

# Wildcat Newsletter

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## From the Office of Interim Superintendent Jeff Young:

Hello Vanlue Community,

As the interim superintendent for Vanlue Local School, I'm especially delighted to have this opportunity to connect with you through this newsletter. I'm Jeff Young, and while I'll be working closely with the district during this transition period, I also continue to serve as the superintendent for the Hancock County ESC. My wife, Jenny (Shaferyl), and I are both proud graduates of Vanlue High School, so this community holds a special place in our hearts. I'm committed to ensuring a smooth and productive time for Vanlue Local School. I am pleased to announce that the Board of Education has selected Mr. Eric Valasek to be the next Superintendent at Vanlue Local School. As you all know, Mr. Valasek has been a valued member of our team as the High School Principal. His dedication to our students and his deep understanding of our district have been evident in his work. We are confident that he possesses the leadership qualities and vision necessary to guide Vanlue Local Schools forward.

The Board of Education will hold a special meeting on **Friday, March 7th at 3:30 PM** in the Library to formally vote on Mr. Valasek's appointment.

In the meantime, please know that the entire Vanlue team is dedicated to providing our students with an excellent educational experience. We appreciate your ongoing support and look forward to a successful remainder of the school year.

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

*Olivia Secord - 3<sup>rd</sup> Team and All Academic BVC*

*Owen Roszman - 3<sup>rd</sup> Team BVC*

*Cameron King - Honorable Mention and All Academic BVC*

*Isaac Reed, Jack Saltzman, Dayton Young, and Abby Kloepper - All Academic BVC*

*Landon Saltzman, Adrienne Phillips, and Candace Saltzman- Honorable Mention*



# GENERAL INFORMATION



Early Dismissal – Thurs., April 17 @ 1:15pm

No School: Fri. April 18 – Mon. April 21

## **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 Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup>. Contact and practices may resume on Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup>.

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



### **K-12 Spring Picture Retakes & Spring Sports Pictures**

On Friday, March 28 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](http://vanlueschool.org) or find us on Facebook at [Vanlue Local School](https://www.facebook.com/VanlueLocalSchool).**

# Preschool Screening

## FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2025



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:

Hancock County ESC E.Sandusky St. 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 3, 2025 and March 18, 2025  
(A confirmation will be mailed)

Register early! ~ Sessions fill quickly!

**Conducted by:**

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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, 2025 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 12, 2025.** Screening will be here at Vanlue on **Wednesday, March 19, 2025.** Please register your child **as soon as possible.** March 19 is the only day we will hold kindergarten screening for the 2025-2026 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](mailto: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](http://www.vanlueschool.org) under: Welcome/Enrollment/Kindergarten Enrollment.

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## 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-Thursdays**

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 Petrie SPRING IS UPON US!!!

As we flip the calendar to March, we are, fingers crossed, moving into warmer and nicer weather. We are also moving into a very busy time at the elementary school. Next Thursday we are going on a prek-5th grade field trip to Imagination Station. We will be spending the day exploring the world of Science.

Also March 10-14th will be Right to Read week. This year's theme is Pets and more specifically **"Dig into a Good Book... READ"** The students will be spending the week learning and doing pet activities. There will be a dress up theme each day with information coming shortly.

Grandparents Day will be held March 21st. The doors will open at 11:00am for Grandparents. The students and grandparents will participate in multiple activities held in the cafeteria and other locations. In conjunction with Grandparents Day, a book fair will be held on March 19-21st. All students will have the opportunity to visit the book fair during the school day. Please look for more information on the Vanlue School social media page and form your child's classroom teacher.

The last event upcoming in the month of March will be Spring Picture Day. We look forward to seeing all the students sporting their best Spring attire and their best Spring smile!

With the changing of the seasons, it becomes tempting to start vacations early. Research shows a clear connection between attendance and students' academic, social, and emotional growth. There is no doubt that a key factor in a student's success is being at school. Please do everything you can as parents to make sure that your child is not missing school unless it is absolutely necessary. Sickness happens, and there are times when appointments cannot be made after school, but if an absence from school can be avoided, it is in the best interest of your child.

