



# The Pine Cone

Village Pines School

## Trunk or Treat

October 28th we all had spooky fun at VPS' annual Trunk or Treat event! We dined, we danced, we trunk-or-treated! It was a beautiful rain free night!



Trunk or Treat Pictures



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### November Birthdays:

- Connor Perreira 2
- Yamani Jackson 9
- Brandon Williams 14
- Madison Llovet 15
- Justice Sheppard 19
- Melissa Rodriguez 28
- Brianna Sloan 29



## Thanksgiving

Every year I am thankful for the stuff we all are, health, family, our kids... This year I am talking a moment to reflect on what as an American I am thankful for. Thanksgiving is a holiday which in this tumultuous time in the US may be difficult for some to fully embrace. For me Thanksgiving is a reminder of what makes America a great county. Thanksgiving is void of religious affiliation, it brings all people back to the "table", it reminds us that we all came from the humble beginnings of a few brave

Pilgrims who had the vision of a great country. While today maybe a challenge, there is a tomorrow that with it holds a new promise. While we may now be in a depressed economic time, we have been through this before and have come out stronger- tomorrow holds the promise of better times. As Americans we have been bombed, hated, and threatened, despite this, we have endured, never losing sight of what makes us withstanding. We have strength, resolve, commitment, and vision and we have so much to be

thankful for on this Thanksgiving!

*What we're really talking about is a wonderful day set aside on the fourth Thursday of November when no one diets.*

*I mean, why else would they call it Thanksgiving? ~Erma Bombeck,*

*"No One Diets on Thanksgiving,"  
J. Sanko*

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## Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week is the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the country.

Red Ribbon Week serves as a vehicle for communities and individuals to take a stand for the hopes and dreams of our children through a commitment to drug prevention and education and a personal commitment to live drug free lives with the ultimate goal being the creation of a drug free America. Red Ribbon Week began after the kidnapping, torture and brutal murder of [Drug Enforcement Administration](#) agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena in 1985. Agent Camarena had been working undercover in Guadalajara, Mexico for over four years. His efforts led to a tip that resulted in the discovery of a multimillion dollar narcotics manufacturing operation in

Chihuahua, Mexico. The successful eradication of this and other drug production operations angered leaders of several drug cartels who sought revenge. As a result, they murdered key informants and then, on February 7, 1985, they kidnapped Camarena and his pilot, Captain Alfredo Zavala-Avelar (taken separately on the same day).

Village Pines participated in this fun educational even the week of Oct 24th. The kids and staff had fun showing their red ribbon week spirit!



## VPS Fitness

### Progressive Aerobic Cardiovascular Endurance Run P.A.C.E.R 20 meter run - Oct & Nov

The P.A.C.E.R test is a 20 meter run that is executed back and forth, it progressively gets faster every 7 laps, each lap has to be completed within a certain time.

Every month each child is tested to see if there is cardiovascular improvement by the amount of laps completed.

Below are the test scores for the month of Oct & Nov 2011, the results can also be found on [villagepines.org](http://villagepines.org) under field day.

#### Grade 5

Allyson Averhoff 25, 26  
Kai Bartolone 49, 46  
Isabella Molina 25, 17  
Valentina Riveros 35, 33  
Emi Teh 44, 43  
Katerina Vazquez 30, 26  
Daniel Viola 24, 45  
William Wade 24, 21  
Brandon Williams 30, 32

#### Grade 4

Joseph Breivogel 12, 13  
Daniela Castaneda 21, 22  
Sesbastian Castillo 37, 39

Alysia Daley 28, 17  
Kameron Darville 9, 8  
Bailey Hunt 45, 31  
Julian Joa 37, 28  
Courtney Longman 7, 14  
Kailee Moore 17, 12  
Jorjana Patton 25, 22  
Maya Singh 35, 27  
Allen Smiley 10, 10  
Zoe Teh 45, 45  
Jaden Vanderblugt 20, 10  
Briana Sloan 28, 22  
Kaitlyn Sloan 19, 30

#### Grade 3

Emiley Araujo 21, 27  
Miranda Araujo 12, 13  
Paulina Araujo 18, 10  
Sabrina Coto 22, 27  
Kyhaun Emanuel 10, 11  
Skye Emmons 21, 21  
Yamani Jackson 17, 12  
Grant Kleber 9, 9  
Michael Longman 12, 20  
Mylein Parlade 10, 10  
Caden Sanko 14, 17  
Seth Williams 38, 37  
Paige Scavella 10, 10  
Sophia Rizo 10

