

JANUARY 2026



# VIKING FURY

VIRTUAL PREP ACADEMY OF WA PARENTS' NEWSLETTER



MS. WYSUP'S CLASS DID A SCIENCE EXPERIMENT ON PUMPKINS - IF THEY "SINK OR FLOAT." WE TRIALED 3 DIFFERENT SIZE PUMPKINS AND MADE PREDICTIONS ON EACH OF THEM. WE LEARNED EVEN REALLY LARGE PUMPKINS, THAT ARE VERY HEAVY, STILL FLOAT! PUMPKINS HAVE A LOW DENSITY AND A LOT OF AIR POCKETS IN THEM WHICH IS WHY THEY FLOAT. WE ALSO SAW SOME PEOPLE CARVE "PUMPKIN BOATS" OUT OF REALLY LARGE PUMPKINS AND HAVE PUMPKIN BOAT RACES!

## HEAD OF SCHOOL MESSAGE

BY AMY MILLER

Happy New Year and welcome to 2026. The New Year is a natural time for reflection and resolutions. I hope that everyone has been able to reflect on their success and failures here at VPrepWA and make resolutions on changes for their learning and growth as a student and learning coach. Here at VPAWA, we are currently in the process of reflecting on your input from our Possip Surveys and determining what things we can change, keep, or stop doing at VPAWA that would make it a better place for everyone's learning.

We are currently working on State Testing and finalizing things to be able to share dates and locations with everyone by Feb 6<sup>th</sup>.

We are approaching the end of Semester 1 and the start of Semester 2, please check out the schedule for the week of Jan 20<sup>th</sup> in this newsletter.

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# END OF SEM 1 START OF SEM 2 SCHEDULE

<p style="font-size: 2em;">20</p> <p>TUE</p>	<p>Finish all Semester 1 Work</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em;">21</p> <p>WED</p>	<p>Homeroom Class focus on iReady Testing Complete Start Here Module ALL classes</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em;">22</p> <p>THUR</p>	<p>Homeroom Class focus on iReady Testing Complete Start Here Module ALL classes</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em;">23</p> <p>FRI</p>	<p>Homeroom Class focus on iReady Testing Complete Start Here Module ALL classes</p>

THE START OF 2ND SEMESTER WILL FOCUS ON IREADY DIAGNOSTIC #2 AND START HERE MODULES. STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO COMPLETE I-Ready TESTS BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 23RD.

ONCE A STUDENT COMPLETES BOTH THE MATH AND READING TEST AND ALL START HERE MODULES IN ALL CLASSES THEY WILL BE EXCUSED FROM ATTENDANCE THE REST OF THE WEEK.

STUDENTS WHO DO NOT COMPLETE BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 23RD WILL BE REQUIRED THE WEEK OF JAN 26TH TO ATTEND IREADY TESTING DAILY UNTIL COMPLETED.

**ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO  
COMPELTE IREADY TESTING!**

## SEMESTER 2 STUDENT SCHEDULES

Student Schedules will be sent out on January 21<sup>st</sup> via email to Learning Coaches. Students in Grades 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> have been asked to complete the Elective Survey by January 9<sup>th</sup> to help determine which Elective they would like to take for Semester 2. If they didn't complete, please reach out to our Counselors, Lindsey Griffith (9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>) and Stephanie Woods (6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>), to inform them which elective course they would like to be enrolled in for Semester 2.

Students in K-5 will continue with the same schedule for Semester 2 as they had in Semester 1, with the change of electives to Health instead of PE and Music instead of Art. If you have questions, please reach out to your teachers for clarification.

## IREADY TESTING

Winter i-Ready Session starts on Jan 21<sup>st</sup> and ends on Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>. We need ALL students to complete iReady testing and we will be focusing on completion of iReady Testing in Math and Reading along with completion of Start Here Modules for students Jan 21<sup>st</sup> - Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>. When students complete both iReady tests and ALL classes Start Here Modules they will earn time off the rest of the week. Teachers are running iReady sessions once a week to help students get into the test. Remember it will be using the lockdown browser so if your students isn't able to get through the test to reach out to teachers ASAP to get the instructions for the lockdown browser.



# 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.

# Possip Survey

Please take time on January 14<sup>th</sup> - January 16<sup>th</sup> to complete the Possip Survey that will be sent to you via text or email this week. We look through all the comments and use your feedback to make changes to our school.

This month's survey will focus on communication with teachers/staff and how much you receive.

We are hoping to get feedback from all families and to continue to see success in the overall happiness of our families.

As always, feel free to reach out to me via email at [amiller@vprepwa.org](mailto:amiller@vprepwa.org) if you have anything you would like to share. I love to hear about the positive things our teachers/staff are doing, the success your students have experienced, or any concerns or issues.

