



# VPI NEWSLETTER



Week of April 3rd, 2017



## Spring Expedition Has Begun!

Our Spring Expedition about *Our World in Light and Shadow* has begun. For the first two



weeks, the students start experiencing being without light for the contrast of light and dark. They are also expected to recognize that there are different sources of light and sort them by natural and man-made light. All students participated in making a garden bed and planted vegetable seeds last week.

They will also plant beans and peas in pots and closely observe the plant growing process. They will do an experiment about how the sun is necessary to grow plants. Gradually, the students will talk about how shadows are produced and participate in activities related to shadows. Our showcase will be held on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:30pm to 6:15pm. More information will be coming.



## Nature Walks

The students will take Nature Walks over the next four Fridays. They will walk around the school neighborhood to build vocabulary and observe seasonal changes. They will also learn different habitats for plants and animals, which relates to the spring expedition. They will also be on the lookout for various types of birds and small mammals. Please send your child to school with comfortable walking shoes.



## Field Trip to the National Zoo

Our preschoolers will go to the zoo on Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. We will need chaperones on that day!!



## Summer School

Please consider sending your child to summer school. It will help them retain the knowledge learned at school during the school year. The summer school will run from 8:00a.m to 11:00a.m, 7/10/17 through 8/11/17 at Carlin Springs Elementary School. The summer school application is being accepted at the Campbell school office. The registration opens on **March 3<sup>rd</sup>** and the registration deadline is **May 5<sup>th</sup>**.

## Important Dates

- \* **Multicultural Night** – April 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm
- \* **Spring Break**- April 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>
- \* **Grade prep day** – April 17<sup>th</sup>, No school
- \* **Crazy Hat Day** – April 21
- \* **Garden Work Day** – April 22nd 9-12 noon
- \* **Early Release** – April 26 We dismiss children at 12:20.
- \* **Zoo Field Trip** – April 27 We leave for the zoo at 9:30.
- \* **Wetlands Festival** – April 29 4-7 pm

