

# Vicenza ES Newsletter

Home of the Cougar Cubs!



## Vicenza ES School Hours

**K-5: Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri  
(8:00 AM - 2:40 PM)**

**THURSDAY EARLY RELEASE  
0800 - 1340**



If you need to pick up your child early from school, please note the following schedule:

♦ **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday:**  
Pick up before **2:20 PM.**

♦ **Thursday:**  
Pick up before **1:20 PM.**



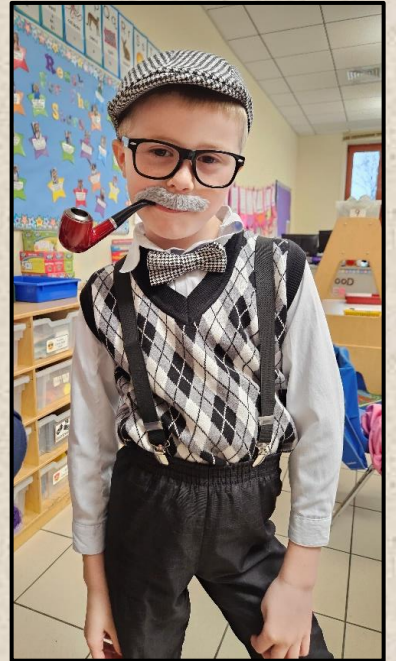
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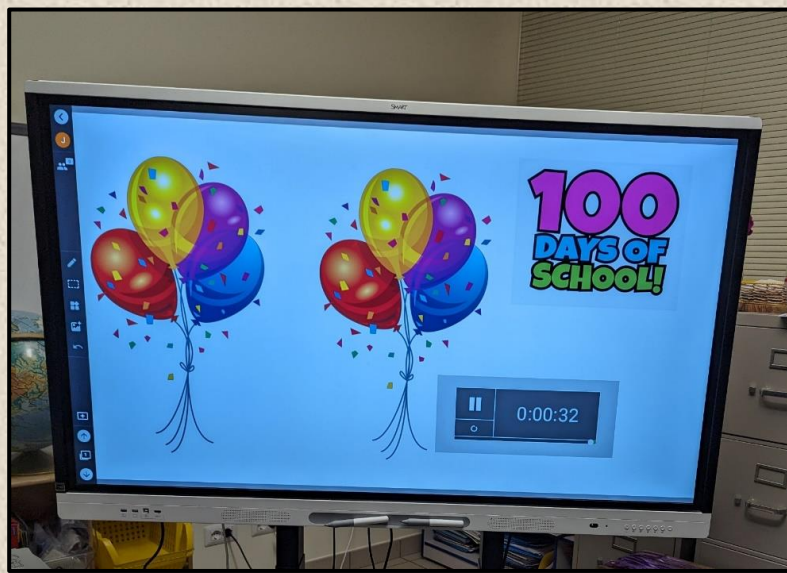




Mrs. Becker's First Grade students are showcasing the 100<sup>th</sup> Day.







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# A PARENT WORKSHOP

OMTherapy Invites you to:

## 'Building Blocks: OT & SLT Early Strategies'

"Gain the edge in early intervention  
with our OT and SLT experts!  
Explore practical strategies tailored  
to kickstart your child's  
journey towards success."

R.S.V.P by 06 March 2024

MARCH 09, 2024  
10AM-12PM  
20 PER FAMILY



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- VICENZA - ITALY



info@omtherapy.it







Cougar Cubs are



One of a KIND Readers

Virtual Author  
Visits

Brought to you by our VES PTSA

**Bridget Heos**  
Virtual Visit  
Monday, March 4th



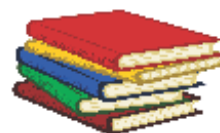
**Ganit and Adir Levy**  
Virtual Visit  
Tuesday, March 5th  
1:30-2:00

**Signed books available through  
VES PTSA**



# Family Literacy Night

**4:30-6:30**  
Dinner for purchase and more  
activities in the cafeteria!



*Select one session to attend for each time block. Sessions will include kid-friendly activities!*

