

**Minutes
Parent Meeting Verdi Eco School
September 21, 2017**

Parent Meetings are the Third Thursday of every month from 5:30-7pm

Please sign up to bring a food item to a future meeting.
Suggestions for fun activities for kids during parent meeting nights welcome!

!!PARKING!!

No parking in front of the house next door (1861 Highland Avenue). Both parking spots are off limits for therapist patients. We can park on the rocks and behind the school house on the dirt road.

Parent Page: www.verdiecoschool.org/parents

section for each group, teachers and admin send infos on that site.
Community Handbook - comments are welcome

Volunteer Hour log: kids name (eldest enrolled if multiple kids are enrolled)
Carrie Martin is the Parent Volunteer Coordinator sending out monthly updates (info about changes, volunteer needs, sign ups etc.) 30 hours/ family is minimum volunteer time

!! THE SCHOOL NEEDS:

Classroom volunteers, especially during transitions and on STEAM Fridays.
Preferably choose a day that works best for you pref. On regular basis
Gardening help: Saturday from 9-11 (Highland house and farm)
Sign up sheets are available

Next meeting: 3rd Thursday of the month October

Teachers present updates about their classes.

October is "Test Kitchen" month as students begin testing recipes for their new cookbook.

Please be sure to pack a lunch just in case the kids don't like the lunch provided

Thursdays proposed as a full Agricultural Science day at the farm starting in October:
Volunteer groups, community partners and gardening clubs will collaborate with students in hands on, small groups on different farm projects.

Default days for lightening, thunder: Highland house, bring rain jackets because during light rain kids will be outside

Friday October: Portfolio and STEAM day at the Foosaner

Video production days for the older students

Have a list for all food items needed for the week and parents to sign up for the grocery items. Everything counts as volunteer hours.

Optional November: Intensive coding month starts Monday October 30th

Partnership with Codecraft with Shannon LandIn, custom program at code craft
Mon-Wed: full day at Code craft next to Groundswell, Pick up and drop of at Codecraft

Lab fee \$30/ student

Thurs: Agricultural Science/Farm
Fri: portfolio day/ STEAM

Codecraft teachers teach coding, simultaneously train Verdi school educators how to integrate coding into school curriculum

Bring lunch, no cooking on site available

Nature Immersion: newest program started to keep Maria on board

Maria will leave Verdi Eco school and dedicate more time to her other career as a healer, Reiki and Yoga.

EFSC - Tuesday and Thursday Lisa from EFSC will be there, Selina will be in nature immersion as well.

Maria was also leading Yoga in the morning and a new instructor will have to be found.

Volunteer thank you for cleaning after hurricane, materials. Volunteer of the month is... Selina!

Volunteer opportunities - 30h/family/year

Best way to help is in the classroom: test kitchen math, coding, anti-gravity reveal - community/ farm mural 12 murals at the same time thanks giving weekend +10days
Designing/selling school merchandise

Farm- Thursdays in classroom or expand community partnerships for tools, seeds etc.

9-11 Saturday - volunteer days at the house and farm

Still accepting games and outdoor fun for free exploration at Highland House.

Still accepting Flex - seating like beanbags, cushions etc.

Upcoming events asked to be a part of:

Sat. September 30th Space Coast Pride (more info to follow) part in the kids zone to lead an activity

November Natural Parenting Fair: Booth with activities www.spacecoastartfestival.com

Saturday Nov. 25th from 9am-6pm (will get back to you with exact details) cleaning up the trash, empty bins etc. during the Festival at Manatee Park in Cape Canaveral. School will receive \$1000!

!! THE SCHOOL NEEDS: Magnetic lock and a buzzer for the front door. Security cameras for front and back.

Volunteer: Partnership with Anaya coffee to offer story time ages 1-3 on Mondays 9.30 - 10.30 going well - thanks Carrie!
Attending volunteers can inform new parents about Verdi Eco school.

Please contact Camila Greco paulandmilagreco@gmail.com about garden/farm volunteer opportunities and to join the Garden Committee.

New families: Please refer to Miss Denise. Nature immersion is officially on waitlist only.

Shopping list:

Community lunch Tu, We, Th. Rotating volunteers - shopping for the week. Goal is to keep the menu vegetarian and inexpensive. Tofu - Soy is off limits. Proteins: beans, Quinoa...

Capoeira - Uniforms:

Uniforms for kids to instill more respect and pride. Please confirm if you will be purchasing a uniform. Jessica and Pike have been able to get the cost down to \$60 per uniform.

Birthday:

Please not to send nuts or sugar to the school. Intrinsic motivation is encouraged at Verdi school hence no candy is used as rewards.

After school clubs:

Photography, other ideas welcome, volunteers....

Update:
Maintenance: