

Year in Review

Village Oaks Elementary



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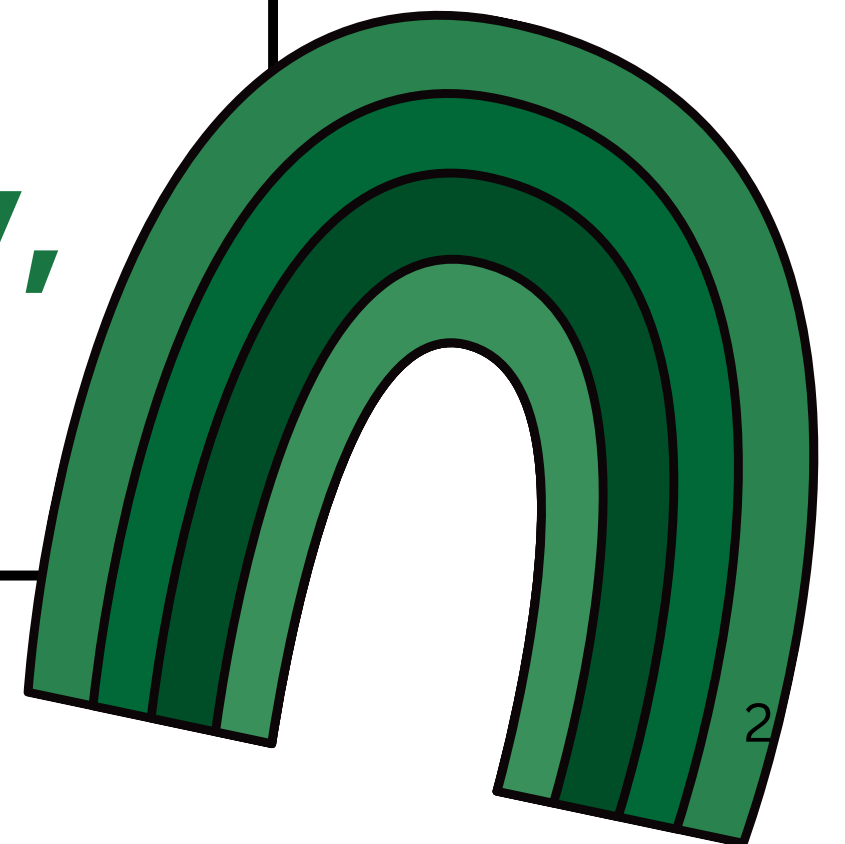
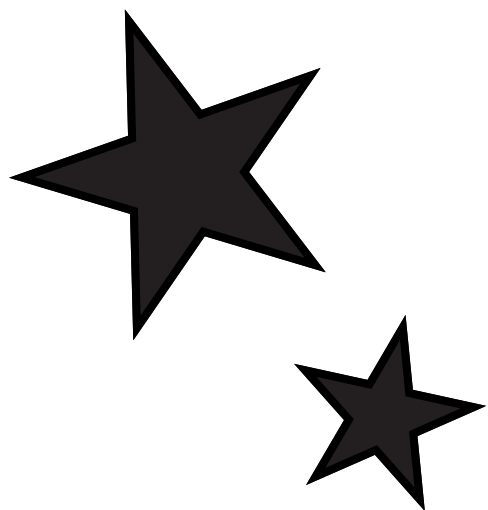
THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR IS HERE

Principal: Katy Dinkelmann

Dean of Students: Phelan Smith

Student Presenters:

**Reggie, Frank, Medhi, Dhyey,
Zoya, Seamus, Emily, Leia**





Celebrations!

