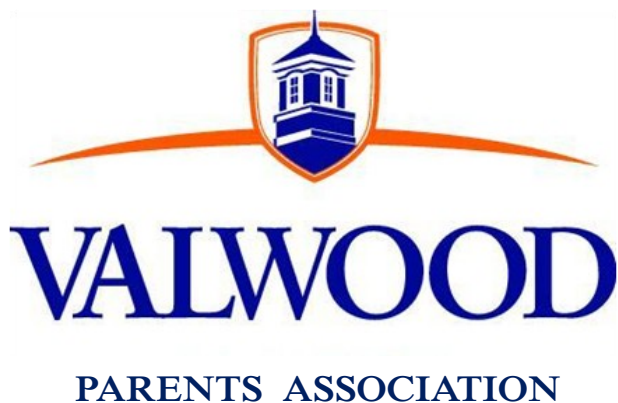


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2011-2012  
School Year

January 2012

## Welcome Back and Happy Winter

The "Back to School Newsletter" received such a great response that I thought it would be helpful to give you a VPA mid-year update. Inside this newsletter you will find information on our VPA Committees, along with an update on Spring Auction information. I hope this will encourage you to continue doing your part as we all work together to make Valwood a school of excellence!

At the beginning of each school year several members of the VPA Board, along with the Headmaster, work together to create a budget as to how we can support the school. This budget then becomes our auction fundraising goal then we are able to put this directly back into our school where we see the greatest need based on requests given to us. The VPA Board, along with Dr. Pascavage, met on Wednesday, October 12, to review, discuss and vote on how to best distribute the proceeds from last year's auction. I think it is important to let you know what we voted on so you can see how important your support and attendance at our Spring Auction is beneficial for everyone at our school!

Due to the great success of last year's auction, here are a few things we were able to do for the school: \$85,000 was contributed for the budgeted operating expenses of materials, supplies, and support of programs in each division, we provided over \$900 worth of repairs/upgrades for LS, MS & faculty computers, picnic tables delivered to LS playground, purchase of overhead projectors in several US classrooms (where teaching can be incorporated with numerous technology devices), bonus options were given to our faculty, over \$2100 was given to MS&US for purchase of classroom technology & books, a donation was made to the library, and we aided in the sponsorship of Homecoming. Lastly, after hearing for several years about a great need in two areas of our school we are excited about being able to 1) create a substitute fund to help aid our teachers when they are sick and 2) create a continuing education class/workshop fund for our teachers, managed by Dr. P, that will greatly benefit our children as we move forward in education!

There are a few other items/requests that I am still working on for LS & the Arts Center, but my hope is through this newsletter you will see how your support at our Spring Auction benefits our entire school. I want to **thank you**, in advance, for what each of you will do in the upcoming months to help us make our 40th Spring Auction a huge success!

*Renee Spell, VPA President 2011-2012*

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## Veteran's Day Program

This year our Veteran's Day Program was on Thursday, November 10. We had over 100 veterans come to watch our MS kids perform, enjoy a wonderful brunch, and then be interviewed by the students. Ms. Blanton was happy to report that this was our largest attendance to date! It was a wonderful event that the MS students, Ms. Blanton, & The Gourmet Guys put together for our local veterans. Thank you so much to the VPA parents who donated their golf carts, time, and welcoming smiles to help ensure a successful day for all involved!



## TLC—Faculty Appreciation

Our TLC Chairs have been hard at work this year in many different ways making sure our faculty and staff know how much they are appreciated. We started with a *Welcome Back to School* breakfast, and gave each faculty member a new Valwood lunch bag. We also donated Valwood umbrellas to our deans to use at the school with helping the students around our campus.

With the help of our parent volunteers, each of our representatives have organized breakfast or lunch numerous times throughout the fall. Along with the wonderful meals, Fresh Beginnings has graciously offered to work along side our TLC representatives in providing a tin of their delicious cookies to each faculty member on his or her birthday!

Thank you Hugh & Judy Hathcock for your continued commitment to our school and our faculty! Also, thank you TLC volunteers for ALL of your time and efforts! If this is something you would like to be a part of please be sure to contact them today!

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## Welcome Committee

Our Welcome Committee began the year with a fun tailgate party in honor of our new families and to help kick off the Valiant's Football Season. Despite the rain, there was a great turnout with tons of food, friends, and conversation!

Since then all of our new families have been paired up with returning families to help assist them during the school year by encouraging their involvement, and answering questions or concerns as they arise.

There will be one last social event at Sur Este for our new families and Welcome Committee in the Spring. If you are new to our school and have not been contacted by this committee, please be sure to email one of the ladies listed below!

