

CHEETAH EXPRESS

We look forward to seeing you all at Back to School Night on Thursday! Please join us to learn more about your child's learning environment this year.

Last Thursday your child brought home a Family and Student Handbook. Please read and keep it in a safe place at home. Please sign and return the two acknowledgement pages by Friday, September 13th.

Vida teachers are developing Biliteracy curriculum to follow our newly adopted "Language and Content Allocation Plan." The plan and curriculum will ensure that instruction in literacy, math, science and social studies is balanced across both English and Spanish languages throughout a child's journey at Vida. Training and consultation for the project is paid, in part, through a grant from the Robert C. Hoffman Charitable Endowment Trust. You can see the Language and Content Allocation Plan in the Family handbook.

Also new and exciting is that our 4th-6th graders are invited to join Vida's first-ever Instrument Program. Flyers have been sent home, and interested families and students should come to our information session this Thursday at 5:30pm before Back to School Night.

To help us raise funds for our new Instrument program, Vida will participate in the Giving Spree on November 7th. This event is an opportunity for the school to encourage donors to support the initial cost of purchasing some extra instruments and equipment. Please consider attending the Giving Spree at Gettysburg Middle School November 7th from 4-7pm to support our fundraising!

You can find information about your child's progress in our school's parent portal. To enroll, Vida Charter School must have your email on record. Each quarter, we will send home a detailed letter to support families in logging into the parent portal. Please look out for this the first week of September. Please email elananashelsky@vidacharterschool.com if you have any questions.

Please be sure your child is in school on time every day. If your child misses a day of school, we ask that families send in a written excuse within 3 days of his/her return to school. You may also email the excuse to excuses@vidacharterschool.com

Families are strongly encouraged to apply for free or reduced-price meals at www.schoolcafe.com if you would like assistance paying for your child's school breakfast and/or lunch. Please call our office if you have any questions.

Vida is seeking new board members to join the Board of Trustees. If you know somebody who would bring expertise to our board and who is willing to volunteer, please ask them to contact Kathy in our main office.



Last week Gettysburg College musicians demonstrated the musical instruments to Vida 4th-6th to kick off Vida's new Instrumental Program.

Important Dates

- Sept. 5th** Meeting for 4th-6th grade parents interested in Instrument Program - 5:30pm
- Sept. 5th** Back to School Night 6:00 - 7:00pm
- Sept. 15th** Adams County Heritage Festival @ Gettysburg Rec Park 12-4pm
- Sept. 23rd** Board of Trustees meeting 6:30pm