flexibility. We then get into the activity of the day.

Flag Football

Students have been engaged in a flag football unit. Students have learned about the line of scrimmage, pass patterns, downs, field positions and are beginning to put it all together into game play. Some of the games we have incorporated into this unit have been monkey in the middle football and 4 down football. We are just starting to get into flag football games with offense and defense.

Fitness Testing

Students are tested on the following-

Upper body strength - Straight arm hang, flexed arm hang, or pull ups

Flexibility - sit & reach stretch

Abdominal strength and endurance - curl ups

Cardiovascular endurance - PACER test

*Encourage your child to work on these items at home

Please do not hesitate to contact Kelly Hatch khatch@rhnet.org, Corey Brandes cbrandes@rhnet.org or Dawn Finewood dfinewood@rhnet.org if you have any questions about your child in physical education.

Arts 2019

Both Music and Visual Arts share NYS Standards that help our Vollmer students understand and experience creativity. Four Artistic Processes: CREATE, RESPOND, PRESENT/PRODUCE and CONNECT reinforce a language and artistic exposure that are shared in the arts.



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Mrs. Lamica, General Music

Clamica@rhnet.org

Mrs. Crasta, General Music:

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Mrs. Muller, Band 4,5

Amuller@rhnet.org

Mrs. Rubin, Band 6

Lrubin@rhnet.org,

Ms. Santoro, Orchestra 4-6

Dsantoro@rhnet.org

Mr. Wing, Strings

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Visual Art Contact Information

Mrs. Ryerson, Visual Art 4-6

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Mr. Pisaturo, Visual Art 4-6

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"Make a Difference Day"

RUSH-HENRIETTA CSD FOOD DRIVE

Monday-Friday, October 21-25, 2019

For the Rush-Henrietta Area Food Terminal (RHAFT)
Rush-Henrietta Schools Partnership with the Town of Henrietta

Please help our community's emergency food cupboard on
"Make a Difference Day" by donating nonperishable food
or personal items, such as:

Major Needs:

instant mashed potatoes
instant minute rice
crackers
Tuna and Hamburger Helper
coffee
hot chocolate packages
Jello's & puddings



Personal Care Products:

soap
toilet paper/tissue
toothbrushes/toothpaste
deodorant
shampoo
diapers



Food Drive



canned meats

Major Needs:

tuna
peanut butter
canned beef/chicken
macaroni & cheese dinner
baby food/formula
beef stew
canned hash
chili



Packaged Foods:

sugar
jelly
rice
ketchup/mustard
tuna/hamburger helper
noodles
cake/muffin mixes
tea/coffee
Canned fruits,
vegetables, soups,
fruit juices



Cereals - hot & cold



As part of *"Make A Difference Day,"* the district will continue to support the Rush-Henrietta Area Food Terminal. As a school community, we are asking our schools and district offices to collect nonperishable and personal care items during this week.

On **Friday, October 25**, district transportation along with student volunteers will collect the food and personal care items from all schools and district offices.

On **Saturday, October 26**, students and staff from our junior high schools will shelve the donated items at the RHAFT.

***If you have any questions regarding the food drive,
call Chris Barker, Director of Student
Management at 359-5048.***

A NOTE TO SCHOOL

Date: _____

Student's Name: _____

Teacher: _____

NEEDS BUS PASS

Address: _____
**Please write complete address.*

Date: _____

***All requests must be submitted by Wednesday prior to the week of the request.**

needs dismissal at _____ on _____
(time) (date)

picked up by _____

reason _____

***ID is required for all student pick-ups.**

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VOICE MAIL NUMBERS -- Dial 359-5183, enter the voice mailbox number below, followed by the # key.

Name	Position	Mailbox #
Mrs. D. Akers	Grade 6 Teacher	2567
Mr. B. Babcock	Grade 5 Teacher	1347
Ms. C. Backus	Reading Teacher	1344
Mrs. K. Baker	Grade 5 Teacher	1378
Mrs. M. A. Bleiler	Grade 5 Teacher	1375
Mrs. L. Bortle	Grade 5 Teacher	1465
Mr. C. Brandes	PE coach	359-5579
Mrs. A. Canino-Fluit	Librarian	359-5581
Mrs. L. Cleveland	Literacy Coach	1470
Mrs. L. Collins	Grade 4 Teacher	1383
Mrs. J. Cooper	ELL Teacher	1474
Mrs. L. Creary	Grade 4 Teacher	1251
Ms. B. Dexter	Grade 4 Teacher	1311
Mrs. N. DiLorenzo	Grade 5 Teacher	2668
Ms. L. Farina	Principal	359-5558
Mrs. P. Keating	Speech	1538
Ms. D. Finewood	PE Coach	359-5584
Ms. J. Flood	Grade 6 Teacher	1594
Ms. M. Gehman	Counselor	359-5572
Mrs. S. Genest	Grade 6 Teacher	1397
Mrs. M. Gerbino	School Nurse	359-5560
Mrs. L. Gifford	Special Ed Teacher	1638
Mr. M. Gottko	Grade 5 Teacher	1655
Mrs. C. Gurell	Grade 4 Teacher	1265
Mrs. S. Harder	Grade 4-6 Teacher	1742
Mrs. K. Hatch	PE Coach	359-5584
Mrs. K. Hoover	Grade 4 Teacher	1266
Ms. Y. Joseph	Special Ed Teacher	1769
Mrs. D. Kessler	Reading Teacher	1798
Mrs. J. Keyser	Psychologist	359-5576
Mrs. C. Lamica	Music Teacher	1842
Mrs. L. Langlois	Grade 6 Teacher	2360
Mrs. T. Lincoln	Grade 6 Teacher	1327
Mrs. S. Maxim	Assistant Principal	359-5557
Mr. B. Montgomery	Grade 6 Teacher	1960
Mrs. A. Muller	Band Teacher	2471
Mr. R. Murphy	Math Specialist	1977
Mr. B. Musick	Grade 6 Teacher	1978
Miss S. Piper	Grade 4 Teacher	2363
Mr. J. Pisaturo	Art Teacher	1314
Mrs. D. Pixley	Grade 4 Teacher	2369
Miss Brayla Potter	Grade 5 Teacher	1314
Ms. C. Ripley	Grade 4 Teacher	1366
Mrs. L. Rubin	Band Teacher	2693
Mrs. L. Ryerson	Art Teacher	1343
Mrs. R. Sands	Grade 5 Teacher	2464
Miss D. Santoro	Orchestra Teacher	1382
Mrs. C. Shearer	Grade 6 Teacher	1353
Mr. M. Spite	Grade 5 Teacher	2508
Mrs. E. Stanton	Grade 5 Teacher	2516
Mrs. L. Swartz	ELL Teacher	2542
Mrs. S. Taylor	Grade 6 Teacher	1260
Ms. L. Titus	Behavior Specialist	5574
Mr. N. Titus	Grade 4 Teacher	2569
Ms. T. Tran	Math Coach	359-5573
Mrs. S. Tyler	Grade 4 Teacher	1598
Mrs. A. Wetzel	Reading Teacher	2447
Mr. A. Wing	Orchestra Teacher	7573
Mrs. R. Zinkievich	Grade 6 Teacher	2442

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TBD

SDM Parent Reps

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