

PPP September 29

Friends of VVES,

I will start this edition with the activities needing immediate attention. First up, **School Pictures will be taken tomorrow, September 30th!** An envelope was sent home last Wednesday. All students will have their picture taken for the school yearbook, which we sell in the Spring. On the next day, Wednesday October 1<sup>st</sup>, many of us will begin the day at the downtown city parking area by the Boundary County Public Library. At 7:00 AM, we will start our march up to VVES to celebrate **“National Walk to School Day”**. This is a wonderful and HEALTHY way to start a school day. Parents are welcome and encouraged to join us for the walk. Breakfast pizza will be served when we get to campus. At 8:30, also on 10/1, our 5<sup>th</sup> grade candidates for Student Council will give their speeches for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Come and enjoy the political electoral system **as it should be**—no false promises, muckraking or buyouts!

Boundary County School District Attendance Policy #3051 calls for students to maintain 90% attendance throughout the school year. This equates to 7 days absent per semester, on average or 14 absences allowed during our 141 school days. This number of days absent includes both excused and unexcused absences. As percentages go, a few absences this early in the year, will usually end up surpassing the 90% attendance ruling; this is easy to make up with good attendance over time. Our district policy is based on one basic desire—to have the students in school, so we can teach them the skills necessary to find success. Studies consistently show, faithful attendance is the primary indicator of school success. Obviously, we do not want your child in school if they are too ill. If you have extenuating circumstances, please contact me at school. Families who do not follow this attendance policy will be breaking the Idaho State law of Compensatory Education; legal action could be pursued.

Mr. Beck has begun the first “aluminum can drive”. These cans are needed to support the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade ski program at Schweitzer Ski Resort. The income from the collection of aluminum cans goes to provide scholarship money for families who cannot afford this Physical Education component of our school. No children are turned away from attending this special program. Students who bring in large amounts of cans, will receive special recognition and a surprise. Make sure your name is clearly marked on the bag.

The first Valley View Book Fair is scheduled for 10/13-16. It comes with a free meal and family activities on that Thursday. Mark your calendar! Literacy leads to a lucrative life!

### Upcoming Events

9/29	Student Council Posters placed in the hallways, 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade only for President, V.P., Secretary and Treasurer
9/30	Picture Day
10/1	National Walk to School Day 7:00 AM Beginning at the City Parking lot downtown (I double-dog dare you to join us!!!!)
10/1	Student Council speeches 8:30 in cafeteria for Grades 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> K-2 <sup>nd</sup> attendance optional
<b>10/2-3</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL—State-wide Inservice</b>
10/7	School Board Meeting at Mt. Hall 6:00 PM
10/13-16	VVES Scholastic Book Fair all week—get your Christmas shopping done early!
10/17-6	VVES & PTO Family Night Free Meal

Respectfully submitted by,

Gary Pflueger, Principal