P2/HEART

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Perseverance, Optimism, Prudence, Self-Control, Love of Learning, Curiosity, Open-mindedness
-  **Empathize & show kindness.**
Kindness, Love, Forgiveness, Gratitude, Perspective, Social Intelligence, Humor
-  **Act responsibly.**
Integrity, Honesty, Fairness, Prudence, Self-Control, Bravery
-  **Respect everyone.**
Appreciation of Beauty & Excellence, Humility, Forgiveness, Perspective, Gratitude
-  **Team up & collaborate.**
Teamwork, Leadership, Enthusiasm, Social Intelligence, Creativity

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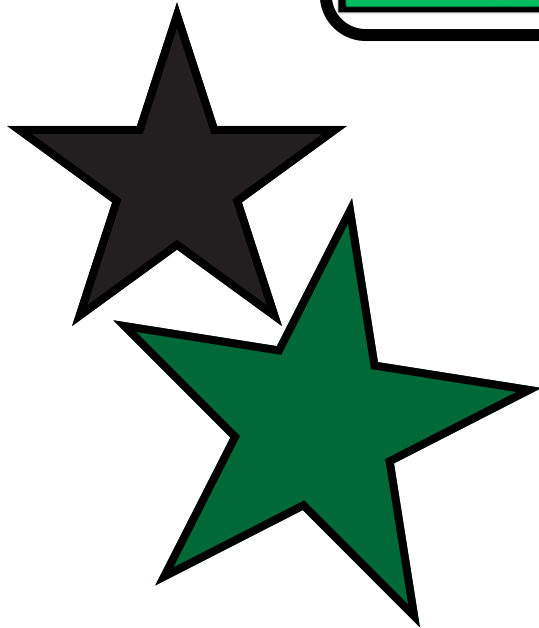
Multicultural Night



Coffee Crew



Peer-2-Peer





Positivity Project

Resilient
Problem Solver

Effective
Communicator

Empathetic
Collaborator

We've integrated The Positivity Project into our PBIS framework and HEART values to move beyond behavior management and focus on character. Each month we host school-wide HEART Assemblies to recognize and celebrate students who exemplify our featured P2 character strengths.

HEART & P2

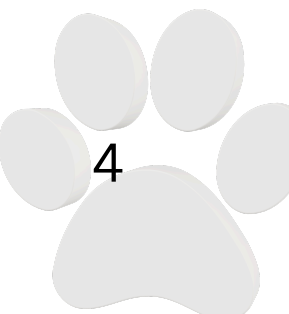
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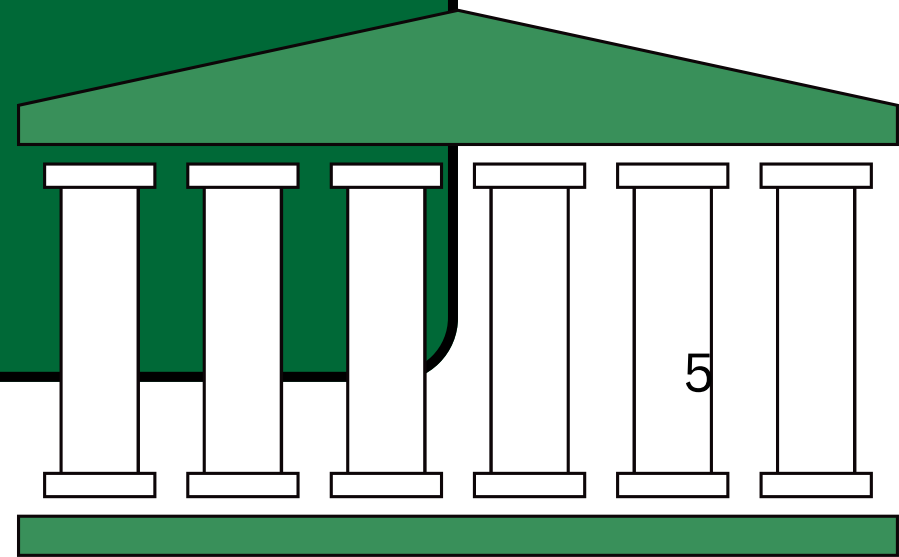


Belonging

Belonging at Village Oaks means everyone feels safe, welcomed, and valued at school. It is the feeling of being included, and respected for who you are, knowing you matter and feeling connected to our school.