#### Grade 2

Ismael Alvarez 9, 19  
Arianna Beltran 20, 25  
Payton Buettner 21, 14  
Sydney Cetta 10, 10  
Paris Hunt 11, 14  
Sydney Lancaster 20, 19  
Matthew Llovet 35, 25  
Liya Myrie 20, 20  
Baker Riddlehoover 20, 16  
Sophia Ruiz 39,  
Maya Shah 10, 10  
Brandon Sheppard 31, 39  
Diego Torres 37, 39  
Miguel Vazquez 25, 10  
Isabella Velazquez 21, 25

#### Grade 1

Juan Almeida 10, 13  
Matthew Araujo 15, 12  
Alexander Botero 14, 17  
Maurice Champion 11, 15  
Taliyah Gopie 12, 12  
Stephanie Hylton 13, 13  
Kali Davanaugh 5, 13  
Ryan Kleber 14, 18  
Carla Lombardo 13, 10  
Paul Longman 22, 17  
Nicholas Nicholas 9, 11  
Stephanie Parada 9, 10  
Paris Parise 14, 22

Soleil Pauly 10, 13  
Jason Richardson 12, 13  
Maylani Rodriquez 20, 20  
Jonah Schachter 11, 18  
Isabella Torrente 12, 20  
Drake Vandervlugt 11, 12  
Peter Vandervlugt 11, 13  
Jack Wade 11, 9  
Eva Sanko 23, 23  
Drea Vandervlugt 22, 13

*Stephen Hylton*  
Coach

### From Mrs. A's Desk

Another fabulous month of activities and learning at Village Pines School!

We celebrated the 50th day of school with fun attire, coke floats, and hula hoop activities with math activities all connected to 50.

We observed "Red Ribbon Week" to bring awareness to the dangers of drugs and peer pressure.

We continued our school

wide focus on character traits emphasizing generosity, gratefulness and respect.

We had another phenomenal Trunk or Treat evening with fun costumes, a terrific DJ, good food, and weather that cooperated.

We completed our fall conferences where each family had the opportunity to meet with teachers to discuss goals, progress and to build good par-

ent/teacher relationships. In our 52nd year, VPS strives to facilitate quality educational opportunities for each child in a caring, supportive setting.

Let's continue to work together as we move forward in the 2011-2012 school year!



### News From The PTO

**PTO meetings will take place on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM.** Please join us for these important meetings and get involved!

The PTO has made our first major purchase of the year: bleachers for the field. This bleacher set will seat fifty people and can be used for seating for the kids during PE and parents for outdoor events. Installation is scheduled for the first week of December.

We are still looking for donations for the winter raffle. We would like to hear from any parents with connections to the travel industry, hotel industry, or any other field that could help us with donations.

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### Up Coming Events at Village Pines

- Happy Thanksgiving! **No school November 23rd, 24th or 25th.**
- November 18th Little Farm
- November 22nd Thanksgiving Feast ( 12 Noon )
- New Bleachers for the Holiday show!!!



## Fifth Grade Feature

### What I'm thankful for....

By: **Brandon Williams**

There are many things that we should be thankful for. Not many people can say they are lucky enough to have the things that we have.

I am very grateful to have a beautiful home. There are many homeless people who are not as fortunate as me. My home is where I go to be safe, relax, and spend time with my family. I am also very thankful to have a family who loves and cares for me. There are many children that are abandoned at a young age or lose their parents. These children are then forced to live in a foster home or an orphanage. I think that is very sad! I feel

happy and lucky that I am not one of those children. My family is very important to me and I could not imagine what life would be like without them. Another thing that I'm thankful and grateful for is the clothes on my back and the material things I own. We often take for granted the things we have without thinking of the all the people in the world that have much less than we do. For this reason, I think it is important that we help those in need. Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful and grateful for all you have.



**Brandon Williams is our Fifth Grade Feature author for November**

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## November's Book Recommendations

Have you read a good book lately? We want to know about it.

Each month we will list books which our school community recommends. These book recommendations can come from parents, teachers and kids. Please send your monthly recommendations to Jill Sanko at [jsanko@comcast.net](mailto:jsanko@comcast.net).

Kids Choice:

1. Busy Night by Ross Collins
2. Marsupial Sue by John Lithgow

Adult Recommendation:

Topic: Education.

1. The End of Molasses Classes: Getting Our Kids Unstuck- 101 Extraordinary Solutions for Parents and Teachers by Ron Clark

Topic: Health.

