

Sustainability Day

Students from all the Vernonia Schools took part in Sustainability Day in November. Students worked around the school campus, removing invasive species. High School students, under the direction of members of the Forestry Class worked at the "Old Mill Marsh" wetland area, planting native plants and removing invasive species. The District has scheduled three Sustainability Days this year as part of the Natural Resources curriculum the school is emphasizing.



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Upcoming VCPTA events: The teacher Giving Tree will be put up in the entry to the Vernonia Schools on December 9th. It will be hung with ornaments with teacher's Christmas wishes printed on them in the hopes that parents and community members can show their appreciation by donating a small gift to their classroom. Wrapped gifts for teachers should be returned with their ornaments to the school no later than December 20th, for delivery to teachers on December 21st. There will also be ornaments hung with dollar amounts to donate toward our ongoing efforts to raise money for VES playground equipment.

Candygrams will be available for purchase by students, parents or staff from December 11th through December 19th, mornings from 7:30 until 8:00 AM and afternoons from 3 to 3:45 PM. This is a very popular, affordable way for kids to show friends they care or anonymously tell someone how special they are. Join in the fun and send a candygram to a student for as little as a quarter. This year there will be new options for candygrams that are a little nicer, as well as the old favorites typically offered.

Our Vernonia PTA has decided to participate in the National PTA Reflections art contest. This means that if you know any budding artists who have an interest in submitting their art for competition, tell them to check with Ms. Allen, the school's art teacher or look for a PTA representative coming soon to talk to their advisory class to give them more details. Submissions are due in January and the categories are quite interesting. Artists can submit entries in: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Photography, Music Composition, Visual Arts, Three Dimensional Visual Arts and Theater. Start brainstorming now! Submissions must be inspired by their theme "Believe, Dream, Inspire". Please don't begin your project without considering the rules for each submission category so talk to Laci Rylands of Vernonia Community PTA with questions and clarifications.

Looking for information about us? Next time you are on the Vernonia School District web page, look under the parent heading where you can find the PTA page with updated meeting dates and useful contact information. Check us out there, as well as on the Vernonia Community PTA Facebook page.



Vernonia Community PTA just concluded their fall catalog fundraiser to help raise money for playground equipment for Vernonia Elementary School. Thank you to all members of the community who participated in this effort. Pictured is Trevor Wolf, who won a ride in the "principle taxi" to and from his classroom for the day. His chauffeur was, of course, Aaron Miller. Students who sold 10 items or more and turned in their tickets were eligible to win. Two more winners will be drawn after Thanksgiving break. What a great way to put the "fun" in fundraising!

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