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Updates from Mrs. Patrick, Principal

As we approach the holiday break, I am asking for your support to ensure your child is at school and on time each day. Recently, we have noticed an increase in absences, tardies, and early pickups. Over the next 10 school days, students will be taking state assessments and midterms. Every minute of instructional time is important for their success.

Class Celebrations are scheduled for Thursday, December 19th. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher directly.

Finally, don't forget to check out our K-8 holiday countdown dress-up days below! I am excited to celebrate all the hard work and achievements from this first half of the school year with our students and staff.

Thank you for your continued partnership!

VERDE K-8
WINTER WEEK
DECEMBER 16-20

MONDAY
Shiny and Bright! Wear something either shiny and sparkle or neon!

TUESDAY
Dress like a snowman in all white, and your favorite winter accessories!

WEDNESDAY
Dress like a Candy Cane in Red and White!

THURSDAY
Dress in your favorite Festive Attire or Ugly Sweater

FRIDAY
Dress in your favorite holiday pajamas
No slippers allowed.

ALL clothing and shoes must be school appropriate!

Updates from Mrs. Sanchez, Assistant Principal

Middle School

Middle school students will be testing throughout the month of December. Please ensure that your child's Chromebook is fully charged each day, as they will not be able to test on their scheduled date without a charged device.

Choice School Application

Admission to Verde K-8 Middle School Cambridge Choice Program is not automatic for students attending elementary school at Verde K-8. 5th-grade students who are interested in the Verde Choice Program must apply through the Department of Choice Options. The application window is open from November 4th to January 31st. For more information, visit mypbchoiceapp.com or email choicequestions@palmbeachschools.org.

Grade Level Updates

Mid-year FAST testing/Midterms are upon us! To help your student perform their best, please ensure they:

- Arrive to school on time.
- Eat a nutritious breakfast.
- Get a good night's sleep.
- Have headphones for school.

And don't forget to give them some extra love and encouragement! A few kind words can go a long way in boosting their confidence and helping them feel ready to shine! Thank you for your support in setting your student up for success.

Middle School Dance

- **Time:** 6- 8 PM
 - **When:** Friday, Dec. 13th
 - **Ticket Price:** \$10.00
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Holiday Gift Drive

Be a Beacon of Hope for a Child or Teen this Holiday Season!



GLHOMES™ AND THE  **BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**
OF PALM BEACH COUNTY

HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE

November 4-December 13

Toys and gift cards needed for kids 6 to 18 years old.
Or Scan Here to Donate a Gift Virtually NOW!

www.BGCPBC.org |  Scan to Donate Here

Career Week! Calling all Presenters!

Verde K-8 will host Career Week March 17 - 20, 2025. Please consider presenting or inviting a friend or family member to present. All jobs welcome!

Choose a date and time that works best for your schedule here

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1uXRYjOn-0LaB_IWfWXTSBjrdYLYxSZ90U8MF1yufJiA/edit?tab=t.0

Media Center

Get ready for VERDE R.E.D. (READ EVERY DAY) 2025! Look for Verde staff to share read aloud videos their favorite books with all Vikings. Verde R.E.D. 2025 begins on January 7, 2025!

Please encourage your scientists to login to Legends of Learning!

This is a FUN way to reinforce science!

It is similar to Prodigy and the kids LOVE it!

STEAM

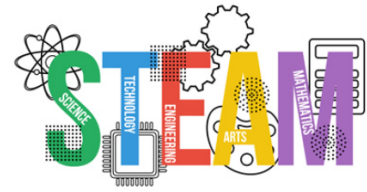
Kindergarten is using their sense of touch investigating that objects have texture. They are making Texture Pasta Necklaces to connect their knowledge!

1st and 2nd grade scientists are sorting matter by their properties: color, texture, size, weight, hard or soft. Encourage your scientists to sort matter at home!

3rd grade is creating their science journals that will collect their thinking, observations, and investigations. Please send your scientist with a 70 sheet spiral notebook.

4th grade is finalizing their Florida Panther and Sea Grass Google Slides and beginning energy! Please read your ecologists AMAZING discoveries about these living organisms in their environment.

5th grade has been investiGATORS and deep ROOTed in their Everglades project! Please ask your ecologists to share their OUTSTANDING presentations with you!



