

November Weekly Vinal Voice

Week of Monday, November 27 - Friday, December 1, 2023



Principal's Update

Elementary Report Cards

First trimester report cards will be available in Aspen on Friday, December 8th at 3:30 PM. You may notice some updates to your child(ren)'s report card. During the 2018-2019 academic year, K-5 elementary educators from all disciplines and across both schools went through a comprehensive and collaborative report card revision process. The revision process was couched in research and in best practices with regard to standards-based

report cards. Another elementary report card revision committee was formed during the summer of 2023 to make additional adjustments. As such, the following changes were made to elementary report cards:

Reporting Categories

An additional reporting category of "N - Not yet meeting the standard" has been added, and the language corresponding to the marking codes of *B*, *D*, and *S* has been updated as follows:

N

Not yet meeting the standard

B

Beginning - Needs support meeting the standard

D

Developing - Approaching independence toward meeting the standard

S

Secure - Consistently and independently meeting the standard

Further, a narrative box, up to 750 characters, will be included to communicate on a number of specific areas such as where a child might be excelling, goals for the next term, or other pertinent information.

Approaches to Academic and Social Learning

The section of the report card that documents student progress towards demonstrating secure approaches to academic and social learning has been revised in an effort to reduce redundancy and improve clarity.

Parent/Student Friendly Language

Each grade-level, K–5, has a specific report card to communicate with parents and students where each student falls in relation to the standards in Literacy and Mathematics. In addition, each report card communicates progress towards Science and Social Studies content. Not all standards are open for grading. For example, you may see that some terms are grayed out because the specific standard(s) have not yet been taught and/or assessed.

Vinal Entry Reminder

We are fortunate to have such considerate families here at Vinal. That said, we ask that those visiting the school during school hours not hold the door open for other visitors. Thank for helping us ensure safety for all.

Student Government & PTO

The Vinal Student Government and the Vinal PTO have joined forces to support families in need this holiday season by partnering with the local charity Christmas in the City. If you would like to purchase a gift for a child in need, aged 4-12, feel free to drop it off in the Vinal Lobby before December 14th.

PreK Lottery Open

Norwell Public Schools is now accepting registrations for community preschoolers for the 2024-2025 Preschool Lottery. Any preschooler who will be 3 or 4 before September 1, 2024 is eligible to enter the lottery. Visit our website [HERE](#) to learn more.



PJ Day in Mrs. Fitzgerald's 2nd Grade Class

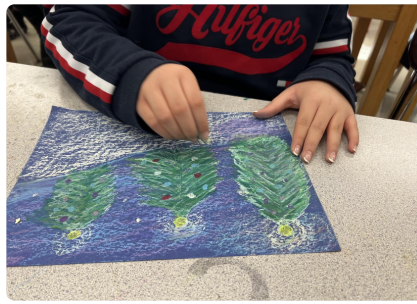


PJ Day



Mr. Lewis Teaches 1st Graders about the Solve It Space

Oil Pastels in 5th Grade Art



Nurse Kristen's Updates

Presently, there are many respiratory and gastrointestinal viruses circulating. Please help keep our school communities as healthy as possible by following these recommendations if your child is not feeling well.

Fever (>100.0° Fahrenheit or higher), nausea, vomiting, diarrhea:

- Stay home until 24 hours after symptoms have resolved AND fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication.

If your child has tested positive for COVID, please contact the school nurse for guidance on a return date to school.

- They will need to be out of school for 5 days and return on day 6. A mask is required on days 6-10 if the child has not tested negative in that time frame.

If your child has flu-like symptoms they must be 24 hours fever free without fever-reducing medication and feel better that they can make it to the school day.

Thank you for helping keep our school community healthy this cold and flu season.

Breakfast & Lunch Menus

Click [HERE](#) for the December menus.

Upcoming Dates

December 8: Report Cards available in Aspen

December 13: Elementary Early Release

December 14: Student Government Meeting

December 15: Winter Concerts

December 20: NMS Musical Performance for Vinal Students

Dec. 25 - Jan 1: No School

Updates from Mrs. LaSalle our School Psychologist

Sometimes our brains have big feelings. Some of those feelings are positive, but some are not so good. And when our brain has big feelings, we can often feel it in our bodies too. We might become tense, or tired, or shaky, or hot, or panicky. In these moments, when the “big, bad feelings” are taking over, it can be helpful to have a toolbox of coping strategies to try! Each week, check in for new strategies. Keep in mind, sometimes a strategy may work, but other times it might not. Don't give up– keep trying that strategy! And if your first strategy doesn't help, never fear. Pick

another and give that one a try! Now, let's learn about some small strategies to tame some big feelings!

Think about your pet(s): Did you know that pets are scientifically proven to improve our mood? When we think about our pets and those silly (and sometimes naughty) things they do, it usually makes us smile. What do they do that makes you smile? What's a silly or naughty behavior that makes you laugh? How do they greet you? What does their fur feel like? How does it make you feel when you play with them or cuddle with them?

