



# VIKING FURY

VIRTUAL PREP ACADEMY OF WA PARENTS' NEWSLETTER

## Watch Decomposers In Action DIY



6TH GRADE SCIENCE STUDENTS CREATING AN EXPERIMENT ON DECOMPOSERS AND RESPIRATION FOR OUR UNIT ON MATTER CYCLING! STUDENTS RECORDED THEMSELVES CONDUCTING THE EXPERIMENT TO SHARE WITH THE TEACHER AND CLASS.

11TH GRADE ENGLISH CLASS PROJECT ON ROMANTIC WRITING AND ART. STUDENTS DEVELOPED THEIR OWN ONE PAGE WRITING WITH ART TO SHARE WITH THE TEACHER AND CALSS



## HEAD OF SCHOOL MESSAGE

BY AMY MILLER

December has arrived, and in some of your homes, that means cold, snow, and winter weather. I hope that everyone is staying warm during this time of year, and although the darkness comes early, finding ways to shine your light.

December is a fast and furious month of school with three short weeks before the Winter Break, and then we quickly head into the end of the Semester.

This is the best time to help your students buckle down and get caught up on school work in all courses so they can enter the break without stress.

For students success it is a great time to meet with teachers and ask those questions and then if needed spend the break finishing that final push for Semester 1.

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## IMPORTANT DATES DECEMBER AND JANUARY

***December 19<sup>th</sup> - Final School Day for 2025***

***December 22<sup>nd</sup> - December Monthly Progress Reports sent via email***

***December 22<sup>nd</sup> - Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> - Winter Break no Classes***

***Jan 5<sup>th</sup> - First School Day for 2026***

***Jan 19<sup>th</sup> - No School***

***Jan 20<sup>th</sup> - End of Semester 1 - all assignments are due and Canvas Courses will be locked for students at 11:59pm.***

***Jan 21<sup>st</sup> - Start of Semester 2***

***Jan 21<sup>st</sup> - Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> - iReady Winter Testing window***

***Jan 26<sup>th</sup> - WIDA Testing Begins***

***Jan 26<sup>th</sup> - WA-AIMS Testing Begins***

***Jan 30<sup>th</sup> - Semester 1 Report Cards sent out via email***

***Jan 30<sup>th</sup> - State Testing Locations sent out via Canvas and Email***

## PLEASE COMPLETE CNEEB FORMS

We appreciate your partnership and choosing to be part of our school community. We are asking that all families help us continue to offer the various OPPORTUNITIES we can by completing the Child Nutrition Eligibility and Education Benefit (CNEEB) application for your student(s).

Completing the CNEEB is important because it helps ensure VPAWA receives full State of Washington funding to continue offering vital supports like small groups, LAP, credit recovery, and summer school for credit recovery. When families complete the form and qualify, students may also be eligible for Summer Bucks (Summer EBT) and reduced fees for other programs and activities, including SAT and ACT testing fees.

If you have not already, please take a few minutes to complete the CNEEB form sent to you via email so we can maintain and expand these supports for all students. If you need help completing the form or have questions, contact our office at [info@vprepwa.org](mailto:info@vprepwa.org), and we will assist you.

Thank you again for your time and support.

## UBC FORESTRY OPPORTUNITY



These sessions are designed for high school students who are curious about the environment, sustainability, and the great outdoors. Participants will hear directly from our undergraduate advisors and have the chance to ask questions in an open, welcoming setting. Parents and educators are also encouraged to attend.

Hi Virtual Preparatory Academy of Washington Families,

The UBC Faculty of Forestry is excited to share details about our upcoming monthly information sessions for the new school year. We'd love to see students join us!

Upcoming sessions:

- December 11
- January 13
- February 12
- March 12 (featuring a student panel)

Students can [register here](#).

# State Testing

## Survey.

We are planning and preparing for State Testing on April 27 - May 1, and we need all students in grades 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> to complete the State Testing Survey to indicate the site they would like to attend.

We are hoping to have all sites filled and be able to share with families the locations, dates, and times of testing for their students on January 30th.

Thank you to the over 300 students who have completed the survey. We appreciate you getting that information to us quickly.

If you have questions about State Testing, please reach out to Head of School Amy Miller at [amiller@vprepwa.org](mailto:amiller@vprepwa.org).

If you aren't finding a VPAWA testing site that is within 30 miles of your home please contact Amy Miller at [amiller@vprepwa.org](mailto:amiller@vprepwa.org) to discuss options for testing.

As always State Testing is a great time for students to see our staff and we always look forward to getting all of our students schedule and to the testing site. Our teachers have already started working with your students to prepare them for the test and we are looking forward to seeing great results.



You have received an email with links to various holiday support and we have also shared these resources in Canvas. If you need support or help during this time of the year please look at the resources put together by your counselors Ms. Lindsey Griffith and Ms. Stephanie Woods. You can also reach out to the Counselors via email at [lgriffith@vprepwa.org](mailto:lgriffith@vprepwa.org) or [swoods@vprepwa.org](mailto:swoods@vprepwa.org).

# Nov SPIRIT WEEK



# Possip Survey

Thank you for sharing your ideas through Possip! In our most recent Pulse Check, 95% of you were happy or mostly happy with VPA WA.

Members of our community shared the following:

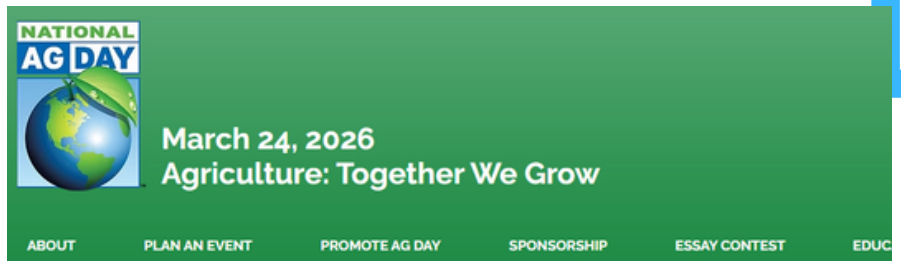
- Family members most often shared that they prefer text and email, and we will continue to incorporate that form of communication.
- Highlights included great support and communication from the support staff
- Shout-outs for so many teachers at V-Prep.
- Families stated they are aware of how their students are doing and how best to support them.
- Several families shared that the homework load is too much, and we will discuss with our teachers how we can help provide support for those who need it.
- Requests for more opportunities for families and students to socialize have been received, and our Viking Council has started planning around how to provide opportunities.

We will share your praise with our staff and are considering all your feedback.

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts with us. The next survey will be sent out on January 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you again for your feedback.

## Ag Day CONTEST

HERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO SHARE THEIR CREATIVITY AND KNOWLEDGE OF AGRICULTURE. PLEASE [CLICK ON HERE](#) FOR MORE INFORMATION.



### 2026 Ag Day Video Essay Contest Rules & Guidelines

**Official Topic:**  
**American Agriculture: Imagining the next 250 years**

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