1. Women's bodies, Women's Wisdom by Christiane Northrup

Topic: Fiction

1. The Judas Strain by James Rollins

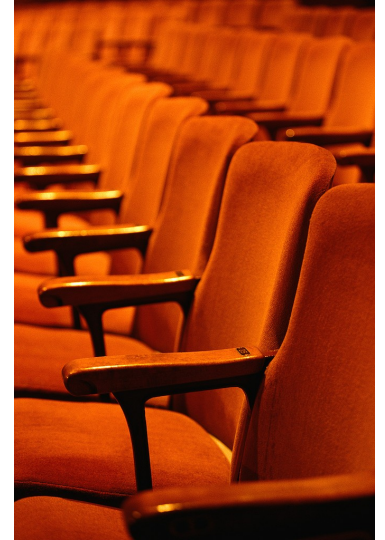


## Guest Speaker— Parent Education Series

If you know a dynamic speaker that you would like to invite to speak at the parent education series please contact us and we would be happy to have them come educate us.

A big Thank you to Dr. Levermore for her wonderful talk

In November we learned about violent media and its potential effects on our children. This talk was informative and helped me better to understand the ins and outs of this important issue we face everyday.



## Quips and Quotes— Level 3

Teacher: "What part of your body do you listen with?"

Student: "The good one and the listening one."

Teacher: "Are you listening?"

Student: "Yes, I have the bananas out of my ears."

Student: "I'm not your girlfriend. I'm your friend girl!"

Student to Teacher: "My mom didn't let me eat breakfast, and she didn't let me brush my teeth!"

Student to Teacher: "Mommy got mad at Daddy, so no cooking."

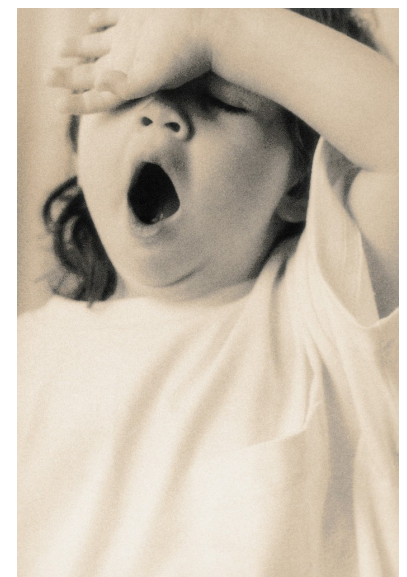
Student to Student:

Question: "Why do turkey's have so many feathers?"

Response: "So he can run away from the cook!"

*Kids say the darndest things!*

*- Bill Cosby*



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Kergerq Amerling, Administrator



*Caring and Excellence Since 1960*



Village Pines School believes that all students are capable of learning. We provide a safe, caring environment that is child-centered. In order to promote lifelong learning, we provide a developmentally appropriate curriculum that encourages problem solving, critical thinking and creativity. Partnerships formed between parents, the school, and community support character development to assist children in learning to make appropriate choices and become responsible citizens. The Village Pines team works together to establish goals. This approach supports the efforts of faculty, staff, parents, and students as Village Pines strives for school excellence.

## Mental Challenge of the Month

Each month we will present a mental challenge. You are invited to submit the answer to the challenge each month to Jill Sanko. The first person to send the right answer will be recognized the next month and also win a \$10 Starbucks gift card! No one won the gift card from October so this month we are giving away a **10 dollar card!** Submit answers to [jsanko@comcast.net](mailto:jsanko@comcast.net)

October's Monthly Challenge of the Month Answer was. The Commutative property; 7 steps.

November's Challenge:  
Allison, Jerry, Bonnie, and Bill are participating in a Thanksgiving Pageant at their school. The students will portray an Indian warrior, a pilgrim, an Indian maiden, and a deer. Their props consist of

a pumpkin, a fish, a basket of corn, and colored leaves. During the pageant, they will recite a poem, sing a song, do a dance, and act as the narrator. Their parents, whose last names are Lee, Newton, Myers, and Schuler, will be watching in the audience. The ages of the performers are 13, 12, 11, and 10 years old. Use the clues to help you find out who will be doing what for the pageant.

1. Mrs. Lee made her daughter's costume and also the costumes of the Indian maiden and the dancer.
2. Mr. Myers helped his son rehearse his poem.
3. The dancer was older than Lee and the pilgrim, but younger than Allison.

4. The 11-year-old ripped her deer outfit, but her mother pinned it.
5. Newton carried his fish during his tribal dance.
6. Jerry's pumpkin was a symbol of the feast for the pilgrims.
7. The Indian maiden carried corn

### Happy Thanksgiving

as she sang the song of feasting.  
Good Luck!

