

# VIKINGS BULLETIN

Virtual Prep Academy of Washington Newsletter

## A Message from the Head of School

Winter Break starts tomorrow and we want to wish all of you a Happy Holiday and remind you to take time to break from the day-to-day and spend time with your children over the two weeks doing something fun. The teachers will be out of the office and not checking messages from December 21 – Jan 5. School will start back on January 6th and we will have two weeks for students to work with teachers to finish up the semester. Semester two will begin on January 22nd so the break is also a great time to spend having students focus on catching up in classes and completing missing work. Watch our social media pages to find fun things to do over break and share with your teachers and me. Thank you all for choosing Virtual Prep Academy of Washington for your students in 2024. We are looking forward to 2025 and what we can do together to help your child grow and learn. Have a wonderful break and see you in the New Year!



## State Testing Results

Your student's results from the spring 2024 State Tests will be in the mail in the next few days.

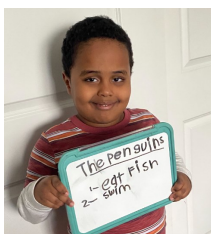
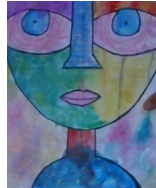
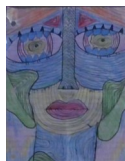
State tests provide a snapshot of a student's performance on the given assessment. While ongoing classroom information such as daily assignments and tests provide a complete and more accurate picture of your student's skills and knowledge, the state assessment results can help all of us work together to pursue additional support or accelerated opportunities that may benefit your student's learning. These assessment results also fulfill state and federal requirements to understand how districts and the state are doing in meeting all students' learning needs and help to improve instruction.

If you have questions about your student's testing performance, please talk with your student's teacher(s). If you have any questions about your student's score report, please contact Amy Miller, Head of Schools [amiller@vprepwa.org](mailto:amiller@vprepwa.org).

For more information about state tests and the learning standards they assess, visit these websites: Assessment Resources, Starting Smarter, and State Testing. <https://ospi.k12.wa.us/student-success/testing/state-testing>

Reminder – we will have State Testing for this school year on April 21-25, please mark your calendars and reach out if you have questions. All students in grades 3rd-8th and 10th & 11th are required to participate in State Testing. Please reference the above websites if you need additional information about State Testing.

## Student Work



Solve the quadratic equation  $(x + 4)^2 = 24$  and write your answer in simplified radical form if necessary.

$$\begin{aligned} (x+4)^2 &= 24 \\ \sqrt{(x+4)^2} &= \sqrt{24} \\ x+4 &= \pm 2\sqrt{6} \\ -4 & \quad -4 \\ x &= -4 \pm 2\sqrt{6} \\ x &= -4 + 2\sqrt{6} \quad x = -4 - 2\sqrt{6} \end{aligned}$$

## CITY EXPLORATION

**my amazing trip**  
Keystone South Dakota

**Activity 1:** Bus tour through the black hills, Mt Rushmore, and Crazy Horse. It was so amazing! They had all other animals too. I loved the baby horse.

**Activity 2:** I went to Bear Country, it was so amazing! They had all other animals too. I loved the baby horse.

**Activity 3:** I took over 3 hours in the Presidential Museum. It was a great experience. It was a lot of fun for all the people on the private tour. Called the Cowboy dinner. They did it exactly like the old days and smushed a basket on your lap plate.

**Reflection:** This is not really a restaurant but it was a great experience. It was a lot of fun for all the people on the private tour. Called the Cowboy dinner. They did it exactly like the old days and smushed a basket on your lap plate.

**For Fun:** Keystone has gold mines I got to pan for gold and found gold. Presidential Museum, Cowboy tours to Mt Rushmore, old steam trains, Bear country and so much more. I stayed for 3 weeks.