

CHEETAH EXPRESS

Thanks to all families who participated in our Día de los Muertos celebration on November 1st! This Vida tradition is one of the most special events at our school. We also appreciate your participation in our Parent Teacher conferences this month. Please continue to communicate regularly with your child's teachers all year long.

The Future Ready PA Index is a new measure used by the state of Pennsylvania to report individual school performance and allow the public to compare schools. This data is available at <https://futureready.pa.org/>. Vida's report is very favorable, and shows that the school has met or exceeded targets and statewide goals in all areas, including achievement and growth on state assessments.

As you may know, Vida Charter School is up for Charter Renewal in November 2019. The charter must be renewed every five years, and involves submitting various reports and documentation to our authorizing districts (Gettysburg and Hanover). We also invite personnel from these two districts to schedule a visit to Vida. We are hopeful that this process will move swiftly and smoothly, and we will keep our community updated as we progress.

We're already thinking about kindergarten registration for 2019. Vida will begin accepting applications on January 2nd. Children must be 5 years old by September 1st, 2019 in order to enroll. Siblings of current Vida students will have priority in enrolling, so long as their application is submitted by March 15th. Please help us spread the word about our incredible school by encouraging friends and family with 4-5 year-olds to visit and learn more about Vida!

Attendance matters! It's important that all Vida Charter School students attend school every day, on time, except when they are ill. Vida students have the unique opportunity to learn in two languages every day. It is challenging for students to catch up after missing instruction. It can also be difficult for a child to have a smooth transition into the classroom after arriving late to school. Please remember that students are marked "tardy" if they are not in the building by 8:30am.

Vida will host Quarterly Awards Assemblies to celebrate the classes that are demonstrating our school values and positively engaging in learning. Our first assemblies will be Monday Dec. 3rd at 10:30am for grades 3-6, and Tuesday Dec. 4th at 10am for grades K-2.



DECEMBER 2018

Important Dates

- Dec. 3-7** PTO Book Fair
- Dec. 4** PTO Meeting
- Dec. 7** Mobile Dentist
- Dec. 17** Board of Trustees meeting 6:30pm
- Dec. 19** Winter Concert 6:00 at Gettysburg Middle School
- Dec. 21** Half day for students; dismissal at noon - NO AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM
- Dec. 24-Jan. 2** No School for students

Vida is participating in the Adams Rescue Mission food drive through December 14th. Our collection box is in the school lobby. Please consider donating non-perishable food items if you are able. Mr. Stenger promises to do 100 push-ups if our collection reaches the ceiling!