Mark Your Calendars

You're invited to the

Vinal Elementary Winter Concert

Friday, December 15th 2023 in the Gymnasium

Kindergarten & 1st Grade at 9:15 AM

2nd & 3rd Grade at 10:05 AM

4th & 5th Grade at 10:55 AM

More information to come as the date approaches.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,
Stephanie Barry
Elementary Music Teacher





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This holiday season, recognize a ROCKSTAR educator with a personalized certificate and a beautiful poinsettia flower! The certificate and flower will be hand delivered to your ROCKSTAR educator. **To submit your ROCKSTAR recognition request, fill out the form below and donate a suggested minimum of \$50 to the Norwell Education Foundation by visiting <http://www.norwelledfound.org> and clicking on the Donate button at the top of the page.** Each recognition not only uplifts your ROCKSTAR Educator's spirits but donates to the Norwell Education Foundation. Each donation directly impacts the students in the Norwell Public Schools by funding teacher-written grants.

Rockstar Recognition Form

Your PTO Corner

We have some great upcoming events! Check them out here!

- **Holiday Shopping Fundraisers** are happening this week between 10am to 5pm. 10% of sales will be donated back to your Vinal PTO!
 - **12/5 Doublemint Home**, located at 106 North St. in Hingham
 - **12/7 Per Simmons**, located at 293 Washington St. in Norwell
- **Christmas in the City Toy Drive** is happening now until Dec 15th! Please bring unwrapped toys, sporting goods, craft sets, etc. for children age range 4-12 years old to bring joy to families in homeless shelters. Drop off in the boxes in front of the school lobby.
- **1/6 Dad's Hockey Exhibition Game** organized together by Vinal and Cole dads! Free admission. All proceeds will be given to both Vinal and Cole PTOs. Lovell Arena, 120 Bill Delahunt Pkwy. in Rockland
- **Vinal & Narwhal Gear** is Now Available—and the perfect gift for your Vinal student(s)! Items are currently 20% off and they offer free shipping for orders over \$75! Shop [here](#)!

If you haven't already, please join our [Facebook Group](#) or on [Instagram](#). Our website is up to date too! Check it out vinalpto.com to learn about upcoming events, find out when PTO meetings are being held, support the school, and much more!

If you are interested in getting more involved, we'd love to have you! Please email us at vinalpto@gmail.com.

Thank you for all of your continued support! ~ Your Vinal PTO

**SHOP TO SUPPORT
COLE & VINAL PTOS!**



see you there!

DEC. 5, 10-5PM AT DOUBLEMINT HOME
DEC. 7, 10-5PM AT PER SIMMONS

VINAL

**Holiday SALE
20% OFF**



**GREAT GIFTS FOR THE
WHOLE FAMILY!**

Guaranteed Delivery By DEC. 23rd

1ST PLACE SportsCenter | ORDER AT 1STPLACE.SALE/42052
SALE RUNS 11/6 - 12/8

SCAN HERE TO ORDER

**HOCKEY DADS
EXHIBITION
MATCH**

LOVELL ARENA
120 BILL DELAHUNT PKWY, ROCKLAND

VINAL VS COLE

SATURDAY | JAN 6TH | AFTERNOON (TIME TBD)

FREE TO ATTEND, BRING SIGNS + CHEER, BUY
RAFFLE TICKETS, ENJOY FUN FAMILY TIME



HELP A FAMILY IN NEED THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

BRING IN NEW, UNWRAPPED GIFTS
FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-12
BY THURS, DEC 14TH

DROP OFF IN THE BOXES IN
FRONT OF THE OFFICE



*Christmas
in the City*

FRIDAY DECEMBER 8th

CLIPPER FUN NIGHT

@ VINAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



ADMISSION
\$25

**4th & 5th
GRADERS**

6-8pm

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NORWELL SEPAC



Please join Norwell SEPAC for a

Parent Night Out

You're invited to The Fours-Norwell

Do you want to connect with other parents in our town? Do you need a night out before the craziness of the holidays? We would love to see some new and old faces! Bring a friend too! The more the merrier!

Date: Thursday, December 7th

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: The Fours-Norwell 285 Washington Street,
Norwell

All are welcome! We hope you can join us!

"SHINE THE LIGHT" LUMINARY EVENT: HONORING OUR LOVED ONES WITH DEMENTIA

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2023
NORWELL TOWN HALL, CIRCULAR ENTRANCE
4:30 - 6:00 P.M.



Shining our lights together to diminish the darkness
and illuminate a path towards a world without
dementia.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Each \$5 donation provides a luminary bag with your
personalized message displayed honoring a loved one with
dementia. Please include your name, phone number, the
name(s) of you loved one(s) and luminary message.

Checks can be made payable and sent to:

Norwell Council on Aging

P.O. Box 699

Norwell, MA 02061

or dropped off at the Norwell Senior Center at 293 Pine St, by December 18.

For more information, call the Norwell Council on Aging at 781-659-7878

Proceeds support the Forget Me Not Cafe social program



Diana DeCoste

Diana is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters

