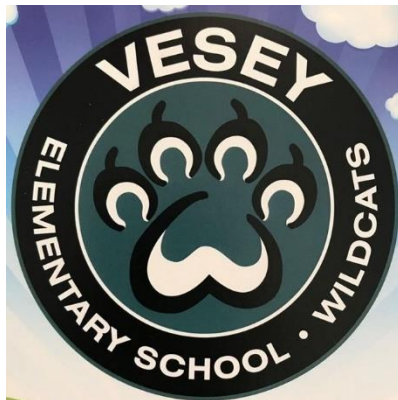




Vesey Elementary News

December 2021



Welcome back Vesey families! Here's what you'll find included in this month's Newsletter:

- December Events
- The Principal's Podium: A letter from Mr. Uhrig
- Information about the Vesey Food Drive
- Spirit Week!
- Basketball Updates
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December Events

December 13th: Final day of our December Food Drive!

December 13th-16th: Spirit Week!

December 17th: No School- Grading Day

December 20th- 31st: No School - Winter Break



The Principal's Podium: A Letter From Mr. Uhrig

Hello Vesey Families,

It's beginning to look a lot like the Holidays! We are in the last few weeks of the 2021 school year and as we approach our Winter Break there are some awesome activities that I want to share with you. In December, we are continuing to support our first ever Vesey Basketball team. We are so proud of these kids as they are trail blazers in athletics at Vesey. We have our great Cross-Country team and they were superb this fall. Congratulations to our coaches Mrs. Helsel and Mr. Montana as they transition from Cross Country to Basketball. A huge shout out to Mr. House for coaching and helping our kids. It is also DIBELS and Benchmark Testing this month so attendance every day is crucial. Please have the kids eat a great breakfast and get a good night sleep to help them be their best. We are celebrating our Proficient and Highly Proficient students on the 1st and as in every week we continue to celebrate our Rock Stars along with our Students of the Month. Vesey has so much to be thankful for, our amazing kids and our incredible staff that make this school the best! Our last day for kids is the 16th and kids return on January 3, 2022. We wish you an amazing holiday season and a very happy new year!

Thank you,

Mr. Uhrig M.A.Ed./MBA

Very Proud Principal, Vesey Elementary School

Vesey's December Food Drive!

Monday, December 13th is the final day of Vesey's December Food Drive and our goal is 1,500 items! Many thanks to our amazing Student Council for organizing this event. Please help us support our community by donating canned food! Most needed items are canned meats, soups, peanut butter, and cereal. Please do not send refrigerated, glass, expired, or open food items.

A special prize will be given to the K-2 and 3-5 classrooms with the most food items!

Spirit Week!

Please join us for our Spirit Week next week! Our Spirit Days are:

Scarves and Socks Day (Monday)—break out those winter scarves and holiday socks to spread holiday cheer for ALL to hear!

Holiday Hat Day (Tuesday)—Wear your Santa hat, reindeer antlers, and elf ears!

Ugly Sweater Day (Wednesday)—Come to school dressed up in your ugliest sweater! If you don't have one, make one!

PJ Day (Thursday)—Dress in your comfy pajamas or sweats! Students may wear slippers with hard soles if they choose. Students MUST wear pants or shorts under their nightgowns or long t-shirts

Friday is grading day—no school! Enjoy your day off!

Basketball Information and Updates

We are so proud of our basketball team! Thank you to all of the families who have come out to support our amazing team. If you would like to come watch a game or would like to know when practices are, here is the updated basketball schedule for the next month:

Vesey Basketball Schedule 2021/22

| <u>Practice Dates</u> | <u>Practice Times</u> | <u>Game Dates</u> | <u>Opponent</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|--|-----------------------|--|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 11/29/21(MON) | 3:30-4:30 pm | | | | Vesey |
| | | 11/30/2021 (Tues) | White Elem | 4:30 pm | HOME |
| | | 12/2/2021 (Thurs) | White Elem | 4:30 pm | @White Elem |
| 12/3/21 (FRI) | 3:30-4:30 pm | | | | Vesey |
| | | 12/7/2021 (Tues) | Lyn Urquides | 4:15 pm | HOME |
| | | 12/9/2021 (Thurs) | Lyn Urquides | 4:15 pm | @Lyn Urquides |
| 12/10 (FRI) | 3:30-4:30 pm | | | | Vesey |
| 12/13 (MON) Last practice before Winter Break | | | | | |
| | | 12/14/2021 (Tues) Last game before Winter Break | Robins | 4:00pm | HOME |
| 1/3/2022 (MON) First Day Back from Winter Break | 3:30-4:30 pm | | | | Vesey |
| | | 1/4/2022 (Tues) First Game back from Winter Break | Robins | 4:00 pm | @Robins |
| | | 1/6/2022 (Thurs) | Tulley | 4:00 pm | @ Tulley |
| 1/7/2022 (FRI) | 3:30-4:30 pm | | | | |
| 1/10/2022 (MON) | 3:30-4:30 pm | | | | |
| | | 1/11/2022 (Tues) | Tulley | 4:00 pm | HOME |
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Counselor's Corner



