



# NEWSLETTER

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**November 2023**

## **Note From the Principal:**

We are already at the end of our first quarter and WOW has the time flown by! It seems like yesterday was the first day back to school! Getting to know all the students new and the ones returning is such a blessing to me and all the staff here at VCS.

Everyone that has given us their email address should have received a Quick Schools invite. If you have not, please check your junk email box and if you still can't find it, please email Mrs. Thomas or myself and we will get an invite sent out to you as soon as possible.

Quick Schools is one of the ways we communicate with you and is also a great way to keep up to date on how your child/children are doing academically. My God bless you and your families!

## **Coming Events:**

Conferences are scheduled for Fri., Nov. 3rd. All parents of students in Preschool – 8<sup>th</sup> grade will have specific times scheduled. You will find a form attached to this newsletter with your scheduled time on it. These are 15 minute sessions so please be on time so that you have some quality time with the teacher. We ask that you not bring your children to the conference. This is a special time for just you and the teacher. Copies of report cards for parents who miss their conference will be sent home on Monday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>.

Picture Retakes will be Fri., Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>.

Be sure to check the attached calendar for a list of other events.

## **Fund Raising Notes:**

If you haven't heard, the Jog/Walk-a-thon brought in a little over \$13,000. A big thank you for all your work getting donations! Braxton Shoemaker received the \$50.00 Visa gift card for bringing in the most money. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade class won the movie & popcorn party!

Please get signed up for our newest ongoing fundraiser. It is called ShopRaise Stop by the office or see our school board outside the office in the foyer for information. It is a great way to help the school out financially with nothing coming out of your own pocket.

## **Holiday Blessings**

Each year we help fill shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. If you would like to fill a shoebox, we have boxes available, or you may purchase a plastic one from the store. The boxes will be available on the table in the foyer on Wednesday, Nov. 1st. They are asking that you include \$10.00 with the box to help cover shipping charges. The boxes should be turned in by Tuesday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **Congratulations:**

*The Students of the Month for September were:*

Preschool – Addison Egbert

Pre-K – Demi Freitas

Kindergarten – Olivia Elliott

1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Anniston Daley

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Snow Shannon

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Elyse Shoemaker

4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Heston Kudlac

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grades – Arielle Poole

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades – Ila Bender

*The students displaying Christian Character for the Month of September were:*

Preschool – Ellie DeVos

Pre-K – Dekker DeKoekkoek

Kindergarten – Corban Madaus

1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Richard Harget

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Juliette Bacon

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Ameiah Wade

4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Stella Bender

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grades – Micah Tustin

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades – Manzanita Villalobos

Way to go students, we are so proud of YOU!

## **Preschool – Miss Bleeker**

October has been a lot of fun! We had a wonderful time on our field trip to the Pumpkin Patch! We have had fun this past month learning the letters A-H and numbers 1-8.

We will be continuing our study of creation along with learning about our five senses, goodness, and thankfulness this month. Our Bible verse for November is "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

Our Thanksgiving shared snack will be on Tuesday, Nov. 21. There is a sign-up list in the classroom.

## **Pre-K – Mrs. Dahl**

We have been busy practicing the vowels and learning the letters Tt and Bb. We are working on writing our names and getting the letters close together and in the correct space on their papers. Thank you for helping your child practice at home; it helps reinforce what is taught each day at school. You may hear your child singing "The Vowel Song."

Our new memory verse is Psalm 106:1, "Praise the Lord! Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!" As Thanksgiving approaches, we will be learning about being thankful and grateful. You may want to ask your child what they are

thankful for. We will be having a Thanksgiving feast on November 21, watch for more details and the sign-up sheet to help provide for the feast. Parent-Teacher conferences are coming up on Friday, November 3. Please plan on attending this important meeting. We will discuss your child's progress as well as other important items.

