

Wildcat Newsletter

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From the Office of Superintendent Traci Conley:

Believe it or not, we are already well into the second semester! Soon it will be time to graduate the Class of 2024!

Spring provides many opportunities for not only parents but community members to come out and support our students. I invite you to come out and watch our baseball, softball, and track teams.

As you may already know, everyone in the United States will be able to witness the Total Solar Eclipse on Monday, April 8, 2024 and Ohio is in the path of totality. This once in a generation phenomenon is exciting for all of us. Our teachers will introduce eclipse lessons and have The Imagination Station Mobile lab coming in to talk about this exciting opportunity to our students. We will also provide glasses and additional safety information to all students when we get closer to the event date. As a reminder, Vanlue will not be in session this day due to the impact it can have on communication capabilities as well as the projected traffic in our area.

Have a Happy Spring and #VanlueProud!

Congrats to the following athletes selected to an All-BVC Team:

Mara Simon - 3rd Team and All Academic BVC

Owen Roszman - 3rd Team BVC

Lexi Brooks, Adrienne Phillips, - Honorable Mention

Landon Saltzman, Cameron King - Honorable Mention



GENERAL INFORMATION



Early Dismissal – Thurs., March 28 @ 1:15pm
No School: Fri. March 29 – April 1

NO STUDENT CONTACT PERIOD FOR FALL SPORTS DURING THE SUMMER

This summer Vanlue School is continuing the “No Contact” period for fall sports. This means no practices, conditioning, camps, or any other forms of student contact will be permitted. It will run from Sunday, June 23rd through Sunday, July 7th. Contact and practices may resume on Monday, July 8th.

Congrats to our basketball teams on great seasons!! Go Cats!!



K-12 Spring Picture Retakes & Spring Sports Pictures

On Thursday, April 4 there will be individual retakes for anybody who needs them. The picture packages parents ordered will be mailed after this day has been completed.

Also, beginning at 12:30pm, there will be spring sports pictures. Please make sure your athlete has their uniform.



For the latest up-to-date happenings, check out the school website at vanlueschool.org or find us on Facebook at [Vanlue Local School](https://www.facebook.com/VanlueLocalSchool).

The Athletic Boosters will be sponsoring an Alumni gathering at the Vanlue Park on Saturday, May 18. Come out and enjoy bingo, food, beverages, and much more! Profits raised will be used to buy a Huddl video camera for the athletic department. Information will be coming in the next couple of months. Any questions can be directed to Cindy (Kloepfer) Walerius ('80), Athletic Director, at waleriusc@vanlueschool.org or 419-722-2713.

Preschool Screening

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024



A developmental screening for 3, 4 and 5 year-old children for whom there may be concerns in the areas of adaptive skills, cognitive/pre-academics, sensory/motor, social, and communication skills.



For students in the following school districts:
Arcadia ~ Arlington ~ Cory Rawson ~ Liberty Benton
McComb ~ Riverdale ~ Van Buren ~ Vanlue



SCREENING LOCATION:

Blanchard Valley School
1700 E. Sandusky St., Findlay

****PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED****



For a screening appointment call:
419.422.7525, ext. 209
Between the dates of
March 4, 2023 and March 18, 2024
(A confirmation will be mailed)

Register early! ~ Sessions fill quickly!

Conducted by:

HANCOCK COUNTY
EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER



"Meeting Student Needs Through Cooperative Efforts"

7746 C.R. 140, Findlay, OH 45840
Phone 419.422.7525 ~ Fax 419.422.8766

Kindergarten Screening

If your child will be five (5) years of age by August 1, 2024 and you plan to enroll him/her in Kindergarten, **PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT TO VANLUE SCHOOL NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024.** Screening will be here at Vanlue on **Wednesday, March 20, 2024.** Please register your child **as soon as possible.** March 20 is the only day we will hold kindergarten screening for the 2024-2025 school year. Screening information and details will be mailed to those who register. A residential parent **MUST** accompany the child to the screening. An **original** birth certificate, shot records, social security card, and any custody papers need to be brought to the screening. Please download, save, and email the PDF to Jodi Cole, Secretary, at colej@vanlueschool.org or print and mail to: Vanlue School, Attn. Jodi Cole, 301 S. East St., Vanlue, OH 45890. The Kindergarten Enrollment Form must be completed and returned the day of screening which can be found at www.vanlueschool.org under: Welcome/Enrollment/Kindergarten Enrollment.

Kindergarten Registration Form

Child's **FULL** Name _____ Birth Date _____
 First Middle Last

Child's Social Security No. ____ - ____ - ____ ____ - ____ ____ - ____ - ____ - ____

Phone No. _____

BOTH Parents' Names _____

Address (with PO Box if applicable)

Has your child attended any form of preschool? YES NO

If yes, then where/number of years/how many days per week?

