

May/June, 2010

Dear Valley Vista Families:

As we approach the end of the school year, it is a time to reflect upon the many wonderful ways that the Valley Vista Family has worked together to provide a supportive and caring learning environment for children. The children have grown both academically and socially, and it is my hope that they look back on this year with many positive memories. The staff and I would like to wish the Fourth Grade students all our best as they begin their Middle School career. We have many families "graduating" from Valley Vista as well...enjoy every moment with your children -- they grow up so fast!

We are keeping BUSY: DIBELS testing, the Second Grade Concert, the Piano Play-In, our Royal Court luncheons, field trips for Grades 1, 3 and 4, Science Celebration for Grades 1 through 4, Career Speakers, Fourth Grade Etiquette Luncheon, Million Minute Celebration and Field Day – plus many classrooms are having plays and other in-class activities.

My sincere appreciation to Lisa Roberts for her leadership as PTA President and for all of the PTA Committee Members who spend so much time at our school doing so many wonderful things for our staff and students! Thank you to the following who have contributed to our school over the last few months: Front Window Decorator, Birthday Book Club, Campbell's Labels, Box Tops, Apples for Education, Math Committee, Room Parent Coordinator, Yearbook, Newsletter, Spirit Wear, Fourth Grade Social Helpers, Sunshine, Membership, OAT breakfast helpers, Distinguished Dining helpers, Popcorn Poppers, Staff Appreciation Week, and to come: Science Celebration volunteers, room parents for end-of-year picnics and Field Day volunteers, plus all of the volunteers who assist us weekly in classrooms, our Bud E.'s Reading Volunteers and the parents who help with projects. The list could go on and on, so please accept our sincere THANKS!!!! All our volunteers are WELCOME to our:

VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON on THURSDAY, MAY, 20th from 11:20 am to 1:10 pm.

In addition to all those who come here to help, I would like to applaud ALL parents and families who make education a PRIORITY each day! Your commitment to homework, projects, attendance and making school and learning a priority truly help your child become motivated, independent life-long learners and helps make Valley Vista an "Excellent School"! Education is a gift that lasts a lifetime!

Summer is right around the corner and there are many opportunities available to reinforce your child's skills and knowledge. A Cuyahoga County Public Library representative came to Valley Vista to explain their Summer Reading Program, the North Royalton Schools are offering Summer School (contact the office for additional information), we will be offering a Valley Vista Summer Reading Program (more information will be forthcoming), RAZ Kids is available for all students (more

information will be forthcoming) and Grades 2, 3 and 4 will be able to access Study Island! Also, attached to this newsletter is information on the Cleveland Indians' High Achiever Program that students can sign up for online. Our website will be up and running with fabulous links and information. Additionally, there are so many opportunities at the Zoo, in the MetroParks and around our communities...so ENJOY - learning is all around us!!

ALSO...shop till you DROP (sorry guys) and save all your stuff!! Indicated below are all of the proceeds our school has received from saving Campbell's Labels, clipping Box Tops, recycling paper in our Abitibi Container and shopping at Target and Giant Eagle. As you can see, all of these programs have provided us with money and technology. So have everyone you know SAVE these items all summer so we can have another GREAT year with these programs and provided our kids with the best materials we can!!

Abitibi Recycling Rebates	\$272.65
Box Tops for Education	\$2,206.24
Target	\$364.66
Campbell Soup Labels	IBM ThinkPad Laptop Computer

Make certain to check the website for Back to School information. THANKS for another excellent year of parents and staff working together for OUR kids!!

Sincerely,

Beth U. O'Donnell

PS: See you at Open House!
Date: Monday, August 23rd
Times: Grades 1 and 2 – 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm
Grades 3 and 4 – 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Enriched Language Arts – 6:35 pm to 6:55 pm
Specialist Teachers will be available from 6:15 pm to 7:15 pm