

## *Vicksburg Community Schools* **After School Activities**

Vicksburg Community Schools offers a variety of after school activities. All activities are supervised and some charge participation fees. Call the Community Education Office for details at 321-1022.

Due to high demand, some of the programs are available to students on a first-come, first-served basis and there is a limit to the number of students who can be served. Be sure to sign up in a timely manner!

Studies show that participation in after school programs increases students' attachment to their schools, improves test scores and keeps kids out of trouble.

Activities vary by school, but all have each of these components to their programs:

*Enriching Activities:* Dance, drama, crafts, or sports – there is plenty of fun to go around. Classes or activities are designed to expose your child to learning opportunities that are not available during the school day. The goal? To help each child become a more well rounded person.

*Sports and Games:* There is some sort of sports program at each level in the District and they are open to all students after school. For those not interested in organized sports, there are other games and activities to provide an outlet for all that energy!

*Social Activities:* Each program is designed to provide a fun social environment for students, with clubs, games, and activities. Students are encouraged to socialize with each other as well as with mentoring adults.

Students have the opportunity to take part in a wide range of extra-curricular activities including:

### **Kids Klub Before and After School Child Care**

Each of our elementary buildings houses a participant-funded before and after school child care program for kindergarten through fifth graders. The Kids Klub provides a fun, safe, stimulating environment for students. For more information, please call Carrie Harris at 321-1021.

### **Annual Vicksburg Hearty Hustle 5K Walk/Run**

Mark your calendars for the second Saturday in May to be a part of this amazing community event. Every year over 600 people participate in this 5K walk/run. The Hearty Hustle is a collaborative event between the Village of Vicksburg, Bronson Vicksburg Hospital, and Vicksburg Community Schools. Start and finish is at Sunset Lake Elementary School. There is a 5K run, 5K walk, one-mile walk, and a toddlers' event, the *Baby Bolt*. It is a fun-filled morning complete with exercise, healthy snacks, and prizes. Please call 321-1022 for more information.

### **Adult High School Completion**

Designed for adult learners who are at least 18 years of age and want to receive their diploma or GED certificate. Two semesters of evening courses are offered annually starting in September. As part of the program, Vicksburg offers ED 2020 online learning. Call 321-1022 for more information.

### **Vicksburg Dance/Tumbling Program**

Students (age 4 through High School) are encouraged to explore the art of dance. Instruction emphasizes fun and fundamentals. Classes are offered the entire school year. Call the Community Education Office at 321-1022 for further information.

### **Girls Basketball**

Registration is December through early January. Please call 321-1022 for more information.

### **Boys Basketball**

Registration begins October through early November. Please call 321-1022 for more information.

We are always looking for ideas and teachers for the various classes that go on. If you or someone you know is interested in teaching an after school activity class, please contact Tonya Nash at 321-1020 to learn more.

### **Youth Volleyball**

This instructional program is for all interested 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls. Participants will work on basic skills and fundamentals of volleyball. Call 321-1022 for more information.

### **Sanchin Ryu Karate**

Classes are held year round for interested children and adults. The Junior class is designed for kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and the Adult/Family class is for individuals and/or families. Call 321-1022 for more information.

### **Busy Bodies**

A safe and effective exercise program designed to accommodate the needs of adult participants of all levels. The combination class offers a 50/50 split of aerobic exercise and body sculpting. Call 321-1022 for more information.

### **Bulldog Basketball Camps**

Every June 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys and 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls each have a full week of skills building, team building and sportsmanship at the High School gym. Information goes home with each student in April and registration is ongoing until early June. Call 321-1022 or watch for flyers to come home in early April for more information.

### **Summer Tennis**

Two 3-week sessions for students 8 to 18 years of age are offered mid-June through July. Beginning, intermediate and advanced classes are available Monday through Friday. Call 321-1022 or watch for flyers to come home in early April for more information.

### **Summer Golf**

A great way for students 7 years of age and up to get in the game! Learn the mechanics of golf from a pro. Instruction will include the basic swing, drive, chipping, putting, rules and etiquette. Call 321-1022 for more information.

### **Fish Camp**

For one week in June, 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade participants will learn the difference between spinner bait and buzz bait, a dorsal and caudal fin, cane pole and fly rod and many more facts of fishing. Students will begin to develop basic fishing skills along with aquatic and environmental understandings necessary to be a *reel* angler. Call 321-1022 or watch for flyers to come home in early April for more information.

### **Football Camp**

High School participants will huddle up as they work on offensive and defensive skill building. Physical training and athletic development will also be covered. Call 321-1022 for more information.

### **Scouting**

*Boy Scouts* offers Vicksburg area boys between the ages of 11 and 18 years of age the opportunity to grow and mature into good citizens, active in the community, while having fun and becoming mentally and physically fit doing things such as hiking, biking, rock climbing, camping, and canoeing. To learn more, visit [www.vicksburg-scouting.org](http://www.vicksburg-scouting.org).

*Girl Scouts* offer activities for girls of all ages: Daisy Girl Scouts, ages 5-6; Brownie Girl Scouts, ages 6-8; Junior Girl Scouts, ages 8-11; Cadette Girl Scouts, ages 11-14; and Senior Girl Scouts, ages 14-17. The program is girl-driven, reflecting the ever-changing needs and interests of participating girls. It provides girls with a wide variety of opportunities. The program encourages increased skill building and responsibility, and also promotes the development of strong leadership and decision-making skills. All program activities are age-appropriate and based on the Four Program Goals, as well as on the Girl Scout Promise and Law. To learn more, call the Glowing Embers Council at 343-1516.