Vanlue Preschool Class
Mondays-Thursday

Call the Hancock County Educational Service Center at 419-422-7525 for questions.
Ask for Donna or Dana.

Wildcat Student Information

A Message from Elem. Principal Hoadley

Vanlue Elementary is heading into a very busy part of the year. In March, space and the upcoming solar eclipse will be the focus of several events. March 11-15 will be our annual Right To Read Week with this year's theme being "Blast Off Into Reading!" During the week students will be learning and doing space activities. There will be a dress-up day theme for each day with information on each day coming home as we near the 11th.

Grandparents Day will be held March 21 starting with a performance of "The Mice from Outer Space" at approximately 1:30 pm in the auditorium. Fun activities will take place in elementary classrooms after the performance. In conjunction with Grandparents Day, a book fair will take place on March 20-22. Students of all ages will have access to the book fair during the school day. Please look for more detailed information on these events from classroom teachers and Vanlue social media pages in the coming days.

To learn more about the upcoming solar eclipse, Imagination Station will be sharing with students in grades 3-8 on March 19. Hancock Park District will bring their planetarium into the building on March 22 to present to all grades. We are excited to be able to have these local groups come in to share their expertise with students at Vanlue.

A Message from JH/HS Principal Sager

This past weekend I noticed so many signs that spring is right around the corner. I saw daffodils and tulips, as well as other spring flowers pushing their way through the ground in flower beds. The sun felt warmer, and we are already starting to have a few days where the temperatures make us want to get outside. Just this morning, it was wonderful to hear the birds singing as I left for school. The arrival of spring brings about many events at school for our families as well as our students! Check out some of these events below!

In just a couple of weeks, on March 6th and March 13th, we will have our spring Parent-Teacher conferences. Mrs. Cole sent out the [link](#) to sign up for conferences, and teachers may be contacting parents for meetings to discuss student progress and growth. If you have any questions regarding conferences, please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher, the office, or Mrs. Sager.

Another sign of spring, and that we are moving towards the end of the school year, is state testing. Please check out the schedule below to see when your student is scheduled to take an assessment. It is very important for your child to get a good night's rest, especially on the days leading up to the test date, and a healthy breakfast definitely helps as well! Encouragement from a student's family is another way to alleviate any stress your student may have regarding the state tests, and it is one of the most important roles a family can play in regards to a student's success on the tests and at school in general. It is also important to note for high school students, it is a requirement for graduation for each student to demonstrate competency on the Algebra I and ELA II end of course state assessments. For questions regarding this, please feel free to contact Mrs. Smith or Mrs. Sager.

As the temperatures continue to rise, it can be very tempting to take time off of school, however, attendance at school is vital to your child's growth (academically, socially, and emotionally). The state of Ohio is dedicated to ensuring that students attend school regularly, and it is noted that there is a direct correlation between [attendance](#) and achievement. Vanlue School's Student Handbook outlines expectations regarding school attendance. We work collaboratively with the county's Attendance Officer to address concerns. If you have questions regarding attendance, please contact the office or Mrs. Sager.

On a final note, we'd like to congratulate our Spelling Bee Champions. Jayden Ferry took the lead this year, and represented our elementary school at the Hancock County Spelling Bee where she came in 5th place! We also had Brayden Melroy as our overall runner up and took the top place for our Junior High. Congratulations to both students and job well done! We are very proud of you!

Mrs. Smith's Counseling Corner

Random Acts of Kindness Month

This year for Kindness month, the Wildcats for Wellness group is going to do kindness links. The kindness links will start today - 2/9 until 2/26 @ 3:00 pm. All teachers received sheets of paper with kindness links on them. If they observe any Vanlue student doing an act of kindness, teachers fill out one link by putting the students name and what act of kindness was observed. A student can be observed doing an act of kindness more than once and having several links filled out for them. The Wildcats for Wellness group will be "linking" them all together and presenting Vanlue's act of kindness link at the Wildcat Wednesday PBIS assembly on Feb. 28th.

We will also have a random drawing to give out small prizes that came from the names of students who were observed doing an act of kindness at the assembly. We have 250 links, let's see how long our Vanlue students can make our link of kindness!

Flag City Honor Flight Night

In conjunction with the Arcadia community, we raised \$360 for the Flag City Honor Flight! This was done at the February 2nd boys basketball game vs. Arcadia. Wildcats for Wellness would like to thank all that donated toward this outstanding cause!