## A Message from JH/HS Principal Valasek:

The 2024-2025 school year continues to fly by. It seems like just yesterday I was joining the seniors out by the track for their Senior Sunrise Breakfast on our first day of school. Now here we are at the beginning of our spring sports season. The weather is starting to change, and hopefully that means that we are done with the snow and ice! This time of year is especially exciting for our upperclassmen, who are looking forward to prom and graduation. Speaking of Prom, this year it will take place on Saturday, May 3rd at Moreno's in Carey beginning at 7pm. The other major event for the spring, our graduation ceremony, will take place on Saturday, May 24th at 7pm.

Spring is a busy time of year, and there are a lot of other important events coming up on the calendar that families should be aware of. On Thursday, March 6th we will have our Freshmen Orientation at 5:30pm with Mrs. Smith. This is also our second night of Parent-Teacher Conferences for the spring. These are important times for parents and students to meet and interact with teachers in order to stay up to date with their children's progress in the second semester, so please plan to attend. If you are not able to attend conferences, you are always welcome to contact teachers via phone or email for updates. Teachers should also be reaching out to you if they have concerns.

Another important event that takes place in the spring is state testing. Our first day of testing at Vanlue will be Wednesday, April 2nd, and testing will continue through the end of April. It is very important for your child to get a good night's sleep the night before a test and a healthy breakfast the morning of the test. While we want all of our students to try hard and do their best, we do not want this to be an anxiety inducing experience for them. Please encourage your child at home and help them to feel rested and supported leading up to the testing days.

Finally, I want to congratulate all of our winter sports athletes on a great season. We had a number of athletes who received All-BVC honors in basketball and/or All Academic Team recognition. Congratulations to our 3rd team honorees Olivia Secord (All Academic) and Owen Roszman; Honorable Mention recipients Adrienne Phillips, Candace Saltzman, Cameron King (All Academic), and Landon Saltzman; and All Academic recipients Abby Kloepfer, Isaac Reed, Jack Saltzman, and Dayton Young. Also, congratulations to Chase Cornette for winning Vanlue's Spelling Bee and competing in the Hancock County Spelling Bee on January 30th at the Marathon Center in Findlay. Lastly, congratulations to Marlena Rock for being selected to the All County Band. I am extremely proud of all of our students for their academic and athletic accomplishments this winter!

# Mrs. Smith's Counseling Corner

## Random Acts of Kindness Month

This year for Kindness month, K-12 students and staff were able to participate in several ways to show kindness at school and in the community.

1. K-12 students and staff participated in the United Way Senior Cheer program by coloring Valentine pages. These coloring pages were then delivered to local nursing homes by the United Way of Hancock County.
2. Vanlue School had a kindness tree posted in the cafeteria. Kindness leaves were added to the tree every time someone was caught doing a random act of kindness throughout the month.
3. K-12 students/families and staff donated items to City Mission of Findlay that they were running low on. Delivery was Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> by the softball team as they donated time serving others at the Mission.

## Flag City Honor Flight Night

In conjunction with the Riverdale community, we raised \$400 for the Flag City Honor Flight! This was done at the January 17<sup>th</sup> boys basketball game vs. Riverdale. Vanlue School 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
February 8, 2025	January 3, 2025	January 20, 2025	February 18 – April 4, 2025
April 5, 2025	February 28, 2028	March 16, 2025	April 15 – May 30, 2025
June 14, 2025	May 9, 2025	May 26, 2025	June 24 – August 8, 2025
July 12, 2025	June 6, 2025	June 20, 2025	July 22 – Sept. 5, 2025

Students are able to register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://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

