



Van Schaick Tiger Cub's Tales

Van Schaick's Motto

“At Van Schaick Grade School We
Treasure Our Education and Our
Community”

**Van Schaick is nationally recognized
for a “Promising Practice” and a
“Capital Region School of
Character”**



The 3B's At Van Schaick

Be Safe
Be Respectful
Be Responsible



Communication is an important part of building a relationship between home and school. Feel free to contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.



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Mrs. Langley, Secretary ext. 4100
Mrs. Krupski, attendance ext. 4116
Mrs. Dawkins, School Nurse ext. 4106

Some things to remember:

No Dogs are allowed on school property. This includes our playground.

Supervision starts at 8:25 in the morning. Until then students are outside.

Dismissal is at 2:40, please be on time. Check out our website at www.cohoes.org to see district news and click on the Van Schaick link to see pictures and articles about things going on at our school.

Winter is Here!!!

I hope that this newsletter finds you well after an exciting holiday break!! Winter has definitely arrived so please remember that the students will be standing outside in the morning if the temperature is above 32 degrees. Please make sure your child is dressed to be outside if they are going to be here earlier then 8:50.

Van Schaick teachers will be completing benchmark assessments on all students on January 10th. The information will be used to monitor the progress students have made since September and to determine who is in need of AIS services.

Electronic Devices at VSGS – Many of our students have cell phones, IPODS and gaming devices that are very expensive. We know that many bring these things to school to use while in line or after school. **We Can Not** be responsible for their care during the day. Students have “lockers” for their coats and backpacks but they **do not lock**. If your child brings these devices into school it is **at your own risk**.

Attendance at school is critical to learning. Please have your child attend each day unless they are sick. To date we have over 75 unexcused incidences of students arriving late to school. Not only is it vital for your child's success to be here but this is a number we have to report to the state education department annually. Did you know we have one of the latest start times in our area? Please have your child(ren) here on time.

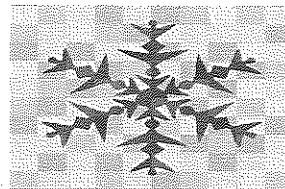
IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

January 3rd – Classes Resume
 January 16th – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – **NO SCHOOL**
 January 27th – Monthly Celebration – 1:45pm - Gym



MOST IMPROVED

Austin Hebert	Peterson
Matthew Merrow	Fitzgerald
Camryn Chicaway	Smith
Isabella DeAngelis	Burgess-Bradt
Dyllon Groff	Cioppa
Qadir Goodwin	Hytko
Troy Scott	Selig
Jenna Mills	Kellar
Robert Brown	Muscatello
Anthony Anastasio	Dorr

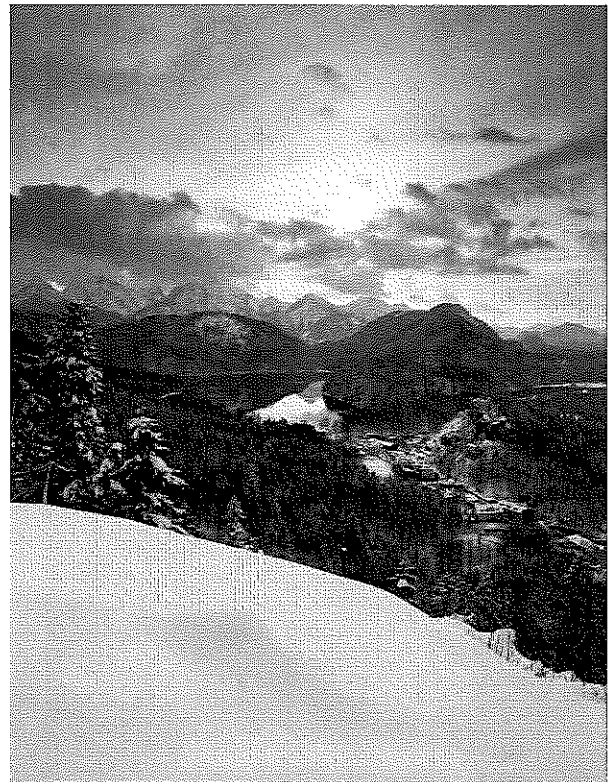


TIGER CUB OF THE MONTH

Each school day a Tiger Cub consistently demonstrates

- Effort in classwork and homework
- Respectful behavior
- Good Character Traits (responsibility, caring, trustworthiness, fairness, and citizenship)

David Clement	Peterson
Madisyn Bullock	Fitzgerald
Alexsandra Morales	Smith
Gabrielle McDermott	Burgess-Bradt
Giovanni Miles	Cioppa
Noel Gillson	Selig
Tess Boyland	Kellar
Victoria DeChiaro-D'Elia	Muscatello
Haleigh Burgess	Dorr



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
New Year's Day	NO SCHOOL	Classes Resume	RESPECT/TOLERANCE			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King, Jr. Day					
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
					Monthly Celebration - 1:45pm - Gym	
29	30	31				
	MAP TESTING GRADES 4 & 5	BEGINS 4 & 5				

January 2012

RESPECT/TOLERANCE

Happy New Year!

NO SCHOOL
Martin Luther
King, Jr. Day

Monthly
Celebration -
1:45pm - Gym

MAP TESTING
GRADES
4 & 5

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Dear Parents,

Unfortunately we started the New Year off with a boiler problem on our first day back from Christmas break. It did give us a chance to test out our school news notifier automated phone system. With news of the boiler issue and the decision being made to delay Van Schaick's opening by two hours the district sent out a phone message alerting all parents in the district. In addition, I sent out a phone blast at 7:00 am to the Van Schaick community. Unfortunately that message did not make it to all parents and a few students did arrive to school at the regular time. The emergency phone system allows us to look at each phone call made by the system and it reports whether the call was received by a live person, answered by machine or a "bad number". We had 23 "bad numbers", this includes out of service numbers and no answer by a machine or a person. It is essential that we have your current numbers. If you did not receive any call from us on Tuesday morning chances are good we do not have your correct number. Please call and we can let you know what number is attached to your child in the phone system. We apologize for any inconvenience this delay caused and hopefully things are functioning properly and won't happen again.

Jacqueline DeChiaro

