

the  
**VLUS Weekly**  
Take Home Thursday

## Thinking of Ms. Madhvi

Dear VLUS Families,

We want to share some news with you. As most of you know, Madhvi Patil, our 7th grade science teacher, has not been in school since February vacation. She has asked us to share with you that she has been home battling an aggressive form of cancer. She was diagnosed in August of 2014 with pancreatic cancer. Since then, she has been working closely with doctors at MGH. We are fortunate that she was well enough to come back to VLUS this fall and winter to do what she loves which is teaching science to your children. She has shared that it was a great joy to be back in the school community this academic year working with such talented students and staff. Currently, she is home focusing on her treatment. She has shared that she dearly misses coming to school each day.

Madhvi is thinking of our school community daily and misses being there with the students. Vassal Lane Upper School, its teachers, students and families miss Madhvi as well. Madhvi is a very talented, creative, dedicated teacher and her work with our students is invaluable.

## PARCC Dates

### Grade 6:

Math: Monday, May 16 –  
Wednesday May 18

### Grade 7:

Math: Wednesday, May 18  
– Friday, May 20

### Grade 8:

Math: Tuesday, May 10 –  
Thursday, May 12

Science MCAS: Friday,  
May 13 – Monday, May 16



## Grade News:

### 6th

The next sixth grade parent meeting is Friday, May 12 at 8:00 am in Room 309. We hope to see you there!

### 7th

Seventh grade parents are wanted and needed to help out with graduation on June 16. Please see Ms. Tanya Benzan for more information.

June 1, 6-8:30pm Student Monologues; Stories of Persecution and Perseverance

### 8th

The next eighth grade parent meeting will be on Friday, May 12 at 8:00 am in room 343. We hope to see you there!

## From the School Nurse:

It's lovely to see the trees and flowers blooming again, but their arrival brings pollen and seasonal allergies. Some kids are especially sensitive to the pollen, and the symptoms can distract them from their school work. The health office cannot supply allergy medications (antihistamines, eye drops, nasal sprays). If your child needs medication for his or her allergies, make sure that you give the medication before s/he leaves for school. These medications work best when given regularly. Please do not give your child Benadryl to relieve allergy discomfort. If your child feels especially uncomfortable, talk with your doctor or nurse practitioner about the best way to treat allergy discomfort.

## Sauce Off Success!



The 6th, 7th, and 8th graders in the CitySprouts elective have spent the past two months developing recipes for the perfect sauce to accompany the coconut crusted redfish tacos served in the Cambridge school cafeterias. This Tuesday, students and staff from CitySprouts held a school-wide "Sauce Off" to determine which sauce would be sent to Cambridge food service director, Mellissa Honeywood, to be added to the district lunch menu. The competing sauces included the Master Unicorn Sauce, the Rosemary Tropical Dash, and the Alezle Sauce. During lunchtime, students and staff tasted the three sauces with the coconut crusted redfish and voted for their favorites. After tallying almost 100 votes, the Rosemary Tropical Dash emerged as the winner! Look for the Rosemary Tropical Dash on the school lunch menu and in the VLUS cafeteria! It will be served on Monday, May 16th.

## Save the Date!

5/5: FoVLUS Spring Gala

5/12: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting, 8:00am

5/12: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting, 8:00am

5/12-5/13: VLUS School Play

5/19: Last Day of Spring Clubs and After-School Late Bus

6/16: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation

6/17: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Six Flags Trip

