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**Vicksburg Community Schools**  
*Traditions In Excellence*

TO: Charles Glaes, Superintendent  
Vicksburg Board of Education

FROM: Tonya K. Nash

OCTOBER 10, 2011

2010-2011 COMMUNITY EDUCATION ANNUAL REPORT

The 2010-2011 year marked another challenging, busy and exciting year for the Community Education Department. Below is the overview of the Community Education highlights.

Programs and activities in community recreation continue to be well attended. The youth sports programs: basketball, volleyball, tennis, and summer sports camps average over 500 participants each year. These experiences provide a safe and fun introduction to sports. Slice of Summer camps are exciting summer alternatives that are always at capacity. The youth dance program continues to be a very popular program with four nights of classes all year long and two recitals at the Performing Arts Center. Over 1,447 enrollments took place throughout the year in this highly successful dance program.

The Kids Klub Before and After School Child Care program finished its eighteenth season of operation with 290 students participating. Again this past year, sites bumped up against our state licensing maximum requirements. The Kindergarten Wrap Around Child Care Program continues to be a big success at all three elementary buildings. The Kids Klub staff continued to be enthusiastic, resourceful, creative and dedicated to providing a quality childcare opportunity to the families of Vicksburg (see attached report).

The B4K preschool program operated two classrooms for the eleventh year at Indian Lake Elementary School. Leslie Linton, with the assistance of Alicia Crandall, did an outstanding job with the District's preschool program. Thirty-one participants had a great preschool experience (see attached report).

Summer Reading Camp for first and second graders had a successful summer with 42 children completing and having a great reading experience.

More than 1,901 Vicksburg students visited the Outdoor Education Center (OEC) this year for seasonal visits.

The Community Education Office continues to orchestrate all facility usage and rentals for the District. Last year over 4,529 reservations were run through the office totaling over 13,465 hours of after-school usage of District facilities. The Department monitors flyer distribution and other forms of student and staff solicitation as the District continues to experience increases in requests.

The District's United Way Campaign contributed \$9389 with 73 people participating.

More than 369 community members volunteered their time to support the School District. These individuals gave over 3,687 hours of service. The volunteer coordinators at each building do a tremendous job getting the community in to help support the day-to-day needs of each respective building. (See attached report)

The *Red & White* production team continues to seek ways to enhance the District's monthly newsletter. The newsletter team continues to produce a professional publication with appealing photos and interesting school news. The production team's efforts manifest six superior issues of the *Red & White*. The team includes five building site reporters, In-House Design, Printing Services, and Sue Opalewski. With the team's commitment and energy, Vicksburg will continue to produce one of the finest newsletters in southwest Michigan, possibly the whole state of Michigan.

The Adult Education High School Completion program had eight graduates this past year and many individual student successes. Despite minimal funding from the state of Michigan, Vicksburg continues to provide a valuable educational service to the South County area and one of the few High School Completion programs in Southwest Michigan.

The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Hearty Hustle 5K Walk/Run was held May 14. Three hundred seventy three enthusiastic participants ran or walked into the Vicksburg Stadium. Fun and fellowship took first place at this community event. The Community Schools, Bronson Vicksburg Hospital, the Village of Vicksburg, volunteers and participants created an amazing display of community spirit and collaboration.

The Community Education staff endeavors to stay active in community events and activities by being involved with the Vicksburg Recreation Committee, the Vicksburg Historical Society, The South County Community Garden Network, Vicksburg United Way Committee, Vicksburg Preschool Committee, Walkable Communities Committee and the Bronson Vicksburg Hospital Advisory Board. The Vicksburg High School class composite display continues to hang in the main lobby of the Administration Building. Last year the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Community Tailgate Celebration was a great success.

The Community Education Department continues to support the District's public relations and marketing efforts. Involvement with KRESA produced the realtors' school packets, which highlight respective school districts. A weekly Media Happenings e-mail system continues to keep our local media representatives in the loop of what great things are going on here in Vicksburg Schools. This system has helped create additional positive coverage of the District. The District's web page is one of the best in the area. It maintains a professional look and relevant information. The District's fan page on Facebook has become another valuable way to communicate.

With continued support from the community, staff, administration, and the Board of Education, the Vicksburg Community Education Department can capitalize on boundless opportunities to address community issues and do great things to meet the challenges of our community.

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FROM: Carrie Harris  
RE: 2010-11 Annual Report

### **KIDS KLUB**

The Kids Klub Before and After School Child Care program finished its eighteenth year of operation with 290 children enrolled. The program continues to operate in all three elementary buildings. Kids Klub employed 11 staff members who worked hard to provide quality programming for the children. We had 57 families participate in the Kindergarten Wrap-Around Child Care program at each of our elementary buildings. The Kids Klub and K-Wrap programs continue to provide a great service to the families in our district.