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

# SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULES

**AS OF 2-25-2025 - PLEASE CHECK ONLINE CALENDAR FOR MOST CURRENT EVENTS AND START TIMES**

## Baseball – All games begin @ 5pm unless otherwise noted

3/19 @ Old Fort – Scrimmage  
3/31 @ Ridgemont  
4/2 Hardin Northern  
4/3 Mansfield Christian – 5:15pm  
4/5 @ Crestline (DH) – 11am  
4/7 Ada  
4/9 @ Elmwood  
4/12 @ Gibsonburg (DH) – 10am  
4/14 Liberty Benton  
4/16 Leipsic  
4/21 @ McComb  
4/23 Riverdale  
4/24 @ Lima Temple Christian  
4/28 Arlington  
4/30 @ Pandora Gilboa  
5/1 @ Buckeye Central – 5:30pm  
5/5 @ Van Buren  
5/7 @ Arcadia  
5/10 Ridgedale (DH) – 11am  
5/14 Cardinal Stritch  
5/15 @ Cory Rawson

## Varsity Track – All meets begin @ 4:30pm

4/4 @ Ridgemont Invite  
4/8 @ Van Buren  
4/11 @ Van Buren Invite  
4/15 @ Van Buren  
4/17 @ Danbury Invite – 5pm  
4/22 @ Van Buren  
4/26 @ Hardin Northern Invite – 9am  
4/29 @ Van Buren  
5/2 @ North Baltimore Invite  
5/6 @ Elmwood  
5/8 @ Bluffton  
5/16 BVC Meet @ Van Buren – 4pm

## Softball – All games begin @ 5pm unless otherwise noted

3/18 @ Fostoria – Scrimmage  
3/20 Plymouth – Scrimmage – 5:30pm  
3/24 Lima Perry – Scrimmage  
3/26 @ Lakota – Scrimmage – 5:30pm  
3/29 @ Calvert (DH) – 11am  
3/31 @ Ridgemont  
4/2 Hardin Northern  
4/3 Mansfield Christian – 5:15pm  
4/4 Bluffton  
4/5 @ Crestline (DH) – 11am  
4/7 Ada  
4/9 @ Elmwood  
4/12 @ North Baltimore (DH) – 11am  
4/14 Liberty Benton  
4/16 Leipsic  
4/21 @ McComb  
4/23 Riverdale  
4/25 @ USV  
4/28 Arlington  
4/30 @ Pandora Gilboa  
5/1 @ Buckeye Central – 5:30pm  
5/5 @ Van Buren  
5/7 @ Arcadia  
5/10 Ridgedale (DH) – 11am

## JH Track – All meets begin @ 4:30pm

3/31 @ Elmwood  
4/3 @ Riverdale  
4/7 @ Van Buren  
4/10 @ Riverdale  
4/14 @ Van Buren  
4/21 @ Elmwood  
4/28 @ Van Buren  
4/30 @ Van Buren  
5/1 @ Liberty Benton Invite  
5/5 @ Van Buren  
5/9 @ Hardin Northern Invite  
5/15 BVC Meet @ Donnell Stadium (Findlay) – 4:00pm