Art

For Art Contests, and other art-related things, join the art Google Classroom: e3fc4gm

Art Club Applications are available now. They are posted on the Google Classroom (e3fc4gm) and also available in print as needed with Mrs. Mangel. These applications are due to Mrs. Mangel by Monday, December 9. Students will be notified of acceptance before winter break.

Call to student artists! We are looking for student artwork to feature in the yearbook!

To Enter:

Create a piece of artwork that represents your school.

Use your creativity!!

Include

- Verde Vikings
- Include either Elementary school (K-5) or Middle School (6-8) (depending on your grade)
- FULL COLOR
- Include the year 2024/2025
- Vertical (tall) design!

Please note: No tracing, and you must create this artwork yourself. You can work in a group with other students if you wish.

Information: One winner will be chosen from Middle School (6-8), and one will be chosen from Elementary (K-5). The winning designs will be featured in this year's yearbook!

SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE BY Tuesday, December 17 to Mrs. Mangel (the art teacher)

Winners will be announced in the new year!

Art Club

Art Club applications are now available! Elementary art club is open to 4th and 5th grade students, and Middle School Art Club is open to 6th - 8th. Please return applications to Mrs. Mangel by December 9. (They can be emailed to hilary.mangel@palmbeachschools.org, or returned in person). Students will be selected via lottery and acceptance letters will go out before Winter break. You can find the applications on the Art Google Classroom - 3fc4gm.

[Middle School Application](#)

[Elementary School Application](#)

PTSA Updates

Visit
www.wonderlandgiftshoppes.com
to preview our items



Wonderland Gift Shoppes

Verde K-8 is excited to kick off this holiday season with our Wonderland Holiday Shoppe! Your student(s) will be coming home with envelopes and information sheets for shopping. Cash is the preferred method of payment so that we can provide your child with change. Please check with

your teacher for which day your child will be shopping, they will be shopping anytime between December 11th and December 19th during Fine Arts.

If you are interested in signing up to volunteer to help the kiddos shop, please make sure you are registered to volunteer and sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44AEA929A4FFCE9-53579427-holiday>

We are always looking for help in the lunchroom, please sign up below!

1st/4th: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44AEA929A4FFCE9-53616590-december>

K and 5th: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44AEA929A4FFCE9-53616772-december>

K and 2nd: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44AEA929A4FFCE9-53616751-december>

Safety Patrols

Smencils are being sold Tuesdays and Thursdays in the courtyard before school. They are \$2 each. Safety Patrols are still selling chocolate! If you are interested in purchasing a large order please contact Ms. Rosenberg. melissa.rosenberg@palmbeachschools.org

SECME

Our teams are busy building and testing their models! Our writers are preparing their essay and brainbowl teams are quizzing each other weekly! Due dates and competitions are approaching quickly!

Elementary Olympiad: Feb. 22nd

Middle School Olympiad: March 8th

Garden

Our garden club has been hard at work cleaning up 2 areas by the NE bike rack to create rock gardens. Please visit our wishlist to help us make these visions a reality! Contact [Tisha Thomas](#) if you can help with rocks or stepping stones!

[K-8 STEAM Wishlist](#)



Recycling

The recycling team is getting the word out that Verde recycles! The middle school aftercare team is emptying paper bins on Fridays! Every Wednesday blue bins can be emptied at the hub! Please look for our videos and posters on what can be recycled.

Let's do our part to help the Earth!



Verde Night Out

DUFFY'S
SPORTS GRILL



**VERDE K-8 PTSA
FUNDRAISER NIGHT**

AT DUFFY'S OF BOCA RATON

21212 St. Andrews Blvd. | Boca Raton, FL 33433
561.869.0552

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 9
4:00PM - 9:00PM**

Bring this flier and **20% of the proceeds will be
donated to Verde K-8 PTSA.**

Winter Break Camp Opportunity

Thank you to one of our school business partners, Woodmont

NEED CAMP OVER WINTER BREAK?

(Summer Camp Pre Early Bird Registration Opening Soon ... Don't Miss Out!)