### **OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER**

This year we had more than 1,901 visitors to the Outdoor Education Center. Elementary students came for seasonal visits in the fall and spring. The OEC was closed from November 15-March 20<sup>th</sup> for the winter months. We had one outside rental and three district meetings held at the OEC throughout the year.

### **VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**

In its 23rd year of operation, the Vicksburg Community Schools Volunteer program has logged over 3,687 hours and utilized more than 369 community volunteers who have given time to our school district. This year Indian Lake Elementary Volunteer Coordinator, Lisa Naster, submitted more than 1,270 hours and had 149 volunteers. Sunset Lake Volunteer Coordinator, Grace Richards, reported 1,300 hours and 93 volunteers. Tammy Martin served as the Volunteer Coordinator at Tobey Elementary. Chrystin Bailey at the Middle School logged 117 hours and 27 volunteers and we had more than 100 volunteers who gave more than 1,000 hours to the High School. Without our many dedicated volunteers we would be unable to provide the many extracurricular programs and special events that make Vicksburg such a great district!

Respectfully submitted,

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Community Education Program Coordinator

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**B4K PRESCHOOL**

The Vicksburg Community Schools B4K Preschool celebrated its eleventh year of operation with exciting news that we received enough funding to operate a second classroom. This year we were able to serve 31 at-risk four-year-old children in our community. We operated both a morning and afternoon session at Indian Lake Elementary with fifteen children in the morning session and sixteen students in the afternoon. The program ran Mondays-Thursdays from 9-12 AM and 1245-3:45 PM. Leslie Linton was the lead teacher and Alicia Crandall was the associate teacher. We serviced eight families who were Head Start eligible but could not be served through their program due to space and transportation limitations. All thirty-one participants were within 300% of the Federal Poverty Level. We had 100% participation at parent-teacher conferences and all of our families participated in the parent education component.

We continue to use the Creative Curriculum and supplement with Pearson's Open the World of Learning (OWL) program. OWL is a comprehensive early literacy program that develops early literacy skills through rich, integrated content and works well with our primary curriculum. We used the Work Sampling System (WWS) as our research-based performance assessment. As you can see from the attached documents our students demonstrated significant growth in all developmental domains. What is especially noteworthy is that both our morning and afternoon classes arrived to us with very low skills in the area of taking responsibility for self/others. We experienced over 110% growth in this area throughout the year. Our afternoon class which came to us with a lower skill set saw an overall class growth of 84%, while making over 90% growth in the areas of Responsibility for Self/Others, Fine Motor Skills, Learning and Problem Solving, Logical Thinking, and Representation and Symbolic Thinking. Our morning class, who (as a whole) arrived with higher level skills saw significant growth in Responsibility for Self/Others, Logical Thinking, and Reading and Writing.

As part of our longitudinal follow-up, we track student progress through the second grade. Especially exciting was that 87% of our students are performing at or above grade level when you average out all of the developmental domains. 100% of our former students are excelling in science and social studies. 99% of our former students report that they continue to like school. B4K continues to be a great program both socially and academically for Vicksburg's youngest learners!

