

October 17, 2025

VET TECH FRIDAYS

Knowledge, News, and Updates



This Week in Photos



YOU ARE PAWSOME!

The board will be refreshed on October 27!



A new coloring page arrives October 27!

Make sure to finish our first one before the term ends!

11DV24 students Jerry Gutierrez, Destyne Basler, Josy Garcia, Jaden Jones, Gracie Hughes-Mier, and Danaya Casey show that collaboration and dedication lead to great results!



07DV24 students Rhys Smith and Addy Jensen take a few minutes to relax and enjoy the moment before heading to tonight's graduation ceremony!



Spotlight: Student of the Week

Aarieana Hall

Aarieana Hall is an absolute joy to have in class! actively engages with her instructors and questions when something doesn't make sense, understanding and growth.



She shows up every day ready to learn and classmates. Aarieana isn't afraid to ask showing a genuine commitment to

Her positive attitude and strong communication also a wonderful person to be around. Aarieana's dedication and energy truly brighten the classroom, and we're proud to recognize her as this week's Student of the Week!

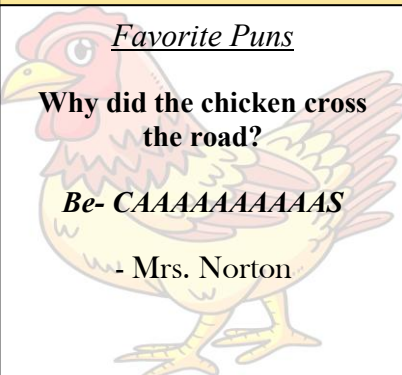
skills make her not only a great student, but

Favorite Puns

Why did the chicken cross the road?

Be- CAAAAAHHHHH

- Mrs. Norton



What's Your Teaching Theme Song?

I'm a Believer

By Smash Mouth

🎧 Dr. Ritz 🎧

What's Playing?

We asked, and you answered!

Student pick of the week:

Dusty Bibles

By Josiah Queen



What's Your Current Favorite Song?

[Click Here or Scan QR Code to Answer!](#)

What's Your Favorite Joke?

[Click Here or Scan QR Code to Answer!](#)

Congratulations to our graduates!

Our commencement ceremony will be held on 10/17/25

We are proud of you!

Underrated Animals

Quokka: The World's Happiest Animal with a Fight to Survive

Known as the happiest animal on Earth, the quokka is a small marsupial native to a few islands off the coast of Western Australia, including Rottnest Island. Its round face, bright eyes, and seemingly permanent smile have made it an internet sensation, but behind that cheerful appearance is a fascinating creature that deserves far more appreciation than it gets.

Quokkas are close relatives of wallabies and kangaroos, though much smaller, about the size of a housecat. They are herbivores, feeding primarily on grasses, leaves, and

shrubs, and can survive long dry spells by relying on the moisture in their food. This adaptation is

crucial, as they live in environments that can be hot and arid. Their ability to conserve water and thrive on a modest diet showcases their remarkable resilience and efficiency as foragers.



Social by nature, quokkas live in small groups and use a variety of vocalizations and body language to communicate. Despite their friendliness, especially toward humans, they are wild animals and should never be touched or fed. On Rottnest Island, where they are most commonly found, strict laws protect them. Visitors are encouraged to admire them from a respectful distance, though it's hard to resist the charm of their curious approach and photogenic grin.

Female quokkas, like other marsupials, carry their young in a pouch for about six months. One of their most fascinating traits is their ability to delay embryo development during harsh conditions, a survival mechanism called embryonic diapause. This ensures that a baby, or joey, is only born when the environment is suitable for survival.

Though their smiling faces bring joy to millions online, quokkas face serious threats. Their populations have declined significantly on the mainland due to habitat destruction and predation by introduced species like foxes and cats. On the islands, they remain protected, but their limited range makes them vulnerable to climate change and human interference.

The quokka's story is a reminder that even the smallest, happiest looking creatures play an important role in the ecosystem and deserve care and respect. Their charm may draw people in, but their survival depends on education, conservation, and responsible tourism. The world could learn a lot from this little marsupial, about resilience, adaptability, and finding joy in even the toughest environments.