#### **Kindergarten - Mrs. Pyle**

October was full of pumpkin fun in our classroom. Our theme for fall was Pumpkin. Thank you to all who participated in our Fort Vannoy Farm Field Trip. It would not have been such a success without your support. The students have been introduced to our vowels: A, E, I, O, and U and putting the short vowel sound together with a consonant letter. We have been writing the letters l, t, a, e, i, o, u, n, m, b, and h, and we are reading, and writing three letter words.

Show and Tell days are Friday. Each week three different students will take home a note and the "Mystery" bag on Wednesday. Please read the directions with your child and help them choose an item that fits in the bag so it can be stored safely in their cubbies until it's time for them to share. Please remember to pick up notes taped to the students' cubbies in the morning, and check in their RED, take-home folders.

In November we will focus on being thankful for all God has provided for us. Psalm 106:1 "Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever."

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Grade - Mrs. Crownover**

A big "thank you" to all parents who helped with the field trip. We had a wonderful turn out, and the class had such a good time.

In the afternoon, we have begun our history unit with "My America." We will be learning about where our country is located in the world, our flag, our freedoms, our symbols, and take a tour of our most famous landmarks.

In math, our class is currently working on math combinations (addition and subtraction) through the eight family, as well as county by 5's & 10's. Some children need extra practice at home to really learn the combinations well.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Mrs. Garrett**

Our field trip to Miss Scott's farm and Adventure Garden was an amazing experience. During our Bible time we are learning about being 'fishers of men' also, ask your child 'who' the church is! If your child is struggling with spelling here is a study tip: have your child write the word, read it out loud to you, and give them verbal spelling tests throughout the week. Take care!

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - Mrs. Davis**

Well November is here. Thanksgiving is just around the corner. I think everyone is embracing the crisp air and cooler weather. Third grade is working hard and making great memories! Thank you to all the parents who are so diligent in helping your

student keep up with their homework and daily reading. You are a blessing, and your contribution is so appreciated.! Please help your student work on memorizing their times tables; it greatly improves their efficiency and confidence in working through their math problems.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Mrs. Ellis**

It has been a busy couple of months; we have settled into a good routine now. The class has just finished our first book report. In Bible we are learning the Old and New Testament in order. We are also learning how to locate chapters and verse. In history we are learning more about our thirteen colonies. Our science class is learning how seeds travel to make more trees and flowers.

Our Thanksgiving party will be on November 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 P.M. Parents are welcome to attend. More information will be sent home in the next week. I want to thank all the parents that have been helping with your students' homework; it really does make a difference.

#### **5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grades - Mrs. Violette**

This month we'll be having a Thanksgiving party on Tuesday, Nov. 21. We are going to be doing a taco bar theme in the afternoon and the cost will be \$3.00 per student. You are welcome to bring in any extra goodies to accompany the party. Students will be working on their Canada reports throughout the month; report will be due Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>.

The book report for this month will be due on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. Students will pick a biography book and complete a formal book report. Our memory verses this month are Matthew 16:24b-26 and John 6:67-69.

#### **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades – Mr. Hunkler**

In history class we are revisiting the Great Awakening prior to the Revolutionary War at a time when churches had grown cold, and attendance had declined. The nation-wide revival that changed individuals and communities for the better as Jesus changed hearts and lives is surely what we need in our country now. Come Holy Spirit!

In Bible class students are studying the life and teachings of Solomon who made a very intelligent request when offered anything he wanted from God. He asked for wisdom, a choice that is instructive to us as to what we should desire! I love and enjoy my students daily.

#### **7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades – Mrs. Kaily**

In science this month we will read about the wonders of the human body. We will learn about the bodies' systems and functions. In literature we begin a new book titled *Wolf Hollow*. Intermediate math will be working on a unit of geometry while algebra will be learning more about equations and inequalities. Grammar class will be doing narrative writing. This month's book report will be on an animal book. This means the main character will be an animal. Please help your child choose a 300–350 page book they have not read before. The report form will be sent home soon.