

## News Release

# Bismarck Henning 4<sup>th</sup> Graders to Get A Preview of Hot Air Balloon School



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Bismarck Henning 4<sup>th</sup> graders are wrapping up their school year in a big way. On Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, all 4<sup>th</sup> graders at the school will head to the gym to get a taste of what the Balloon School during **Balloons Over Vermilion** will be like July 16<sup>th</sup>. Event organizers are offering the Saturday afternoon Balloon School during the new hot air balloon event so kids and their parents can learn about hot air balloons and how they fly. "All of us who are working to make this balloon event happen this year are doing so to put smiles back on kids' faces, and getting to walk inside a balloon is guaranteed to do that," says event organizer Pat O'Shaughnessy.

Mrs. Peterson's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class at Bismarck-Henning is acting as student hosts during the event at Vermilion Regional Airport in July. But all 4<sup>th</sup> graders get to enjoy next Tuesday. Local pilot Donna Carlton Vish is putting together plans for the Balloon School in July. "This is going to be so much fun, giving our student hosts a preview of the fun we will have at Balloon School," Carlton Vish says. "We will set up about 7:15 in the morning in the school gym, cold-inflating a balloon; about 75 4<sup>th</sup> graders will join us at 8, when we will let them take off their shoes and walk into the partially inflated balloon," Carlton Vish says. In addition to getting to walk into the balloon, Mrs Carlton Vish will give the students some of the information about hot air balloons that she will share during the event's Balloon School in July. "We are all so excited about presenting the Balloon School, and for our chance to give a preview next Tuesday for our students; balloon pilots love to help people understand how balloons fly and why we enjoy flying so much," says Carlton Vish.

Balloons Over Vermilion is a new hot air balloon event to be held July 15 and 16 at the airport. There is no fee or registration necessary for Balloon School on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. Gate admission is \$5.00 and parking at the airport is \$5.00, or there will be free bus shuttles available from various sites around the community. Event information is available at [www.balloonsoververmilion.com](http://www.balloonsoververmilion.com) and on Facebook.

***MEDIA: You are welcome to join the 4<sup>th</sup> graders at Bismarck-Henning Elementary School on Tuesday.***

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