Respectfully Submitted,

Carrie Harris  
Community Education Program Coordinator





**Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP)**  
Vicksburg Community Schools  
Longitudinal Study

School Year School District Grade Level	2010-11 Vicksburg B4K			2010-11 Vicksburg BK			2010-11 Vicksburg K			2010-11 Vicksburg 1st			2010-11 Vicksburg 2nd																
	BG	GL	AG	BG	GL	AG	BG	GL	AG	BG	GL	AG	BG	GL	AG														
<b>CHILD INFORMATION</b>	Below Grade Level = BG Above Grade Level = AG																												
Social	11	13	8	66%	0	1	0	100%	2	15	1	89%	0	5	2	100%	15	45	11	79%									
Emotional	7	21	4	78%	0	1	0	100%	2	11	0	85%	3	14	1	83%	0	5	2	100%	12	52	7	83%					
Self-Help Skills/initiative	3	26	3	91%	0	1	0	100%	1	12	0	92%	4	13	1	78%	0	4	3	100%	8	56	7	89%					
Math	12	18	2	63%	0	1	0	100%	3	8	2	77%	4	11	3	78%	2	3	2	71%	21	41	9	70%					
Reading	12	17	3	63%	0	1	0	100%	3	6	4	77%	4	6	8	78%	2	2	3	71%	21	31	19	70%					
Oral Language	8	19	5	75%	0	1	0	100%	1	12	0	92%	2	14	2	86%	1	4	2	86%	12	50	9	83%					
Physical Growth/Health	2	30	0	94%	0	1	0	100%	0	13	0	100%	0	7	0	100%	0	7	0	100%	2	69	0	97%					
Attention Span	4	26	2	88%	0	1	0	100%	4	9	0	69%	5	12	1	72%	0	5	2	100%	13	53	5	82%					
Science	0	32	0	100%	0	1	0	100%	0	13	0	100%	0	7	0	100%	0	7	0	100%	0	71	0	100%					
Social Studies	0	32	0	100%	0	1	0	100%	0	13	0	100%	0	7	0	100%	0	7	0	100%	0	71	0	100%					
Technology	0	32	0	100%	0	1	0	100%	0	13	0	100%	1	16	1	94%	1	6	9	100%	1	69	1	99%					
Special Services	Speech/Lang			4	Speech/Lang			0	Speech/Lang			1	Speech/Lang			2	Speech/Lang			3	Speech/Lang			10	14%				
	Reading			0	Reading			0	Reading			0	Reading			4	Reading			1	Reading			5	7%				
	Spec. Edu.			1	Spec. Edu.			0	Spec. Edu.			0	Spec. Edu.			0	Spec. Edu.			0	Spec. Edu.			1	1%				
	Other			0	Other			0	Other			0	Other			0	Other			0	Other			0	0%				
% are number of children performing at or above grade level	0-2			3--5	6+			0-2			3--5	6+			0-2			3--5	6+			0-2			3--5	6+			
DAYS ABSENT	6	7	19	41%	0	0	1	0%	0	5	8	38%	3	5	10	44%	0	2	5	29%	0	2	5	29%	9	19	43	39%	
% are number who missed 5 or fewer days for attendance	0-2			3--5	6+			0-2			3--5	6+			0-2			3--5	6+			0-2			3--5	6+			
PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION	Regularly = R			Occasionally = O			Never = N			Regularly = R			Occasionally = O			Never = N			Regularly = R			Occasionally = O			Never = N				
Support Child's Attendance	29	2	1	97%	1	0	0	100%	13	0	0	100%	18	0	0	100%	6	1	0	100%	67	3	1	99%	67	3	1	99%	
Attended Parent/Teacher Conferences	30	2	0	100%	1	0	0	100%	13	0	0	100%	17	1	0	100%	7	0	0	100%	68	3	0	100%	68	3	0	100%	
Volunteers in Classroom	4	13	15	53%	0	1	0	100%	0	1	12	8%	0	8	10	44%	1	3	3	57%	5	26	40	44%	5	26	40	44%	
Supports At-Home Activities	9	15	8	75%	1	0	0	100%	10	3	0	100%	12	5	1	94%	7	0	0	100%	39	23	9	87%	39	23	9	87%	
Active in School Organizations	1	1	30	6%	0	0	1	0%	4	0	9	31%	1	2	15	17%	0	5	2	71%	6	8	57	20%	6	8	57	20%	
% are number of parents who were regularly or occasionally involved in school activities	Strongly Agree = SA			Agree = A			Disagree = D			Strongly Disagree = SD			Strongly Agree = SA			Agree = A			Disagree = D			Strongly Disagree = SD			Overall % who SA / A with each statement				
DOES THE CHILD...	SA	A	D	SD	SA	A	D	SD	SA	A	D	SD	SA	A	D	SD	SA	A	D	SD	SA	A	D	SD	SA	A	D	SD	
Shows interest in school work?	7	22	3	0	0	1	0	0	2	10	1	0	5	10	3	0	2	5	0	0	16	48	7	0	16	48	7	0	90%
ready to learn and participate?	7	22	3	0	0	1	0	0	4	8	1	0	3	12	3	0	2	5	0	0	16	48	7	0	16	48	7	0	90%
completes assignments?	0	32	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	7	2	0	4	11	2	1	2	5	0	0	10	56	4	1	10	56	4	1	93%
retain what s/he learns?	5	19	7	1	0	1	0	0	3	9	1	0	5	12	1	0	2	4	1	0	15	45	10	1	15	45	10	1	85%
gets along with other children?	2	29	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	10	1	0	2	16	0	0	3	4	0	0	9	60	2	0	9	60	2	0	97%
gets along with adults?	2	28	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	12	0	0	4	14	0	0	3	4	0	0	10	59	2	0	10	59	2	0	97%
takes responsibility for self?	1	28	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	11	1	0	3	12	3	0	3	4	0	0	7	57	7	0	7	57	7	0	90%
cooperates with others?	0	30	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	11	1	0	3	15	0	0	3	4	0	0	7	61	3	0	7	61	3	0	96%
imaginative using materials?	3	29	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	10	1	0	0	18	0	0	3	4	0	0	8	62	1	0	8	62	1	0	99%
tries out several approaches?	1	29	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	11	1	0	1	15	2	0	2	5	0	0	5	61	5	0	5	61	5	0	93%
likes school?	3	28	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	10	0	0	5	13	0	0	2	5	0	0	13	57	1	0	13	57	1	0	99%
% for each area	9%	84%	7%	1%	0%	100%	0%	0%	16%	77%	7%	0%	18%	75%	7%	1%	35%	64%	1%	0%	15%	79%	6%	1%	15%	79%	6%	1%	99%

