# Village Charter Academy Parent Meeting

OCTOBER 17, 2014

### Fall Fundraisers

- Smencils: We will be selling smencils (smelly pencils) for \$1.25 ea./ \$5.00 for 5 as one of our fall fundraisers. Students will place orders with their teacher.
- October 20<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup>: Students interested in buying a smencil will turn in their order form with their money to their teacher. If they need an additional order form they can ask their teacher. Orders will be filled and returned within 24 hours.
- October 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>: "Boo Grams". Students and parents can buy a smencil along with a message to be delivered to the classrooms. They are \$1.25 ea./\$5.00 for 5.
  - "Boo Grams" can be turned in two different ways-
  - 1. Parents interested in buying "Boo Grams" can turn in orders to the main office or to their child's teacher.
  - 2. Students buying "Boo Grams" can turn their orders in to their teacher.

All Smencil and Boo Grams purchases will need to have exact change!

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#### ABC Discount Card

- We will be selling ABC Discount Cards beginning around the Thanksgiving Holiday. These cards will cost \$15 and are good for a year! They will provide a variety of discounts to local and major businesses that can be used repeatedly throughout the year.
- We will notify the parents of the different types of discounts available when we have the final list.

### Halloween Parade

- We will be having our Halloween Parade on October 31st at 2:15.
- Student will change into their costumes after lunch (1:00pm).
- Students can either bring their costumes in a bag in the morning or parents can bring them prior to the parade and help them change into their costume.
- All costumes need to be safe and cannot have any type of weapons, including knives or guns.
- If your child does not celebrate Halloween they still need to come to school on Halloween. Students will be participating in academics prior to lunch and preparing for the parade.
- Note- Remember we are a nut free campus so if you are bringing any treats for your child's classmates please make sure they do not contain nuts.

#### Trunk or Treat

- We are partnering with the Canoga Park Lutheran Church to have our first Annual "Trunk or Treat."
- Parents that are interested in handing out candy as part of the "Trunk or Treat" need to turn in their information to the main office.
- The church and the school will each have spaces for 10 cars each. There will be a waiting list if we have more then 10 families interested in participating.
- We are also accepting candy donations for the event.
- We will be having a table to advertise our school as part of the event.
- Trick or Treaters will be able to come between 5:30-8:15.

#### Dias De Los Muertos

- We will have a booth at the Dias De Los Muertos Festival in Downtown Canoga Park on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- The times of the festival are from 10am-5pm.
- We will be using this opportunity to advertise our school and will also have a small craft for the students to do!
- Let us know if you would like to volunteer.
- We hope to see you there!

## Student Recognition Assembly

- Every month we will be recognizing students for the following reasons:
  - Academic Achievement
  - × Citizenship
  - × Most Improved
- We will also announce all the students that had perfect attendance for the month.
- If your child is being recognized for Academic Achievement, Citizenship, or Most Improved then you will receive an invitation to attend the assembly.

## Report Cards/ Parent Conferences

- We have finalized our report cards and are beginning to prepare for parent conferences.
- Parent conferences will be held at the beginning of November.
- Your child's teacher will work with you to set up a convenient time for your conference.
- The following items will be discussed during parent conferences:
  - Academic Progress
  - Goal-Setting for the next reporting period
  - Attendance
  - Personal Development
  - English Language Acquisition (when applicable)

## Parent Advisory Council

- We will be forming our Parent Advisory Council. This council will meet 2-4 times a year to discuss issues and approve documents that directly relate to students that are either Low-Socioeconomic or Second Language Learners.
- Parents of this committee are elected by other parents.
- We are asking parents to self nominate here today. If we have more then we need, then we will hold an election.
- The first meeting will be next week as we review the Single School District Plan for presentation to VCA's Governing Board. This plan is then sent to the California Department of Education. Once this plan is approved by the state, it will trigger funding for our English Learners and Socioeconomically Disadvantaged students.

## Thank you for coming!

We really appreciate all the parent support in making our school a success!