

Happy 2021!!

I've seen and heard so many memes and other jokes bidding good riddance to 2020.

While 2020 was an unusual year, it's all we had. Eleanor Roosevelt said it best,

"Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift.

That's why we call it 'The Present'".

So now that 2020 is history, let's think about what we've learned.

Think of all the goods and services we went without and found we could live without!

School, however, isn't one of those services. Most would agree that virtual learning was a necessary substitute, utilized for safety, but it can never replace face-to-face instruction with loving, dedicated teachers; especially for elementary students. My wish, again, is that we will return to VES in January and stay firmly planted for the rest of the school year.

January's character trait, *Commitment to Learn*, is especially meaningful this year.

During the morning announcements we recite the VES Promise.

The last sentence states: "I am here and I am ready to learn".

Coming ready to learn means that students stick with reading, math, science, social studies, or any subject, even when their bodies, brains, and eyes get tired.

Vermilion Elementary students can do hard things and have proven that they can.

Let's renew that commitment to learn and do hard things in 2021!

We typically do our food drive in December, but this year we are switching it to January.

We will hold "One Day, One Bag, One Class" on Wednesday, January 27.

The food collected will be donated to the Vermilion Food Pantry.

The drive isn't a contest. It is simply an opportunity for each student

to bring in one nutritious item for their homeroom bag.

Please consider donating to this drive as the need is great.

Happy New Year from your School Counselor!

