

Alton and Viola Rand Elementary Schools



Here is the updated playground at Alton Elementary School!

November 2020 School Board Report

Upcoming Events

End of Trimester 1
November 20

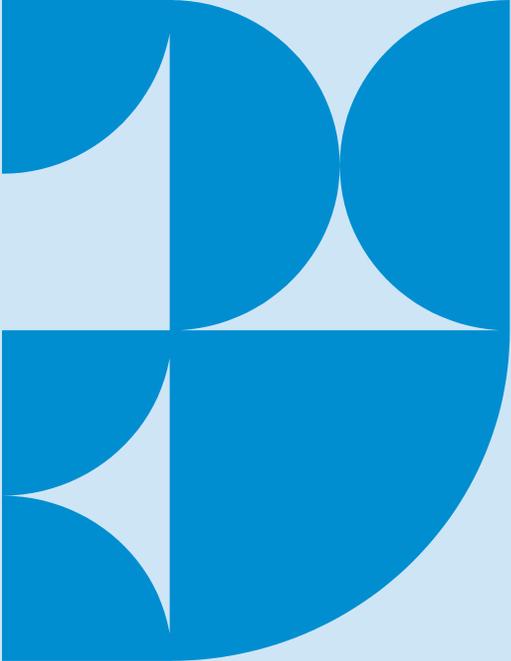
Report Cards go home
December 4

VRS PRIDE Meeting
December 2 @ 6PM

AES Parent Group Meeting
December 3 @ 6PM

For the most part, classes are continuing conventionally.

Teachers and students have settled into routines that include more handwashing and sanitizing of tables than in previous years, but the flow of the schedule resembles school pre-Covid. It is a continual challenge to plan interesting lessons, with student collaboration, that keeps them at least three feet apart and using separate materials. Small group instruction is not as commonly used due to the difficulty communicating with masks muffling voices and participants seated further apart with plexi glass shields in place. Despite these obstacles, classrooms are carrying on with lively conversations and following the curriculum as usual. The gaps in foundational skills are being addressed as they arise. We are seeing correlations between student readiness now and the emphasis families placed on student learning during the spring closure and summer break.



Teacher efforts

Teachers have been spending time after school creating RtI plans to meet the needs the academic and social needs of students. Other professional development activities have been EMDI (Early Mathematics Diagnostic Interview) training and sessions with Sharon Greaney on Making Deep Meaning Through Multiple Readings and mathematical writing. Preparing students and parents to use remote learning platforms to make that as smooth a transition as possible in the event that we go remote again has taken a lot of time. Most of the teachers have a remote learning goal for their professional development this year. Becoming acclimated to Seesaw (pre-k to 3rd grade) and Google classroom (4th and 5th) as well as experimenting with other types of technology has been time consuming. They know what they don't know this time around and have had the opportunity to prepare.



Spirit Week Oct. 26-28

Both schools had spirit weeks the last week of October. In Alton, students enjoyed tie dying masks to wear on Tie Dye Friday. Both schools had cider and a fall trail mix, pumpkin painting and a scavenger hunt on Friday, too. We were all ready for a fun week! We had a high rate of participation on the theme days. IE. "Words On Your Shirt Day", "Flannel Day", "Sunshine (yellow and shades) Day"...

Veteran's Day Car Parade at VRS

On November 10th, Veterans drove through the school yard in a parade while students waved flags and signs. They each received a number of cards made by the students. The weather was mild and helped make it a memorable time.



I had sunshine day and flannel day on a day I was in both schools!