	<b>Choice 1</b> Pre-K & Kindergarten Room 0281	<b>Choice 2</b> 1st Grade Room 0264	<b>Choice 3</b> 2nd Grade Library Atrium	<b>Choice 4</b> 3rd Grade Room 1088	<b>Choice 5</b> 4th Grade Library	<b>Choice 5</b> 5th Grade Music Room
<b>5:00-5:25</b>	<b>The Letter Y Says...What?!</b>  Play letter sound bingo to learn how some letters may say different sounds than you may think!	<b>Soaring high with high-frequency words!</b>  Meet "Heidi Songs" creator and learn how this resource can help your child soar in reading!	<b>Phonics Bingo!</b>  What do the phonograms <i>ee</i> , <i>ea</i> , and <i>y</i> have in common? They can all make the same sound! Play a round of bingo to build your phonics knowledge.	<b>I Spy...</b>  Go on a scavenger hunt to find special features of nonfiction text. Learn how these important elements can support your child's reading comprehension.	<b>Talk the Talk!</b>  Build your child's vocabulary at home using fun activities. Learn about vocabulary journals and vocabulary at the dinner table!	<b>Poetry Slam!</b>  Students will be sharing poems they've written or chosen in class. Please stop by to be an audience member and/or presenting poet!
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# *Literacy Night Dinner*

MARCH 6, 2024

Meals served 4:30pm - 6:30pm

**\$5 per meal**

**CHOICE OF HOT DOG OR GRILLED CHEESE**

ALL MEALS WILL INCLUDE: DRINK, CHIPS, & COOKIE

## **PAYMENT OPTIONS**

**ONLINE PURCHASE, PLEASE SCAN QR CODE  
or USE THIS LINK:**

<https://vicenza.memberhub.com/store>



## **CASH ONLY SALES**

-IN PERSON SALES - FEBRUARY 15 & 16 7:50-8:10 AM

INSIDE VES LOBBY - SEND MONEY AND FORM WITH YOUR STUDENT

- NIGHT OF THE EVENT \$6 (limited supply)

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Please only bring to school on February 15 or 16 -  
money will not be accepted on other days.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade/Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Hot Dog Meal

Quantity: \_\_\_\_

Grilled Cheese Meal

Quantity: \_\_\_\_

**Total Meals** \_\_\_\_

**Amount Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_



# FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT

*One of a KIND readers!*



## WHEN

Wednesday, March 6th  
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

## WHERE

Vicenza Elementary School

## WHAT

An evening of fun reading activities to  
celebrate Read Across America Week!

## READING FUN FOR EVERYONE!

### BOOK SHOP

Buy books guest authors,  
Bridget Heos and Ganit &  
Adir Levy.

### PARENT TIPS

Learn tips and tricks to  
help your child improve in  
reading and writing!

### DINNER

Enjoy dinner provided by  
the PTSA! Discounted  
price for pre-orders. Use  
attached pre-order form.

### POC

Tessa Wilson  
[tessa.wilson@dodea.edu](mailto:tessa.wilson@dodea.edu)







PLEASE JOIN US FOR



# Guided Gatherings

RECLINE & UNWIND WHILE  
BUILDING CONNECTIONS

\***FREE** monthly gathering the 3rd Wednesday of EVERY month  
for parents to connect and support each other.

\*Expect guided movement activity, relaxation, and conversation  
with spirit-free seasonal beverages provided.

\*To sign up call: 0444-71-5813/5800 or drop by ACS.

