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VAN BUREN ELEMENTARY,  
GO PANTHERS!**

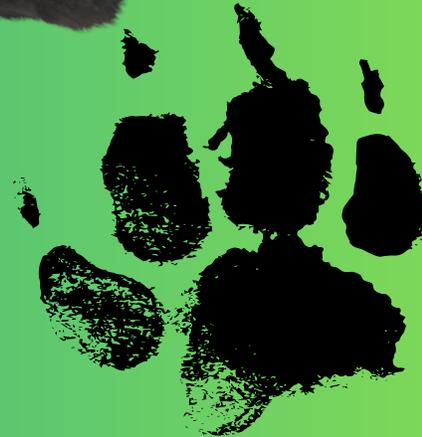


October, 2024 | Van Buren Elementary



**SCHOOL**

*hello*  
**FALL**





# STAFF SHOUT-OUTS!



## Message From Mrs. Arellano

Hello Van Buren families,

Can you believe it is already October? Our year is going by so fast that we sometimes do not get a chance to reflect on what has happened. We are resilient and persevere as we work through challenges with attendance, threats, academics, and everyday life. We are working hard to make sure our students receive a rigorous and equitable education on a safe and clean campus. We are improving every year with all our systems in place and an amazing staff.

Some changes are coming to make this school safe and secure. First, we have our new doorbell system to screen anyone who wants to enter our office. Next, we have our screening process, Hall Pass for anyone wanting to come into our campus (safety first), we also have Catapult which is an emergency system to stay communicated with our staff and district personnel in case of an emergency. Finally, a new fence is being installed on the east side parking lot for extra security. Soon there will be a new camera system to help keep our students, staff, parents, and campus safe. Our district is committed to the safety of our campuses.

How families can help make these changes work properly is to make sure you have your ID if you are coming to pick up your child early, Make sure all of your information is up to date as we can only release students to people you have listed on your emergency contact information. We send important information home via phone and email please make sure we have your current information.

We are positive we will have an amazing year with all the great teaching strategies being implemented and our staff working hard on our school culture.

Respectfully, Mrs. Arellano, Principal

## Counselors Corner

Hey hey Panthers! We had an amazing month during September. Our attendance challenge was a success, it was so great to see everyone's smiling faces everyday! This month is Red Ribbon month, promoting a drug free lifestyle. Red Ribbon Week will be Oct. 28-31st. We will be doing dress up days and activities all week to promote being drug free! Our dress up days are as follows:

Monday 28th: Put drugs to sleep - pajama day

Tuesday 29th: Use your head, don't do drugs - wear a hat

Wednesday 30th: Come together against drugs - Unity day, wear orange

Thursday 31st: Scare off the drugs - wear your Halloween costume

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns, you can leave us a note in the green mailbox by our door. We are here to support you ❤️



# PANTHER PRIDE

VAN BUREN ELEMENTARY



## The Amazing Ms. Allen Kindergarten - Jackson State

By: Serenity Beach - Nevaeh Mathews



Ms. Allen's favorite part of being a teacher is being an inspiration to the youth. The most challenging part to her is when she doesn't have parental support .

She and her class like to dance to YouTube songs for fun . She used the 3 words “ It's a vibe” to describe her class . Her class is starting IReady testing but nothing that's too special is going on . In her free time she likes to read but loves going to concerts . She feels like working at Van Buren is privileged and rewarding and it brings joy .

## Harold, the Head Honcho of Custodial Coolness!

By: Maria Reyes, Ethan Nelson.

Today we will be talking about the interview we had with Mr. Harold. Mr. Harold's favorite part of working at Van Buren is seeing the smiles on all the students' faces. The most challenging part of working at Van Buren for Mr. Harold is seeing sad students come to school. Mr. Harold likes to watch football for fun, specifically the Dallas Cowboys, his favorite team. The three words Mr. Harold would use to describe himself are that he is kind, loyal, and approachable. One of



Mr. Harold's hobbies is volunteering at church. Mr. Harold has been working at Van Buren for 27 years. The wise words Mr. Harold would say to the students is that he “Wishes the best for everyone.

## All the Scoop on Mrs. Amarante, the Vice Principal Extraordinaire!

By: Nevaeh Mathews & Serenity Beach

Ms Amarante's favorite part of working at Van Buren is the curriculum because she feels like she can make a difference . She says the most challenging part of working at Van Buren is finding ways to connect to children out on the playground . Things she enjoys doing is reading and cross stitching. Ms.Amarante is working on PBIS and the attendance of children at our school . Something she wanted to share was the fact that she always said our school was like a little gem .





# STUDENT INTERVIEWS



By: Samantha Martinez Cruz and Serenity Beach

## Question:

What is your favorite part about school?