*Again, Welcome New Families!*

*We Love Having You as a Valiant!*

*Keri Dean, Co-Chair ([kdean@live.com](mailto:kdean@live.com))*

*Anne McLeod Co-Chair ([amcleod@gocats.org](mailto:amcleod@gocats.org))*

## Cares Committee

Our Cares Committee has been doing a wonderful job of providing meals for our families in need. The committee has served 6 families since school began and are still providing meals for 2 families right now. If you have a need or know someone who can benefit from this service, please be sure to contact Kimberly as the needs arise. We have a wonderful committee of 19 members ready to serve our Valwood family!

Lastly, if this is a committee you are interested in serving on, please contact Kimberly and she will put you on our calendar rotation. The meals can be homemade, ordered, or purchased through Chef Don.

*Kimberly Caldwell, Chair,*

*[INKC2@earthlink.net](mailto:INKC2@earthlink.net)*

## Extreme Team Day

Thank you very much to ALL of our wonderful parent volunteers who helped make Extreme Team Day a huge success! The room was filled with excitement, laughter, and learning. It is always such fun to watch the students think “outside the box” and learn new ways to work together as a team. Several students were recognized for their leaderships skills, while others were praised for their tireless efforts to be creative to complete the task at hand! This day could not have been so much fun without your donations, time, and enthusiasm!



## Auction Updates & News

It's that time of year...as I took on the job of the VPA Presidency, I inherited numerous three ring binders filled with documentation, timelines, and suggestions from the past presidents on how to best organize the school year. Almost every one of them said, "Come January: auction, auction, auction!!!" So, I would like to give you an update on what has been done so far and how you can help as we celebrate, **Valwood's 40th Spring Auction!!**

Our Live Committee has had great success in coming up with numerous items that will be a lot of fun. We have several *new* items this year that we hope will get the bids going high...even a few things that are in demand in and around our school! Our Silent Committee has met a few times and is working hard to collect donations throughout our community. If you have a donation that you would like to make OR you are interested in a Sponsorship please contact one of the chairmen listed below (please note: January 31st is our **final cut off** date for making items into the program). Just as we did last year, we will not be assigning seats or tables at the auction. If you would like a reserved table or seat, please consider contributing as a Gold Level or Presenting Sponsor.

If Live/Silent committees aren't your forte, we would like to ask for your help in other ways. For the night of the auction, we need a few more people to help with Steel's Treasure Chest. If you know you can't attend the auction but are interested in supporting this event, our Tuition Raffle and Class Baskets Chairmen are still in need of volunteers. Please contact one of the chairmen below, or me, if this is something in which you are interested.

As most of you know, it takes many people working together to have this event be successful for OUR school. If you have helped in the past but needed a break for a few years, please consider jumping back on board in some way to support this fun event. If you are new and want to be involved, please contact me today! We appreciate your wisdom and are happy to use your hands, mind, and willing body! :) Consider helping on a committee that works best for you! I look forward to working with each of you throughout the remainder of this school year as our auction once again culminates into something wonderful!

Save the date for **May 5, 2012**, for 'An Evening at the Race', it will be an event you will NOT want to miss!

### **40th Annual Spring Auction Committee Chairmen:**

#### Auction Chairmen: Renee Spell & Amy Smith

Live Chair: Wendi Evans

Silent Chairmen: Stephanie Kimbro & Holly Hutchinson

Decorations Chairmen: Stephanie Hughes & Lynn Browning

Class Projects Chairmen: Jessica Castor & Gayla Shaw

Response & Check-In Chair: Kelly Call

Sponsors Chairmen: Mendi Griner & Elizabeth Burns

Closing Chairmen: Mary Ann Saliba & Debbie Nijem

Program Chair: Amy Sharon

Treasure Chest Chair: Jayne Godwin

Girardins Horse Racing Game: Tom Call, Bubba Highsmith & Tommy Nijem

Ticket Booth Sales: Vallye Blanton

Tuition Raffle: Jim & Julie Godbee

**\*Attention Ladies-** As you begin thinking about what you will wear to this fun event, be on the look out for a pre-order form from our Silent Committee where you can order your very own, one of a kind derby hat created by Valwood parent, Lynn Vallotton...details to follow!



My FUN hat Lynn made last year!

**\*\*All proceeds from the sale of the hats will go to the school. \*\***


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Visit our website:  
[www.valwood.org](http://www.valwood.org)

## Publix Cards

Do you shop at Publix? Did you know that you can have them scan your Publix card when shopping and they will donate a certain percentage of your purchases back to our school? Every amount helps!

Please stop by the school office to pick one up or request one to be sent home with your child. Thank you for helping support Valwood every way possible!

## Mark Your Calendars

Saturday, January 21, 2012

Reverse Car Auction

Tuesday January 31, 2012

**FINAL** Deadline for Donations/Sponsorships to Make Auction Program

Friday, March 9, 2012

Family Fun Movie Night on the Quad

Friday, April 27, 2012

Grandparents Day-Noon Dismissal

Saturday, May 5, 2012

40th Annual VPA Spring Auction