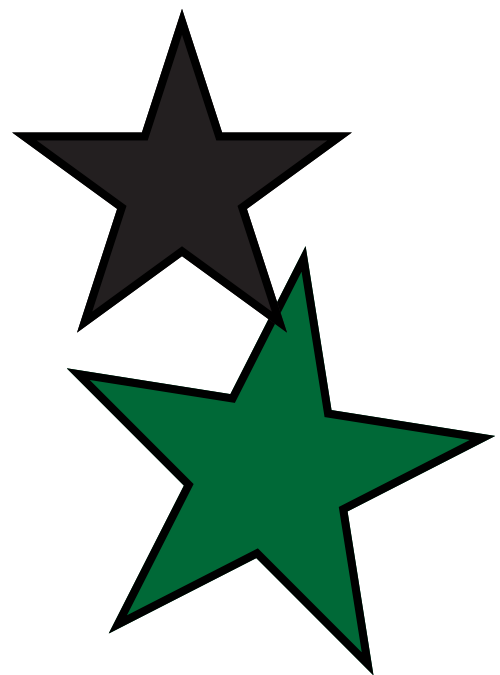
5 Pillars of Belonging

- Welcomed
- Known
- Included
- Supported
- Connected



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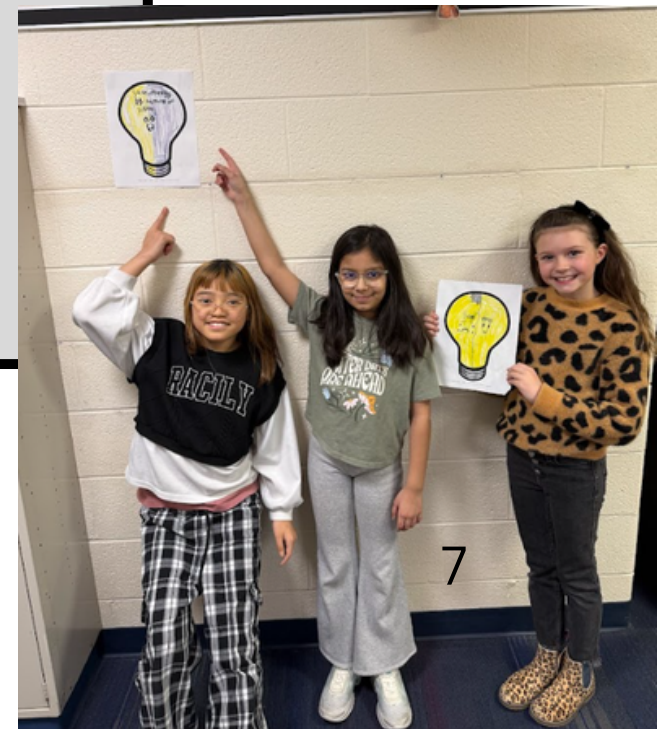


Curious Innovator



NOVIRONMENTAL CLUB

- Expanded the recycling center with new bins and launched a "classroom box" program to ensure every room has a dedicated recycling station.
- Hosted a school-wide energy-saving competition and created student-led poster campaigns to promote water conservation and leak detection.
- Studied the impact of pollution and garbage, followed by a hands-on cleanup of the school grounds and local park.
- Organized a month-long series of events for April, including a shoe donation drive, community garbage pick-up, and Earth Day spirit activities.

