



NEWSLETTER

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A Note from the Principal:

What a great year it has been. The time has flown by. I want to thank you for the opportunity you have given us to instruct and care for your children. We pray you have a blessed summer, and we look forward to seeing you in the fall.

We are growing! We will be adding classrooms this summer. We want to make room for the many students who are on our waiting list. If you know of teachers who may be interested in joining the family here, please have them get in contact with us.

Upcoming Events:

Staff Appreciation Week: Monday, May 1 - Friday, May 5 is Staff Appreciation Week. This is a great time to let your child's teachers know how much you appreciate them.

Last Days of School: The last day of school for students in grades Preschool, Pre-K, and Kindergarten is Thurs. June 1. It will be a half day with them being dismissed at 11:30 AM. First – eighth grade students' last day will be Monday, June 5 at 2:45 PM.

Graduation Ceremonies: Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony will be Friday, June 2, at 6:30 pm. Eighth grade graduation ceremony will be Tuesday, June 6 at 6:30 pm.

Notes of Interest:

Math Olympics: What a fun time was had by all! Following is a list of 1st and 2nd place winners who received awards: 1st Grade – *Snow Shannon 1st*, *Cason Reinhart 2nd*, 2nd Grade – *Madison Elliott 1st*, *Kyanne Portenier and Elyse Shoemaker 2nd*, 3rd Grade – *Tristan Carlson 1st*, *Nari Arzner 2nd*, 4th Grade – *Ryder Montgomery 1st*, *Elijah Romero 2nd*, 5th Grade – *Braxton Shoemaker 1st*, *Arielle Poole 2nd*, 6th Grade – *Osias Ellis 1st*, *Royce Elling 2nd*, 7th Grade – *Lucy Shannon 1st*, *Gabe Pierce 2nd*, 8th Grade – *Annabelle Violette 1st*, *Wyatt Arzner 2nd*. We had six students that received an award for outstanding

scores: *Snow Shannon, Cason Reinhart, Braxton Shoemaker, Osias Ellis, Royce Elling, and Annabelle Violette.*

Congratulations students for a job well done!

Yearbook: We will be putting together a yearbook for this year. If you have any outstanding photos of the students in a class or on outings or special events, we would love for you to contribute them, please contact Mr. Bender. The cost of the yearbooks will be \$15.00. The order form is attached to this newsletter. They will be available for pick up in August or at Back to School Night in the fall.

Reminders:

- Enrollment: May 15th we will be opening enrollment to families outside the school. Last month a re-enrollment slip was sent home. You should be paid up on your tuition to register for next year. If you pay the enrollment fee by May 15th you will receive a \$25.00 discount per student. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Thomas.
- We are going through a large volume of plastic spoons and forks along with paper plates. Please remember to send these items in your child's lunch. We ask that you also have your child's food that needs to be heated, in a microwave safe container with a lid.
- Please check and see what your children are watching and listening to on the internet. We are hearing things mentioned that if you check into them, you probably wouldn't approve of.
- Immunizations: Summer is a good time to get caught up on your child's immunizations.

Thank you: We hope everyone has had a wonderful school year here at the Vineyard. We would like to thank all our volunteers. You help to fill the gaps and make life easier and more enjoyable for all. We pray

that God's richest blessings would be showered down upon you.

Congratulations:

Students of the Month for March were:

Preschool – *Daxton Davis*

Pre-K – *Lane Roy*

Kindergarten – *Scarlett Kudlac*

1st and 2nd Grades – *Snow Shannon*

3rd and 4th Grades – *Elijah Romero*

5th and 6th Grades – *Braxton Shoemaker*

7th and 8th Grades – *Wyatt Arzner*

Students displaying Christian Character for the Month of March were:

Preschool – *Amila Goodwin*

Pre-K – *Shekinah Atchison*

Kindergarten – *Isabelle Barton-Smith*

1st and 2nd Grades – *Alyssa Ayers*

3rd and 4th Grades – *Kimber Lackey*

5th and 6th Grades – *Fontaine Smart*

7th and 8th Grades – *Lucy Shannon*

You are amazing, we are so proud of YOU!

Students Receiving Academic Awards in 3rd – 8th Grades for the Third Quarter were:

Honorable Mention (3.0 – 3.49): *Aubree Badley, Nari Arzner, Levi Pratt, Jonah Taylor, Tycen Reyes, Ryder Montgomery, Kaden Barton-Smith, Arianna Rylander, Elijah Romero, Autumn Hamilton, Christian Bushnell, Tanner Portenier, Sam Johnson, Eden Ackerman, Fontaine Smart, Alizaye Daft, Corbin Reinhart, Olivia Imel, Lauren Murren, Gabriel Zahniser, Sophia Johnson, Marcella Violette, Ila Bender, Gage Brummett, Wyatt Arzner*

Honor Roll (3.5 – 3.74): *Evie Bender, Lucy Shannon, Marissa Dorman*

Principal's List (3.75 – 4.0): *Heston Kudlac, Kimber Lackey, Everett Johnson, Rosie Violette, Braxton Shoemaker, Arielle Poole, Royce Elling, Osias Ellis, Annabelle Violette*

Preschool – Miss Bleeker

I can't believe this school year is almost over! I have been so blessed by your children and have had so much fun watching them learn and grow. I will truly miss their daily hugs and smiles.