21 FEBRUARY 3:30 TO 4:30 PM

IN THE RECOVERY ZONE  
AT THE EDERLE FITNESS CENTER







**USARMY HEALTH  
CLINIC- VICENZA**

# **COVID-19 VACCINE**

**NO  
APPOINTMENT  
NEEDED**

Every Thursday Starting  
**18 January 2024**  
From 0800-1100

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@ READINESS  
CLINIC



**Now Available With A Limited supply**

**The 2023-2024 Pfizer-BioNTech Vaccine**

*For More Information:*

**First Come First Served**

**PH: 0444 61 9120**  
**dha.usag-italy.vicenza-ahc**  
**.mbx.ahc-vicenza-readiness**  
**@health.mil**



# Accreditation Corner

The DoDEA Mission, Vision, and Core Values represent enduring principles that guide the efforts of Europe South and our school, Vicenza Elementary School. Among these core beliefs, Continuous Improvement is paramount, as it directs our focus toward meeting the diverse needs of all our students. In late February and early March 2023, Europe South schools will host an accreditation team comprising educators from both within and outside the DoDEA community.

Europe South schools, including Vicenza Elementary, welcome the opportunity to receive feedback and engage in collaborative efforts aimed at fulfilling our mission, vision, and core beliefs. If you are interested in supporting Vicenza Elementary in preparing for this accreditation visit, please reach out to Emily Robinette at VES. For further insights into the accreditation process, you can explore <https://www.dodea.edu/education/accreditation>.

Periodically, we will address frequently asked questions about the accreditation process.

## **What is accreditation?**

Accreditation is a voluntary dual-purpose process that schools (1) must be worthy of the trust placed in them to provide high-quality learning opportunities and (2) clearly demonstrate continual self-improvement.

An accredited school is focused on a mission and goals for students; it is student-oriented and examines its students' performance continuously; it accepts objective evaluation from a team of outside peer professionals; it maintains a qualified faculty within an effectively organized school; it collaboratively assesses the quality of its educational programs on a regular basis; and it plans for the future.

## **What does it mean to be accredited?**

An accredited school has met an external set of rigorous set of standards and processes, which eases the process of transferring credits from one school to another as well as gaining greater access to federal loans, scholarships, postsecondary education and military programs that require attendance at an accredited institution.

## **Are all of DoDEA's schools accredited?**

Yes, all of DoDEA's schools are accredited through Cognia.



# PARENTS

## The Information You Need!



### Vicenza Elementary School School Year 2023-2024 Calendar



#### February 2024

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

**19** Presidents Day - Federal Holiday  
**20** CCRS Q3 Training-No Students  
**26** Sure Start teacher work day  
**No** Students for Sure Start

#### March 2024

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

**1, 4 & 5** Sure Start Home Visits (1)  
**No** School for Sure Start Students  
**11** CSI Half Day Early Release **11AM**  
**21** End of Quarter 3  
**22** Teacher Work Day-No Students  
**25-29** Spring Break

#### April 2024

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

**1** CCRS Q4 Training-No Students  
 Begin Quarter 4  
**2** Instruction Resumes

#### Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri

G	Lunch	Recess	Special
KN	1035-1055		1215-0100
1st	1040-1100	1105-1125	1355-1440
2nd	1110-1130	1135-1155	1305-1350
3rd	1110-1130	1135-1155	0815-900
4th	1135-1155	1200-1220	0945-1030
5th	1135-1155	1200-1220	1045-1130



#### THURSDAY

G	Lunch	Recess	Special
KN	1025-1045		1210-1245
1st	1030-1050	1055-1115	1255-1330
2nd	1100-1120	1125-1145	1015-1050
3rd	1100-1120	1125-1145	0815-0850
4th	1125-1145	1150-1210	0855-0930
5th	1125-1145	1150-1210	0935-1010







# PARENTS

## The Information You Need!

School Menu now is available using the link below or using the LINQ Connect App [LINQ Connect - AAFES DODEA](#)

<div>  <b>SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAM</b> </div>				
February 2024      Vicenza Schools      Breakfast				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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<div> <div> 26  Ham &amp; Cheese Bagel  Cereal  Choice of Fruit  Choice of Fruit Juice  Milk </div> </div>	<div> <div> 27  Waffles  Sausage Patty  Choice of Fruit  Choice of Fruit Juice  Milk </div> </div>	<div> <div> 28  Muffin Choice  Scrambled Eggs/Bacon Slices  Choice of Fruit  Choice of Fruit Juice  Milk </div> </div>	<div> <div> 29  Pancake/Sausage Bites  Scrambled Eggs  Choice of Fruit  Choice of Fruit Juice  Milk </div> </div>	<div> <div>  </div> </div>