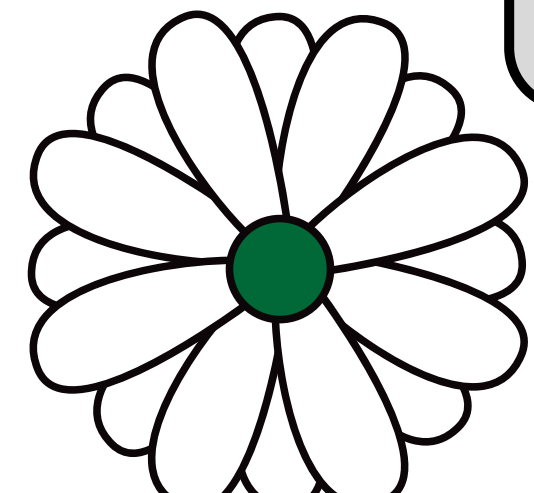
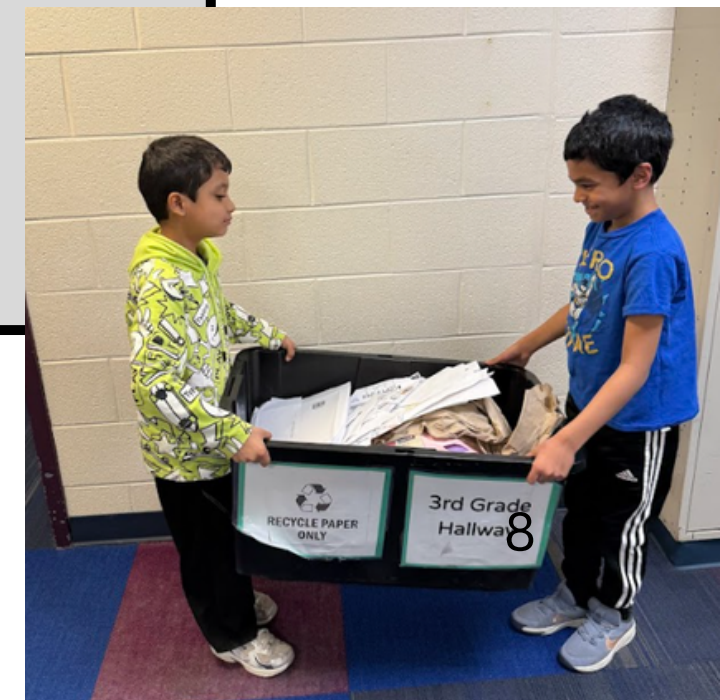


Effective Communicator
Purpose Seeker

NOVIRONMENTAL CLUB

- Learned about plant lifecycles and seed growth, starting "mini pots" in classrooms to be transplanted into the VO garden later this spring.
- Researched endangered species in Michigan and globally; participated in the "Gorillas on the Line" electronics recycling drive
- Studied native versus invasive species and wrote formal letters to Governor Whitmer with student suggestions for preventing the spread of invasive plants and animals.
- Analyzed the environmental impact of various transportation methods and encouraged students to reduce emissions by walking, biking, or carpooling.

Creative Critical Thinker
Resilient Problem Solver

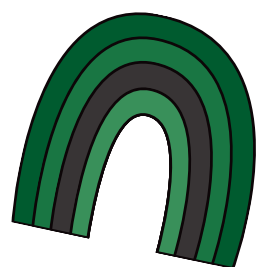




- Promotes meaningful peer relationships through inclusive, shared experiences
- Provides hands-on learning opportunities like cooking lessons to build life skills
- Encourages participation and engagement in specials classes alongside peers
- Supports social growth through structured and natural interactions
- Participation in community-based learning experiences (field trips)
- Builds communication, independence, confidence, and acceptance in a supportive environment

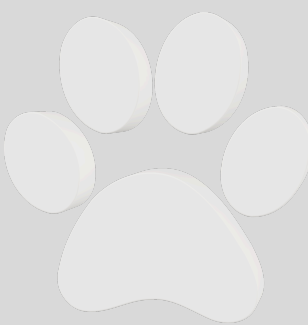


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Empathetic Collaborator
Purpose Seeker

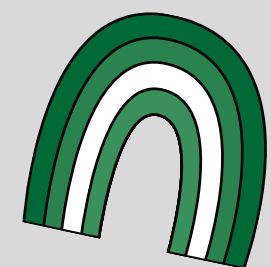




VO Coffee Crew



The Village Oaks Coffee Cart has fostered a sense of inclusion, independence, and confidence in students with and without disabilities while providing a valuable service to their school community. Through this project, students learn and apply real-world skills including taking orders, communicating with adults and other students, fulfilling orders, collecting money, calculating change, and following directions in a safe and supportive environment. We have found that participation in these types of activities has improved our students' awareness of important skills needed to be a successful student and community member.



Effective Communicator
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VO coffee crew

Video

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Questions?