Counseling classroom lessons this December

Welcome to December everyone! It has been a joy to see your students during our counseling lessons each week and I very much look forward to continuing to work with them!

This December, students will be learning about...

- **Dec 6th-10th**-- Online Safety Pt 1
- **Dec 13th-16th**-- Goal Setting for the New Year

Vesey Family Talks

What is Family Talks?

Please join us one Wednesday night a month at 5:30PM for Family Talks! Led by Rachel Lopez (our School Social Worker) and Allie Kerr (our School Counselor), Family Talks is a series of conversations designed to give your family relevant and useful information!

No registration is needed. If you are interested, please join us on Zoom here:

<https://tusd1.zoom.us/j/84214873877?pwd=NldqdEhmM3BaS3IGUDFHNIzdUGJxZz09>

Meeting ID: 842 1487 3877

Passcode: Vesey

- **Jan. 19th** Internet Safety
- **Feb. 16th** Community Resources for your family
- **March 23rd** Depression: What to look for and how to support your child
- **April 20th** Supporting Your Student's Transition to Middle School
- **May 18th** Ideas for Fun Summer Family Activities



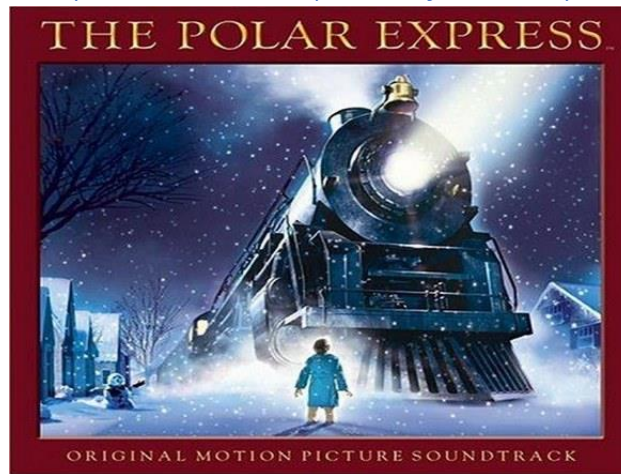
Student Lost and Found Items



Parents we have **many** items currently in our lost and found. If you student is missing a jacket, water bottle, face mask, or lunch box, please have them check in our lost and found cart located in the cafeteria. Thank you!

Community Resources

Join us for a magical holiday event-- Polar Express Pajama Party!



Southwest Family Resource Center

6855 S Mark Rd.

908-3980

December 14, 2021

4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Come out to enjoy some arts & craft, free books, lots of information and a winter magical night!!!

¡Sal a disfrutar de arte y artesanía, libros gratis, mucha información y una noche mágica de invierno!!!



Ramon's Miracle On 31st Street 50th Annual Toy Giveaway will be held at The Casino Del Sol AVA Amphitheater on December 19, 2021 gates open at 9am.

Parents/Guardians if your student needs an eye exam and or eyeglasses and you need assistance paying for these, your student may be eligible to receive them at no cost through Educational Enrichment Foundation's, Focus on Vision Program. For more information on how to apply please contact Vesey's Social Worker, Mrs. Lopez at 908-4691 or rachel.lopez@tusd1.org.

TUSD Southwest Family Resource Center offers students/parents a variety of assistance to include food boxes, clothing, school supplies, counseling and classes on various topics.

- 6855 S. Mark Rd.
- (520) 908-3980
- Hours of Operation: Mon. Wed. & Fri. 8:00-4:30 p.m. Tue. & Thur. 9:30-6:00 p.m.

Interfaith Community Services assists individuals and families with Emergency Financial Aid for housing, utilities, medications and other living necessities, along with short-term case management.

Located at the El Pueblo Neighborhood Center

101 W Irvington Rd, Unit 2A

Tucson, AZ 85714

Contact Info

[\(520\) 297-6049](tel:5202976049)

info@icstucson.org

PIMA HELPLINE is a site where you can find several community resources in Tucson to include mental health help. <https://pimahelpline.org/>