ACT Information and Schedule

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Estimated Score Release
October 28, 2023	September 22, 2023	October 6, 2023	November 13-December 22, 2023
Dec. 9, 2023	November 3, 2023	November 17, 2023	Dec. 26, 2023-February 2, 2024
February 10, 2024	January 5, 2024	January 19, 2024	February 26-April 5, 2024
April 13, 2024	March 8, 2024	March 22, 2024	April 29-June 7, 2024
June 8, 2024	May 3, 2024	May 17, 2024	June 24-August 2, 2024

Students are able to register online at www.actstudent.org or pick up a registration packet in my office. Vanlue's School Code for the ACT is 365-205

Scholarships

With spring right around the corner, scholarship opportunities for seniors are available. Scholarships are not just for students attending a four-year college! Opportunities for two-year colleges/programs or technical schools are also out there. All scholarships that I am aware of can be located on my Google classroom.

Family Resource Center

Tiffany Powell from the FRC has been providing SEL (social emotional learning) lessons this year for grades K-5 and 6-12. We have enjoyed having Tiffany in the building working with our students!

SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULES

AS OF 2-9-2024 - PLEASE CHECK ONLINE CALENDAR FOR MOST CURRENT EVENTS AND START TIMES

Baseball – All games begin @ 5pm unless otherwise noted

3/15 Northwood – Scrimmage
3/18 Bucyrus – Scrimmage
3/20 @ Seneca East – Scrimmage
3/27 @ Hardin Northern
3/30 Crestline (DH) – 11am
4/1 McComb
4/6 Ridgemont (DH) – 11am
4/10 Pandora Gilboa
4/13 @ Monroeville (DH) – 10am
4/15 @ Riverdale
4/17 Van Buren
4/18 Lima Temple Christian
4/22 Arcadia
4/24 @ Arlington
4/29 Elmwood
5/3 @ Ada
5/4 Cardinal Stritch (DH) – 11am
5/6 Cory Rawson
5/11 @ Ridgedale (DH) – 11am
5/13 Gibsonburg

Varsity Track – All meets begin @ 4:30pm

4/2 @ Van Buren
4/4 @ Riverdale Invite
4/5 @ Van Buren Invite
4/9 @ Van Buren
4/12 @ Danbury Invite
4/16 @ Van Buren
4/20 @ Hardin Northern Invite – 9am
4/23 @ Van Buren
4/27 @ Liberty Benton Invite – 9am
5/2 @ Riverdale
5/110 @ Findlay HS (BVC) – 4pm

Softball – All games begin @ 5pm unless otherwise noted

3/12 @ Carey – Scrimmage
3/15 @ Fostoria – Scrimmage
3/18 @ Lakota – Scrimmage
3/19 Lima Bath – Scrimmage – 5:30pm
3/27 @ Hardin Northern
3/30 Crestline (DH) – 11am
4/1 @ Liberty Benton
4/3 McComb
4/6 Ridgemont (DH) – 11am
4/10 Pandora Gilboa
4/11 @ USV
4/15 @ Riverdale
4/17 Van Buren
4/18 @ North Baltimore
4/20 @ Continental (DH) – 4pm
4/22 Arcadia
4/24 @ Arlington
4/29 Elmwood
5/3 @ Ada
5/6 Cory Rawson
5/9 Calvert
5/11 @ Ridgedale (DH) – 11am

JH Track – All meets begin @ 4:30pm

4/2 @ Riverdale Invite
4/10 @ Riverdale
4/15 @ North Baltimore
4/17 @ Riverdale
4/18 @ Ada Invite
4/22 @ Riverdale
4/25 @ Liberty Benton Invite
4/29 @ Riverdale
5/1 @ Van Buren – 4pm
5/3 @ Hardin Norther Invite
5/13 @ McComb BVC