WOODMONT CAMP AT GRANDVIEW PREP

10am - 4pm

Flexible schedule / Choose days

Extended hours available from 8am - 6pm

(lunch and snack purchase optional)

Questions call 561-939-1393

woodmontsports.com



School Advisory Council

Event Information

SAC (School Advisory Council) Meeting

SAC Co-Chair: Lindsay Greene

lindsay.greene@palmbeachschools.org

SAC Co-Chair: Katie Marhefka

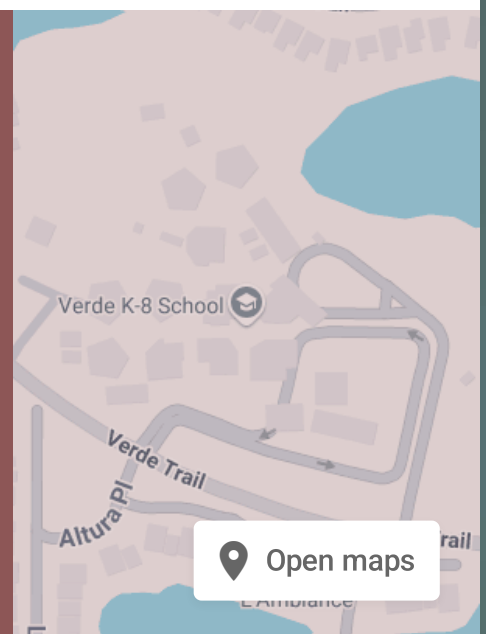
katie.marhefka@palmbeachschools.org

When?

Wednesday, Dec 11, 2024, 05:30 PM

Where?

Verde K-8 School, Verde Trail, Boca Raton, FL, USA



Spirit Dress Up Days

VERDE K-8

NO UNIFORM DAYS

2024-2025



Friday August 30th	Shine Bright for the school year in NEON!
Wednesday September 11th	Wear red , white, and blue !
Friday September 27th	Sport jersey/shirt
Thursday/Friday October 17th & 18th	Class Color Wars
Thursday October 31st	K-5 Storybook Character MS Awkward Family Photo Day
Friday November 22nd	Wear either plaid or fall colors
Friday December 20th	Wear either your Holiday pajamas or an ugly Holiday sweater
Friday January 31st	Wear your favorite hero or villain shirt
Wednesday February 26th	Wear a PINK shirt
Friday February 28th	TWIN with a friend!
Friday March 21st	K-5 Dress for your dream career MS College shirt/merchandise day
Friday April 25th	Dress like your teacher!

Clothing should be school appropriate! Students must wear sneakers and no tank tops

MS = Middle School

Save The Dates-School Dances

SAVE THE DATES

VIKING GIRL VIP DANCE
JANUARY 25TH FROM 6-9PM



VIKING BOY VIP DANCE
FEBRUARY 28TH FROM 6-9PM

VIKING GIRLS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING THE FATHER-FIGURE IN THEIR LIFE

VIKING BOYS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING THE MOTHER-FIGURE IN THEIR LIFE

BOTH DANCES WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE DATES ABOVE AT THE PAVILION GRILLE

TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE IN 2025!

Spirit Gear Sales

The online store will be open for the first two weeks of every month. See below for details.















Verde K-8 School

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Scan the QR code or go online to <https://verdek8.itemorder.com/>
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card

THE SCHOOL STORE WILL BE OPEN THE FIRST 2 WEEKS OF EVERY MONTH

Viking Performance T-Shirt  2 Colors \$17.00	Verde Circle - Hanes 50/50 T-Shirt  4 Colors \$15.00	BELLA + CANVAS Black Sponge Fleece Hoodie  3 Colors \$35.00	Vikings Performance Short  3 Colors \$16.00
Tie-Dye Adult 100% Cotton Spider T-Shirt  3 Colors \$18.00	BELLA + CANVAS Unisex Jersey Long Sleeve Tee  3 Colors \$23.00	Core 365 Core365® Mens Origin Performance Piqué Polo  4 Colors \$18.00	UltraClub Cool & Dry Meshpique Polo  4 Colors \$25.00
Ash City Ladies' Origin Performance Piqué Polo  4 Colors \$18.00	Gildan 6 Oz. 50/50 Jersey Polo  6 Colors \$18.00	Verde Middle School Long Sleeve  4 Colors \$21.00	

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Questions?
 Greg Jackson
 954-971-6193
 greg@thelionpressprinting.com

Student ID Replacement Procedures

Since the School District incurs costs related to providing ID badges to students, a student's first replacement ID badge within the school year will be free of charge to the student. In the event that a student needs a replacement ID badge beyond the first replacement ID badge a fee may be imposed to cover the replacement costs directly related to the replacement ID badge. If a student requires a replacement badge in excess of five times during the school year, the Principal or Assistant Principal is authorized to follow the established processes for the determination of consequences in compliance with the Student Code of Conduct Policies – Level 1 (5.1812 and 5.1813).

