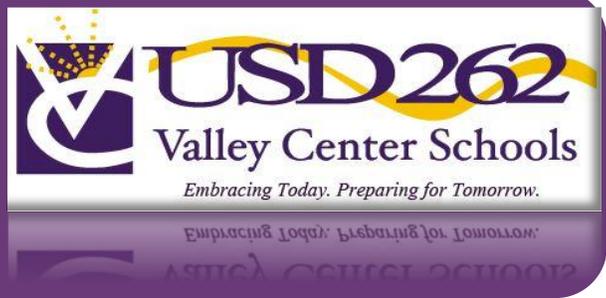


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VCMS Social & Emotional Support Additions

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With the new vision for education in Kansas focusing on social and emotional growth as well as a #VCvision2020 focus on developing well-rounded students, Valley Center Middle School has made some additions to its social and emotional support for all stakeholders.

Mrs. Hiebert and I have created a new publication, VCMS HORNET HELP, our social and emotional newsletter. Each month we will be providing parents, students and staff a newsletter about topics concerning social and emotional health. Currently in the newsletter we have highlighted steps for conflict resolution, proper social media etiquette, provided guidance on bullying and how to be an up stander to bullying, as well as topics to talk about with family members. We are excited to provide this resource to our stakeholders.

The newsletter isn't the only new thing that we have going on at VCMS. Our STUCO has started a welcoming committee for new students. STUCO provides our new Hornet members a welcoming bag that has some cool VC gifts inside, and they assign a STUCO student to sit with the new student at lunch. There also is a new behavior reflection form being used to allow students to reflect on their negative interactions while focusing on future positive changed behavior. During Seminar, our students are work on Thrively and Second Step, which provide students with character education curriculum and self-management activities.

These are just a few of the activities and opportunities that we are excited about. You can find links to the parent and student edition of Hornet Help below. As always, we appreciate the opportunity to have an impact on your students' lives. We look forward to seeing parents at parent teacher conferences where we can share more of the exciting things going on at VCMS!

Hornet Help (student edition)

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bnDD3ItYI8gxLEIah0n9maArgYpC-JEC9hLU_f35htE/edit?usp=sharing

Hornet Help (parent edition)

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FNqWtDP14EIEH3ZYpYdDwlKp1k7DQEGflxNx3yecMak/edit?usp=sharing>

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