May is our "messy" month. We will be planting our gardens and have some hands-on fun with paints.

This month's Bible verse is Proverbs 21:23 "He who guards his mouth, and his tongue keeps himself from trouble."

We will be celebrating students with summer birthdays in May, details coming.

Our last day of school is June 1st. We will be doing shared snack and having a class party. More details to come. 😊

Pre-K – Mrs. Dahl

We have learned all our letters and their sounds now. There are some great beginning readers in the class. We are now counting to 60. Our new favorite number game is BINGO, which helps them recognize numbers up to 20.

We will spend the rest of the school year "perfecting" what we've learned and getting more kindergarten ready! I encourage you to continue practicing letters, blends and numbers at home over the summer. It's been a great year with your child and they have worked hard learning many new things. I hope they are right next-door next year in the 5-year-old kindergarten class.

Our new memory verse is John 14:1 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God."

Thank you to my aide Mrs. Ayers, we couldn't have done reading groups, art, etc., without you! Just a reminder, our last day of school is June 1st and it is a half day. It seems a little early to say but have a great summer and I hope to see all of you in the fall.

Kindergarten – Mrs. Pyle

It is so hard to believe we've come this far! Your little kindergartener has grown so much.

We have come so far with our reading skills. This month, we will learn to "check our reading" to make sure it makes sense. Do the words sound right, if not go back and reread them. Please be sure to keep the children reading this summer. Most importantly, each of these children have come to love God and His Word, be sure to continue spending time with them in this area.

In math we have been studying addition problem solving, and practicing different ways to measure objects, specifically with a ruler. We have also been practicing counting by 2's, 5's, and 10's. We continue to count coins, pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters and tell time to the hour, half hour, and fifteen minutes. This month we will start subtraction

and all the terms associated with it, minus, take away, have left, etc.

In science we will finish our study on planting, and the life cycle of a frog.

Our Kindergarten Graduation will be held on Friday, June 2nd, at 6:30 pm. More info to follow as we get closer, but all are welcome to attend.

Thank you for this incredible journey with you and your child. Each child has become a special part of our hearts. We enjoyed watching each blooming moment! Your kindergartner has worked so very hard this year!

1st and 2nd Grades – Mrs. Crownover

It's hard to believe that it's the last full month of the school year. It has been fun to watch our class grow in so many ways. What a bright and enthusiastic group they are! I am very proud of all the students. They have worked hard and accomplished much this year.

Second Grade is working on memorizing the multiplication and division tables: 1, 2, 3, 5 and 10, as well as the addition and subtraction families to 18 in math. First Grade is working in the 12 and 13 families for addition and subtraction facts. Practice at home would be helpful, as many of the children are struggling to get these memorized.

3rd and 4th Grades – Mrs. Ellis

Here we are in the last quarter of the school year. Hard to believe. Summer break is just around the corner. This last quarter we will be working with students individually on multiplication and division as needed. It will be very beneficial to your child if you practice multiplication and division flash cards with them throughout the summer.

We have started Health this quarter. The class will work on healthy eating habits and exercise. We will also be learning some first aid. All students should be done with their last book report. Students should still be reading 15 minutes each night. I have so much enjoyed teaching your child this year. Hope to see all my third graders next year. God bless and have a safe summer.

5th and 6th Grades – Mrs. Violette

Wow, the school year is almost over! This month's book report will be on an adventure book. Students will be creating a word collage that corresponds with

their book. The books should be a minimum of 175 pages, and the word collage is due May 31st.

Our memory verse for this month is Psalms 18:1-3 "I love you, Lord; you are my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my savior; my God is my rock, in whom I find protection. He is my shield, the power that saves me, and my place of safety. I call on the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and he saved me from my enemies."

7th and 8th Grades – Mr. Hunkler

In Bible studies we are studying the importance of keeping promises and seeking counsel for decision making. We often promise to do things for family and friends, and we sometimes make promises to God, that if He will just help us out of this particular situation, we will do something important to show our gratefulness.

When we make decisions, it is good to talk to others about our choices. Young people are likely to turn to their friends and share their thoughts and ideas with them. It is not wrong to ask friends for advice, but it can be helpful to ask for help from those who have more wisdom and experience. The lesson we're currently studying is designed to help students understand when to ask for help from friends and when to seek counsel from adults.

In History we study the rise of Communism in Russia and the loss of life and freedoms that resulted and the historical implications for our own time where churches in our own country have been shut down by governments, and individuals have been imprisoned for their protesting injustice.

Happy springtime to everyone! I love my students and am thrilled every day to be part of this amazing school and ministry!

7th and 8th Grades – Mrs. Kaily

The last full month of school is upon us. This has been a wonderful year. I feel so blessed by the harmony of the class.

We will be finishing our book *Mattimeo* in literature. Intermediate Math will be introduced to equations and inequalities. Pre-Algebra will be doing radicals, intro to trigonometry and systems of equations. Algebra 1 is learning about rational expressions, equations, and functions.

Science will be on pollution and the environment. The students have a science report to do at home on a natural disaster that has happened in the past. There will be no book report for this month.

