

November at VES. Notes from the School Counselor:

What a wonderful sight, students walking in VES' hallways, distanced and masked, but still here with us. We have started off the in-person year successfully. It is amazing how students adapt to the new expectations with very little difficulty. Maybe it's just me, but they seem more quiet!

November is typically the month for our Operation Christmas Joy penny drive. OCJ is a local charity that helps Vermilion families experience a little Christmas cheer. As with everything during a pandemic, OCJ and its leaders, Brad and Lori Schwab, have had to adjust. We can no longer host the penny drive, but we can collect donations. VES has collected thousands of dollars for OCJ in the past and we don't want to stop now.

Thursday, November 19, will be **A DAY OF DONATIONS**. Students are asked to bring in any amount to donate in their homeroom donation bag. We appreciate anything families can send in.

We will be celebrating our new theme for November, Getting Along With Others. Sometimes elementary students are new to this concept so presentations to each homeroom class will be held. We will also hold our Spirit of Friendship Week on November 16-20, 2020, kicking off the week with the book, "A Little Spot of Kindness". Each day will have a fun theme and an opportunity to donate to Operation Christmas Joy. Look forward to information coming home with your student.

Best wishes to our 3rd graders who will be taking the Ohio State Test during the first week of November. Conference nights are November 17 and 19 and will be virtual. Look for more information on this to come from Mr. Malear. November is a month of thanksgiving and; as always, I'm incredibly thankful to work with so many amazing staff, students, and their families. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Happy Thanksgiving!