8th grade answers:

Ray G: **Friends**

Setya Y: **Lunch**

Alexea G: **Friends**

Muffin.C: **Friends**

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7th grade answers:

Guadalupe T: **Friends**

Aaron C: **PE**

Joseph P: **Lunch**

4th Grade answers

Willie B **Math**

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3rd grade answers:

Nathalia.R: **Learning**

Guadalupe.G: **Lunch**

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2nd Grade Answers

Ariel G **The Principal**

Keyniah G. **Working**



## Students of the Month

Septembers Character Trait was all about CARING!



<b>TK/Kinder</b>		
<b>Pichardo</b>	Victoria Padilla	Vaeda Ramirez
<b>Allen</b>	Gian Munoz Cervantes	Athena Lopez
<b>Miguelino</b>	Kynzleigh Hudson	Maurkice Jackson
<b>First</b>		
<b>Barosso</b>	Dulce Roman	Juliana Pannyasee
<b>Yang</b>	Sebastian Valencia Bedolla	Ashley Dominguez Henriquez
<b>Second</b>		
<b>Dominguez</b>	Symphony Pratt	Tiburcio Lozano
<b>Chase</b>	Benjamin Turner	Yurani Trejo
<b>Kaler</b>	Jaxx Lee	Emmapaola Santiago Garcia
<b>Third</b>		
<b>Singh</b>	Elianna Beach	Ricardo Sopena
<b>Golis</b>	Aidan Hernandez	Annalicia Hernandez
<b>Saepharn</b>	Angela Guzman Moreno	Jenny Sanchez
<b>Fourth</b>		
<b>Lara</b>	Mia Juarez	Giovanni Morales
<b>Duarte</b>	Alexander Santigo	Sariyah Reaves
<b>Fifth</b>		
<b>Montero</b>	Ines Urbina Ayon	Nallely Madrid-Aguilar
<b>Ballesteros</b>	Manuel Antonio Lopez	Daniela Guerra Lopez
<b>Sixth</b>		
<b>Lupian</b>	Vincente Heredia Jr	Carlos S. Salas
<b>Fernandez</b>	Eva Xiong	Pedro Vasquez
<b>Seventh</b>		
<b>Bryant</b>	Aeneas "Dennis" Casey	Sohia Cervantes
<b>Prisock</b>	La'Riyah-Faith White	Joseph Palmer
<b>Eighth</b>		
<b>Dates</b>	Syephen Ambriz	Jocelin Gochez Garcia
<b>Teevan</b>	Kaliph Rhodes	Cain Faustino





## Monthly Magical Words

Grades K-2

Word: Give

Definition: To allow someone to have something

Sentence: I am going to give you my teddy bear.

Grades 3-5

Word: Ignore

Definition: refuse to take notice of or acknowledge

Sentence: Don't ignore me when I'm talking to you.

Grades 6-8

Word: Terrain

Definition: Terrain is a piece of land

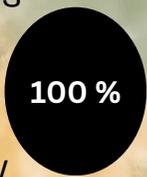
Sentence: I'm just trying to brighten up the terrain.

Can you use these words this month?

17 people voted in the poll: Do you think learning new things is fun?

The results were 100% agreeable that learning new things is fun

By: Neveah Mathews



## Mark Your Calendars!

3rd - Movie Night

4th - PBIS Assembly

7th-11th - Fall Break (NO SCHOOL)

15th - Van Buren Flu Clinic

18th - Parent Coffee Hour

23rd - State of the District Spirit Week

- 28th - Pajama Day (put drugs to sleep)
- 29th - Hat Day (use your head, don't do drugs)
- 30th - Unity Day Wear Orange (come together against drugs)
- 31st - Costumes (scare off the drugs)

25th - Trunk or Treat

28th - School Site Council

31st - Halloween

## Monthly Reflection

By: Rogelio Del Rio

**Give every day the chance to become the most beautiful day of your life**

## Guess the Teacher

Poll By: Maria Reyes

Click the Link below

Who Am I?



# FRIDAY MORNING SHOUT-OUTS!



FRIDAY is here, and you know what that means-time for our EPIC chant showdown!

By: Ethan Nelson





# Back to School Supplies



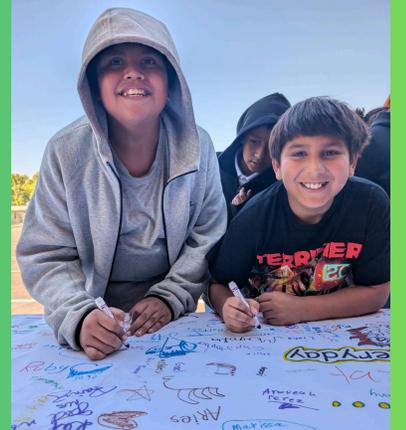
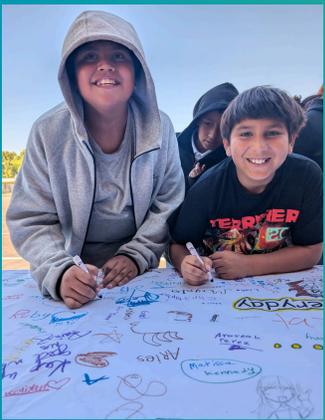
On September 6, our school had a School supply giveaway. The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation gave us Pencils, Markers, backpacks, and much more!



