



VALLEY FORGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CULTURAL ARTS SHOWS FOR 2012-13 SCHOOL YEAR

Anti-Bullying program – Jay Banks brings his “I am Unafraid” Anti-Bullying program to VFE on September 28, 2012, which is described as “high energy mix of music, slapstick comedy and relevant message” to empower students to reduce the frequency and pervasiveness of bullying. Assemblies at 9:00 (K-2) and 10:00 (3-4). www.jaybanks.com

Mother Goose – Carol Spacht will return as Mother Goose on October 10, 2012 to share ageless tales for the kindergarten classes on at 9:15 and 12:45. www.avisitwith.net

Allegheny River Dancers – On November 6, 2012, a group of enrolled Seneca from the Allegheny Reservation will perform 2 assemblies in the morning (9:00 for K-2 and 10:00 for 3-4), showcasing traditional Iroquois songs and dances and interpreting many aspects of North American culture through compelling narrative. Dancers wear traditional regalia and perform music with traditional instruments. In the afternoon, they will meet with the 3d grade for “hand-on” sessions in conjunction with their Native American curriculum.

David Kim – On November 9, 2012 at 9:00, David Kim of the Philadelphia Orchestra and his pianist, Jeffrey Devault, will perform for the 3d grade in the large group room, bringing classical music to the students and discussing Mr. Kim’s journey from 3-year old violin student to Concertmaster of a world-renowned orchestra.

Janet Wong – On December 5, 2012, acclaimed author and poet will visit for two interactive and engaging morning assemblies (9:00 for K-2 and 10:00 for 3-4) to

share her books, poetry and family stories in an effort to inspire a love of poetry.

www.janetwong.com

Betsy Ross – Carol Spacht will return on January 17, 2013 at 1:30 as Betsy Ross to tell the 3d grade classes the story of the American flag. www.avisitwith.net

Philadelphia Zoo – On January 24, 2013 at 9:30, representatives from the Zoo will return for the first grade's rainforest study, and they will teach the children about "remarkable rainforest" animals up close and personal.

Kits Interactive Theater – On January 10, 2013 at 2:00, in conjunction with their revolution study, the 4th grade will reminisce about the powerful events that sparked the War for Independence. Kit will re-create the first clash between the Redcoats and the Patriots in 1770, the Boston Tea Party, and Paul Revere's midnight ride of 1775.

Chinese round robin - On February 1, 2013, the 2d grade will have their Chinese Round Robin featuring Mr. Cheng (paper cutter), Deena Gu (calligrapher), Wyatt Higginbotham and Jon Van Cleve (martial arts). They will learn about Chinese New Year traditions and more.

Thomas Jefferson – Impersonator, historian and motivational speaker Steve Edenbo will return to visit the 4th grade as Thomas Jefferson in April, 2013 and will give a dynamic portrayal of Jefferson's leadership and vision.

The Bee Man – Cliff Wright-Sunflower returns on May 16, 2013 for the 3d grade classes. He is a master beekeeper, environmental educator, storyteller and performer who brings the scientific magic of the honeybee to life. There will be one assembly at 9:15 for the entire third grade and smaller sessions for each class from 10:45-2:30 in the large group room.