**MEAL PRICES**  
**Students:** All Grades  
Full Price \$2.00  
Reduced Price \$0.30  
Non-Student \$4.25  
Breakfast Plus \$1.50



**Students:** Full Price  
Elementary \$3.50  
Secondary \$3.75  
Reduced Price K-12 \$0.40  
Non-Student \$7.50  
Lunch Plus K-12 \$2.25

**Free Menu Item**  
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(V)=Vegetarian Option

All meals served with a choice of chocolate or unflavored MILK

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Modifications can be made to safeguard the wellbeing of our students. See call to action for more information. We must have a letter from your pediatrician on file stating the allergy and appropriate substitutions before we can make menu modifications.  
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<div> <div> 5  Chicken Tenders &amp; Waffles  Broccoli &amp; Cheese Soup/Veggie Wrap (V)  Biscuit w/ Sausage &amp; Egg  Honey Glazed Carrots  Coleslaw  Strawberry Cup </div> </div>	<div> <div> 6  Cheese Breadsticks/Marinara Sauce (V)  Meatball Sub  Pork Burrito  Baked Beans  Fresh Broccoli Bites  Choice of Fruit </div> </div>	<div> <div> 7  Canadian Bacon Pizza (V)  Cold Italian Pasta Salad  Green Beans  Dark Green Side Salad  Choice of Fruit  Chocolate Chip Cookie </div> </div>	<div> <div> 8  Chicken Alfredo Pasta  Alfredo Mac Pasta (V)  Chicken &amp; Veggie Dumplings  Crispy Rice  Green Peas/Cherry Tomato Bowl  Choice of Fruit </div> </div>	<div> <div> 9  Cheeseburger/Hamburger  BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich  Veggie Caesar Salad (V) / Dinner Roll  Pizza Bean Cup  Sweet Potato Fries  Choice of Fruit </div> </div>
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**Contact Us**

 **Vicenza Elementary School**  
Home of the Cougars Cubs!  
0444 1060 112  
Please press option 6

 **ATTENDANCE**  
Absences or Tardies  
[VicenzaES.attendance@dodea.edu](mailto:VicenzaES.attendance@dodea.edu)

 **Principal**  
[Principal.VicenzaES@dodea.edu](mailto:Principal.VicenzaES@dodea.edu)  
**FACULTY & STAFF MEMBER**  
[firstname.lastname@dodea.edu](mailto:firstname.lastname@dodea.edu)

 **VICENZA ES DoDEA**  
<https://www.dodea.edu/VicenzaES>

 **VICENZA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
<https://www.facebook.com/VicenzaES>

## CHAIN OF COMMAND

DoDEA, like the military, utilizes a chain of command.

Issues are best resolved at the lowest possible level. Parents must follow the chain of command, starting with the teacher or staff member. If an issue cannot be resolved directly with Vicenza Elementary School teachers/staff members, sponsors have access to the Assistant Principal and Principal. If there is no resolution at the Principal's level, sponsors then have access to the Community Superintendent and Superintendent or his designee.



# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT



## Going Home

Parents wishing to pick their children up from school may meet their children in the area in front of the school.

All students assigned to a bus will ride that bus \*unless otherwise cleared with the transportation office\*

Parents must meet their children at the home bus drop off point.

Any exceptions regarding the destination of students after school must be in the form of a note or an email sent early in the day notifying the following emails

[vicenzaES.attendance@dodea.edu](mailto:vicenzaES.attendance@dodea.edu)  
[vicenza.sbo@dodea.edu](mailto:vicenza.sbo@dodea.edu)

and the child's teacher, i.e. don't ride the bus today, go to SAC, etc.

Without a written note, the Student will be directed to go home in the usual manner. Phone calls with changes in how your child goes home will NOT be accepted after 14:20 Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri and after 13:20 Thurs unless there is an emergency.