Students who have lost their ID more than one time are now being charged \$5.00. The \$5.00 replacement cost for a replacement badge will include a basic lanyard.

Help Keep Our School Safe!

It is important to remind students of the multiple ways to report bullying on campus and address what to do if they are experiencing any antisemitic incidents at school. The District has several

ways a student can report bullying, and it goes directly to the principal of each school:

- The Bullying Hotline 561-434-8200- they can report by calling it in, and a taped recording is sent directly to the school principal.
- Go to ReportBully.PalmBeachSchools.org, which opens a form and sends it directly to the principal.
- Scan a QR Code from posters found on campus to get to the same reporting form.
- A reporting form is also available from the Student Portal at sign-on.

You can access a copy of the sign below through the [Safe Schools Resource Center](#), which is available in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and Haitian Creole. Please post them throughout your campus.

Verde Cell Phone/Electronic Device Policy

At Verde K-8, the use of cell phones and electronic devices such as headsets and earbuds is strictly prohibited during school hours, including class time, breaks, lunch periods, and in the courtyard during the morning, afternoon, and at dismissal. Students are required to keep these devices turned off and stored in their backpacks. If a cell phone or electronic device is seen or heard during these times, it will be confiscated by staff, and parents will need to pick up the item from the school office. Refusing to surrender a phone or electronic device when requested by staff will result in disciplinary action. Progressive disciplinary measures will be enforced for repeated offenses to ensure responsible use of technology and maintain a focus on student accountability and parental involvement.

Important Documents

[Verde K-8 Website](#)

[Verde K-8 School Calendar of Events](#)

[Legal Definition of Social Media](#)

[School District Calendar](#)

[Code of Conduct](#)

[Student Technology Use](#)

[SIS Gateway](#)

[School Cash Online](#)

[FY25 Student and Family Handbook](#)

SEE SOMETHING. SAY SOMETHING. DO SOMETHING.

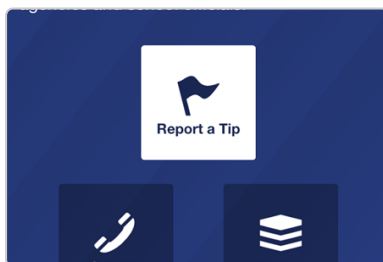


- INSTANTLY ALERT LAW ENFORCEMENT ABOUT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY & THREATS
- INCLUDE PHOTOS AND VIDEOS EASILY
- REMAIN ANONYMOUS

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FORTIFYFL



FortifyFL

FortifyFL was created and funded by the 2018 Florida Legislature as part of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act. The application was named by students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. The Office of Attorney General, Department of Education and Florida Department of Law Enforcement coordinated its development and roll-out.

🔗 getfortifyfl.com

Florida Abuse Hotline

<https://www.myflfamilies.com/services/abuse/abuse-hotline>

District Bullying Hotline

Report Anonymously

If you or someone you know is a target of bullying, abuse, mistreatment, harassment, threat or intimidation, let us know the name of your school and as many specifics of the situation as possible. Reporting is not tattling when the intention is to alert the teacher and/or administration of any harmful acts of mistreatment toward your child or others.

See Something, Say Something!

[Bullying Report](#)

OR

Call Bullying Hotline: (561) 434-8200

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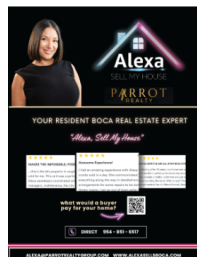
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State Farm



Verde K-8 School

Website: <https://www.palmbeachschools.org/domain/1884>

Location: 6590 Verde Trail, Boca Raton, FL 33433

Phone: [\(561\) 218-6800](tel:5612186800)



Mrs. Patrick, Principal