# MARCH | 2025

## VANLUE WILDCATS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>3</b> LOADED NACHOS PINTO BEANS FRUIT MILK	<b>4</b> BBQ MARIB SANDWICH CARROT'S w/DIP FRUIT MILK	<b>5</b> GENERAL TSO CHICKEN FRIED RICE FORTUNE COOKIE BROCCOLI FRUIT MILK	<b>6</b> BREAKFAST BURRITO HASH BROWN CUBES FRUIT MILK	<b>7</b> PEPPERONI PIZZA GREEN BEANS FRUIT MILK
<b>10</b> CHICKEN FRIED STEAK MASH POTATOES ROLL FRUIT MILK	<b>11</b> CHEESE STUFFED BREADSTICKS w/MARINARA SAUCE SIDE SALAD FRUIT MILK	<b>12</b> HOT DOG or CONEY DOG BAKED BEANS FRUIT MILK	<b>13</b> GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH TOMATO SOUP FRUIT MILK	<b>14</b> FIESTADA GREEN BEANS FRUIT MILK
<b>17</b> HARD SHELL BEEF TACOS PINTO BEANS FRUIT MILK	<b>18</b> SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALLS GARLIC BREAD GREEN BEANS FRUIT MILK	<b>19</b> CRISPY CHICKEN WRAP CARROT'S w/DIP FRUIT MILK	<b>20</b> CHEDDAR BACON RANCH TOTS ROLL FRUIT MILK	<b>21</b> CHEESE PIZZA SIDE SALAD GREEN BEANS SCOOPY SNACKS FRUIT MILK
<b>24</b> BBQ PULLED PORK SANDWICH BBQ BAKED BEANS FRUIT MILK	<b>25</b> GRILLED CHICKEN SALAD BREADSTICK FRUIT MILK	<b>26</b> BREADED VEAL SANDWICH RANCH WEDGE FRIES FRUIT MILK	<b>27</b> HOT HAM AND CHEESE SUB CARROT'S w/DIP FRUIT MILK	<b>28</b> GARLIC FRENCH BREAD CHEESE PIZZA GREEN BEANS FRUIT MILK
<b>31</b> MINI PANCAKES SAUSAGE LINK HASHBROWN TRIANGLES FRUIT MILK	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> MENU ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE	<b>3</b> BREAKFAST AVAILABLE DAILY *EXCLUDING DELAY DAYS*	<b>4</b> GRADES 6-12 ALTERNATE MEALS: SUB SANDWICH PINWHEEL PBJ MUNCHABLES KIT *EXCLUDING DELAY DAYS*

**News**

PLEASE visit [www.pay.schoolscentral.com](http://www.pay.schoolscentral.com) or download the PaySchools app. You can set up payments, set reminders and alerts, review purchases, and so much more!

Payments may be made in the form of cash, check or online. Checks should be made payable to Vanlue Local School.

**Charging and purchasing restrictions will be applied if an account remains delinquent.**

If you have any purchasing restriction requests, please email [kink@vanlueschool.org](mailto:kink@vanlueschool.org)

Free and Reduced applications may now be filled out through PaySchools as well.

**MEAL PRICES:**  
 K-12 breakfast \$1.25  
 K-5: \$2.70  
 6-12: \$2.90  
 6-12 alternate lunch: \$3.00



**VANLUE LOCAL SCHOOL  
2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

August 19-21	Tuesday-Thursday	Teacher Professional Developments & Work Day
August 21	Thursday	Open House – 6:30-8pm
September 2	Tuesday	First Day of School
October 9 & 15	Thursday/Wednesday	Parent-Teacher Conferences – 3:15-6:30pm
October 13	Monday	No School – County-Wide PD Day
October 31	Friday	End 1st Quarter
November 25	Tuesday	Teacher Professional Development
November 26-30	Tuesday-Sunday	No School – Fall Break
December 1	Monday	Classes Resume
December 19	Friday	Early Dismissal at 1:15pm
December 22 – January 4	Monday-Sunday	No School – Winter Break
January 5	Monday	Classes Resume
January 19	Monday	No School – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 23	Friday	End of 2nd Quarter/End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Sem.
February 13	Friday	Early Dismissal at 1:15pm
February 16	Monday	No School – President’s Day
March 5/10	Thursday/Tuesday	Parent-Teacher Conferences – 3:15-6:30pm
March 27	Friday	End 3rd Quarter
April 2	Thursday	Early Dismissal at 1:15pm
April 3-6	Friday-Monday	No School – Spring Break
April 7	Tuesday	Classes Resume
May 23	Saturday	Graduation
May 25	Monday	No School – Memorial Day Observed
May 28	Thursday	Last Day for Students/Early Dismissal 1:15pm
May 29	Friday	End of 4th Quarter/End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sem.
June 27 – July 5	Saturday/Sunday	Teacher Work Day No Contact Period

## 100 Days of School Celebration

Thursday, February 20, 2025



**VANLUE LOCAL SCHOOL**



419-387-7724



419-387-7722



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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)**

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Administration:

Mr. Jeff Young, Interim Superintendent  
Mr. Samuel Petrie, K-5 Principal  
Mr. Eric Valasek, 6-12 Principal

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*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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**RETURNED SERVICE REQUESTED**

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