

## Verona Area International School

Ni hao! Verona Area International School (VAIS), a K-5, 50/50 Chinese Immersion charter school, will welcome approximately 112 students back to school on August 23, 2019. All students, including Kindergarteners, will join us for a full day on August 23. We look forward to guiding our students to learn Mandarin and become global citizens!

### **Contact info:**

Principal Name: Ann Princl  
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### **School Hours**

•Daily office hours 7:30-3:00 M-F

•First day of school start/end time for *all Kindergarten - 5th grade students*.  
Start time: 7:35am = First bell; doors open, All students should report directly to their classrooms.  
7:45am = Second bell; classes begin  
End time: 2:40pm \*Note this new end time for the 19-20 school year.

\*Normal & Late Start school day start/end time:

Start time: Monday 9:15am = First bell; doors open, 9:25am = Second bell; classes begin  
Tuesday - Friday 7:35am = First bell; doors open, 7:45am = Second bell, classes begin  
End time: Monday - Friday = 2:40pm \*Note this new end time for the 19-20 school year.

### **Back to School Night; Open House Date and Picture Day Info**

Please join us for our Back to School Night on Thursday, September 26, 2019, 5:30-7:30pm at VAIS.  
Picture day will be Wednesday, September 18, 2019.  
Picture retake day will be Wednesday, October 30, 2019.

### **Meet the Teacher**

All families are welcome to meet their child's teachers and see their classrooms on Tuesday, August 20, 5:00-6:00pm at VAIS.

### **Student Absences**

Please note, in accordance with School Board Policy 431, attendance and tardies are closely monitored. We ask that parents call (phone) *before the start of school* if your child will be absent or tardy. We love having your children at school!

### **More about us...**

Congratulations to our recent 5th grade graduates who have received their Pathways to Biliteracy certificate, for participating in our Chinese Immersion school. Following 5th grade, our students are welcome to enroll in the Mandarin Language class at Savanna Oaks Middle School, to continue their language learning.

In the 2017-2018 school year, VAIS received the Donna Clementi Blue Ribbon Award for Excellence in World Language Programs from the Wisconsin Association for Language Teachers. We are proud of this award, and continue to strive towards excellence with language learning.

### **Governance Council**

VAIS is governed by a council of parents, staff and community members. This group makes high level decisions concerning the day to day operations of VAIS. Functions of the Governance Council include,

but are not limited to, budget allocations, capital expenditures, grant proposals, personnel, curriculum, assessments, VAIS policies and procedures, committee responsibilities, goals and future of VAIS. Current Governance Council members include:

Grace Flores / Cindy Grady, Co-Presidents  
Teresa Mueller, Vice President  
Laura Grady, Treasurer  
Kathy Lake, Secretary  
Charles James, UW Representative  
Ann Princl, Director  
Lumei Huang, Staff Representative  
Sarah Shaw, Staff Representative  
Tracy Doeppers, Parent Representative  
Kurt Hermsen, Parent Representative  
David Kassa, Parent Representative

The Governance Council generally meets on the 1st Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Stoner Prairie Elementary School in the LMC. Meetings are open to the public.

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**Staff Member List**

Ann Princl, Principal  
Carin Higgins, Secretary  
Latisha Muldrow, Secretary  
Yyare Parra, Secretary

**Teaching Staff:**

Lumei Huang, Kindergarten and First Grade Chinese Teacher  
Amanda Johnson, Kindergarten and First Grade English Teacher  
Yumeng Wang, Second and Third Grade Chinese Teacher  
Jennifer Klawiter, Second and Third Grade English Teacher  
Erin Poeschl, Fourth Grade English Teacher  
Yingying Reiter, Fourth and Fifth Grade Chinese Teacher  
Sarah Shaw, Fifth Grade English Teacher  
Sarah Shaw, Global Arts Teacher (Art and Music)  
Tina Christenson and Amy Schiefelbein, Physical Education  
Patricia Long, Librarian  
Karie Huttner, Educational Technology Coach  
Erin Poeschl, Reading Resource

**Student Services Staff:**

Lisa Froehlich, Counselor  
To be hired, Substitute Counselor  
Kathy Garity, Social Worker  
Dana Gustafson, Psychologist  
Rebecca DuCharme, School Nurse  
Carin Higgins, Health Room Assistant  
Sarah Greenlaw, Special Education  
To be hired, Special Education Supervisor  
Emmy Jerome, Speech/Language Pathologist  
Mya Rognstad, Physical Therapist

Andrea Scott, Occupational Therapy  
Kelly Hettich, Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant  
Elizabeth Folberg and Lisa Ahner English Language/Bilingual Resource Teachers

**Custodial Staff:**

Mike Brown, Head Custodian  
Paul Hegge and Lloyd Hass, Custodians

**Food Service Staff:**

Nancy Laycock, Head Cook  
Bev Andrew, Food Service  
Julie Werner, Food Service

**Assistants:**

Educational Technology Support Technician: Nancy Platto  
Educational Assistant: Carin Higgins  
Special Education Assistant: Lei Lei