**VICKSBURG COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
2010-2011 COMMUNITY EDUCATION PARTICIPANT REPORT**

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS</u>
<b>SUMMER 2010</b>	
Boys Basketball	48
Football	43
Girls Basketball	23
Karate	26
Animal Kingdom – Slice of Summer	13
Chills and Thrills – Slice of Summer	13
Sugar & Spice – Slice of Summer	11
Wet & Wild – Slice of Summer	13
Scientific Explosion – Mad Science	7
Kingdom Soccer	18
Tennis	133
Volleyball	<u>65</u>
	<b>413</b>

**SCHOOL YEAR**

Adult Open Gym Volleyball	95
Boys Basketball	91
Busy Bodies (Aerobics)	28
Girls Basketball	38
Karate	56
Kingdom Soccer	44
Mad Science	109
Tumbling/Tap/Ballet/Jazz/Hawaiian/Musical Theater	1,447
4 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball	48
Walt Disney World Tips	13
Zumba	<u>218</u>
	<b>2,187</b>

**SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS**

Hearty Hustle	373
Kids Klub	290
Outdoor Education Center	1,901
Volunteers	<u>369</u>
	<b>2,933</b>

<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>5,533</b>
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**VICKSBURG COMMUNITY EDUCATION  
2011-12 Proposed Budget**

	<b>Actual 2010-11</b>	<b>Proposed 2011-12</b>
<b><u>COMMUNITY EDUCATION REVENUES</u></b>		
Adult Education	\$ 28,144	\$ 19,000
Enrichment	72,865	50,000
Recreation	26,977	20,000
Child Care	229,274	220,000
Rentals	20,846	17,000
B4K Preschool	114,034	108,800
Vicksburg United Way	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
<b>Total Community Education Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 492,640</b>	<b>\$ 435,300</b>
<b><u>ADULT EDUCATION EXPENDITURES</u></b>		
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 14,190	\$ 15,100
Conferences/Dues/Transportation	219	350
Miscellaneous Supplies	1,016	1,000
Miscellaneous Office Supplies	384	500
Workmen's Comp	<u>100</u>	<u>150</u>
	<b>\$ 15,909</b>	<b>\$ 17,100</b>
<b><u>ENRICHMENT EXPENDITURES</u></b>		
Teacher Salaries and Benefits	\$ 47,305	\$ 46,000
Supplies	2,621	3,000
Conference/Workshop/Dues/Travel/Mileage	299	500
Capital Outlay	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
	<b>\$ 50,225</b>	<b>\$ 49,500</b>
<b><u>RECREATION EXPENDITURES</u></b>		
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 13,411	\$ 13,000
Supplies and Materials	9,705	7,000
Miscellaneous	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
	<b>\$ 23,116</b>	<b>\$ 20,000</b>
<b><u>CHILD CARE EXPENDITURES</u></b>		
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 154,661	\$ 166,000
Supplies/Materials/Snacks/Miscellaneous	<u>18,074</u>	<u>20,000</u>
	<b>\$ 172,735</b>	<b>\$ 186,000</b>
<b><u>B4K PRESCHOOL EXPENDITURES</u></b>		
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 81,755	\$112,231
Supplies	<u>13,848</u>	<u>15,000</u>
	<b>\$ 95,603</b>	<b>\$ 127,231</b>
Vicksburg United Way	<u>\$ 500</u>	<u>\$ 500</u>
	<b>\$ 500</b>	<b>\$ 500</b>
<b>Total Community Education Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 358,088</b>	<b>\$400,331</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 492,640</b>	<b>\$ 435,300</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b><u>358,088</u></b>	<b><u>400,331</u></b>
	<b>\$ 134,552</b>	<b>\$ 34,969</b>