MARCH | 2023

VANLUE WILDCATS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
27 MENU ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE	28 GRADES 6-12 SECOND CHOICE MEALS: SUB SANDWICH PINWHEEL PBJ SALAD	1 CRISPY CHICKEN WRAP CARROTS w/DIP FRUIT MILK	2 CHICKEN FRIED STEAK MASH POTATOES ROLL FRUIT MILK	3 PIZZA CRUNCHERS (MOZZARELLA CHEESE AND PIZZA SAUCE IN BREADING) w/MARINARA SAUCE GREEN BEANS FRUIT MILK
6 CHICKEN NUGGETS CARROTS w/DIP COOKIE FRUIT MILK	7 BREADED CHICKEN SANDWICH BROCCOLI AND CHEESE FRUIT MILK	8 BREAKFAST ASSORTMENT SAUSAGE HASHBROWN TRIANGLES FRUIT MILK	9 LOADED NACHOS PINTO BEANS FRUIT MILK	10 PEPPERONI PIZZA GREEN BEANS FRUIT MILK
13 TURKEY AND CHEESE SUB CARROTS w/DIP FRUIT MILK	14 CHILI SALAD ROLL FRUIT MILK	15 MASH POTATO BOWL COOKIE FRUIT MILK	16 SOFT SHELL BEEF TACO PINTO BEANS FRUIT MILK	17 FRENCH BREAD CHEESE PIZZA GREEN BEANS FRUIT MILK
20 CHEESY BREADSTICKS w/MARINARA SAUCE SALAD FRUIT MILK	21 PULLED PORK SANDWICH BAKED BEANS FRUIT MILK	22 CHICKEN STRIPS CARROTS w/DIP COOKIE FRUIT MILK	23 PIGS IN A BLANKET (PANCAKE WRAPPED SAUSAGE) TATER ROUNDS FRUIT MILK	24 FIESTADA GREEN BEANS FRUIT MILK
27 HOT DOG OR CONEY DOG BAKED BEANS FRUIT MILK	28 CRISPY CHICKEN WRAP CARROTS w/DIP FRUIT MILK	29 RODEO BURGER TATER TOTS FRUIT MILK	30 MAC AND CHEESE SOFT PRETZEL GREEN BEANS FRUIT MILK	31 CHEESE PIZZA BROCCOLI AND CHEESE STRAWBERRIES MILK ✨ KINDERGARTEN CHOOSE YOUR CHOW DAY! ✨

News

Please be sure your child always carries a positive lunch balance! You may call the school at 419-387-7724 or email kingk@vanlueschool.org to check your child's account balance. **Please be vigilant to monitor your child's account throughout the school year!**

Please sign up at www.k12paym.enteer.com to check your child's balance, make payments, see purchases, plus much more! Sign-up is FREE!

LUNCH PRICES:
 K-5: \$2.50
 6-12: \$2.70

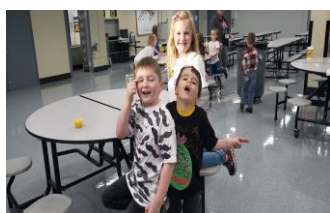
✨ For the month of March Ms. Brickner's Kindergarten class participated in the Choose Your Chow Day. ✨

**VANLUE LOCAL SCHOOL
2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

August 20-22	Tuesday-Thursday	Teacher Professional Developments & Work Day
August 22	Thursday	Open House – 6:30-8pm
September 3	Tuesday	First Day of School
October 9 & 17	Wednesday/Thursday	Parent-Teacher Conferences – 3:15-6:30pm
October 14	Monday	No School – County-Wide PD Day
November 1	Friday	End 1st Quarter
November 26	Tuesday	Teacher Professional Development
November 26-December 1	Tuesday-Sunday	No School – Fall Break
December 2	Monday	Classes Resume
December 23 – January 1	Monday-Wednesday	No School – Winter Break
January 2	Thursday	Classes Resume
January 17	Friday	End of 2nd Quarter/End of 1st Sem.
January 20	Monday	No School – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 14	Friday	Early Dismissal at 1:15pm
February 17	Monday	No School – President’s Day
February 26/March 6	Wednesday/Thursday	Parent-Teacher Conferences – 3:15-6:30pm
March 21	Friday	Early Dismissal at 1:15pm/End 3rd Quarter
April 17	Thursday	Early Dismissal at 1:15pm
April 18-21	Friday-Monday	No School – Spring Break
April 22	Tuesday	Classes Resume
May 24	Saturday	Graduation
May 26	Monday	No School – Memorial Day Observed
May 29	Thursday	Last Day for Students/Early Dismissal 1:15pm
May 30	Friday	End of 4th Quarter/End of 2nd Sem. Teacher Work Day

100 Days of School Celebration

Thursday, February 15, 2024



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WEATHER DELAY PROCEDURE

PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL TO CHECK ON SCHOOL DELAYS

We need to keep our phone lines open to receive input from bus drivers and law enforcement agencies so a wise and informed decision can be made to delay or cancel school. The following stations will be notified:

WFIN/WKXA (Findlay) 1330 A.M./100.5 FM

WNWO-TV (NBC 24) WTOL-TV (11 The News Channel) WTVG-TV (13ABC)

Administration:

Ms. Traci L. Conley, Superintendent
Ms. Robyn Hoadley, K-5 Principal
Mrs. Misty Sager, 6-12 Principal

Board of Education:

Mrs. Dawn Caudill Mr. Sean Martin
Mrs. Sarah Garner Mr. Ken Walerius
Mr. Andrew Mason Mrs. Tracy Hiller, Treasurer

The mission of the Vanlue Local School District is to instill in our students the desire to achieve at their highest potential.

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