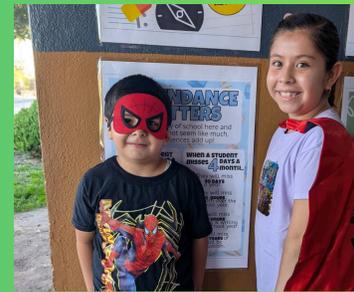
By: Nijjah Gorman-Bridges



# Spirit Week Attendance Pledge Day!



# Spirit Week ~Super Hero Day ~~~ Neon Day~



# Whispers of Haunted School Tales

AI Generated By: Ethan Nelson

## The Mystery of the Whispering Woods

ONCE UPON A TIME, IN A SMALL VILLAGE, THERE WAS A FOREST KNOWN AS THE WHISPERING WOODS. THE WIND WOULD HOWL THROUGH THE TREES, SOUNDING LIKE WHISPERS EVERY NIGHT. THE VILLAGERS SAID THE FOREST WAS ENCHANTED, AND ONLY THE BRAVEST DARED TO ENTER AFTER DARK.

ONE HALLOWEEN NIGHT, THREE FRIENDS—EMMA, JAKE, AND MIA—DECIDED TO EXPLORE THE WOODS. ARMED WITH FLASHLIGHTS AND COURAGE, THEY SET OFF ON THEIR ADVENTURE. AS THEY WALKED DEEPER INTO THE FOREST, THEY HEARD THE FAMILIAR WHISPERS. BUT TO THEIR SURPRISE, THE WHISPERS BEGAN TO SOUND LIKE GIGGLES!

EMMA, THE BRAVEST OF THE GROUP, SUGGESTED THEY FOLLOW THE SOUND. SOON, THEY CAME ACROSS A CLEARING WITH A CIRCLE OF GLOWING MUSHROOMS. IN THE CENTER OF THE CIRCLE STOOD A TINY, MISCHIEVOUS-LOOKING FAIRY. HER NAME WAS LUNA, AND SHE HAD BEEN GIGGLING ALL ALONG!

LUNA EXPLAINED THAT SHE LOVED PLAYING HARMLESS TRICKS TO SPOOK THE VILLAGERS. THE FRIENDS LAUGHED AND PROMISED TO KEEP HER SECRET. LUNA, GRATEFUL FOR THEIR KINDNESS, GAVE THEM EACH A MAGICAL ACORN THAT WOULD GLOW IN THE DARK TO LIGHT THEIR WAY HOME.

THE FRIENDS RETURNED TO THE VILLAGE, EXCITED TO SHARE THEIR STORY. FROM THAT DAY ON, THE WHISPERING WOODS WAS KNOWN NOT FOR ITS SPOOKINESS BUT FOR ITS MAGICAL FAIRY AND HER PLAYFUL WHISPERS.

WHAT DID YOU LIKE ABOUT THIS STORY? WOULD YOU EXPLORE THE WHISPERING WOODS AT NIGHT? ☾



# Students in Action



Ms. Ballesteros' class is diving into volume problems like math ninjas, getting all hands-on and crafty!

OUR SCHOOL IS BUZZING WITH STUDENTS TEAMING UP AND TACKLING PROJECTS LIKE A SUPER SQUAD!



Collaboration time in Mrs. Prisocks Room



AMAZING THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THE VAN BUREN CLASSROOMS. WILL YOUR ROOM BE HIGHLIGHTED NEXT?



Mrs. Yanez's 7th and 8th graders are unleashing their inner Picassos with some seriously stunning art!



ART TIME AT VAN BUREN. WHAT IS YOUR CLASS DOING?



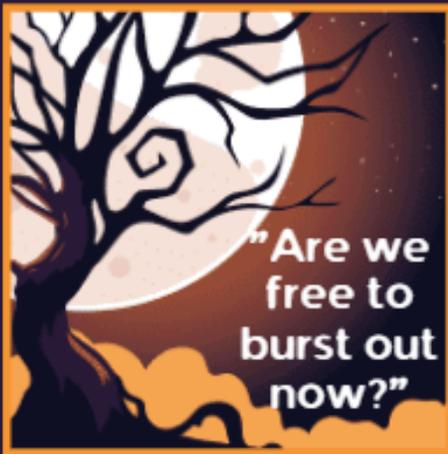
## Epic Puzzle of the Month!

By: Muffin Castle



Can you find the 12 hidden objects in the picture?

# SPOOKY SEASON IN THE ENCHANTED FOREST!



Get ready to bust a gut with jokes !

By: Rogelio Del Rio

Why did the leaf go to the doctor?

It had a bad fall



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**PRIDE!**