

## The Core Virtues

September: Respect  
December: Caring  
March: Achievement

October: Responsibility  
January: Patience  
April: Trustworthiness

November: Teamwork  
February: Perseverance  
May: Citizenship

# The Veritas Voice

April 2011

## A NOTE FROM MRS. SMITH'S DESK...



Welcome Back, I trust that everyone had a fun but restful break. We are now on the home stretch. We are two week into the final quarter and summer is right around the corner. Our students, teachers and yes you our parents have worked hard all school year long, and we know that this will all pay off. We had our Math Parent Academy last month. Students and parents alike found out how much fun math can be. We also had our 70's family dance event. During our school wide assembly earlier that day the students learned 70's terminology and during the dance we learned several 70's dance steps. In the words of one of our students" I have been at Veritas since the second grade (4 years) and this is the most fun year I have ever had" We have four more exciting events planned through the rest of the school year. Make sure to mark your calendars and don't miss out. (Be present)

Our scrapbooking event was a success as we have now turned several students and parents into scrap bookers. Our staff and parents were "moving moving" as we had our first, out of seven, consecutive Dance Fever class before the break. Dance Fever incorporates "Zumba" moves for you Zumba fans out there. Spring is here, join us as we get in shape and try to fulfill that "get fit" New Year's resolution. Make sure to view pics on face book for all of these events and more.

The Veritas Academy web site is under Construction. Our Middle school students have been given the challenge of incorporating their new Technology skills to bring our web site up to the 21st century. Please be patient with us and stay tuned for "The Revealing".

We are excited to announce that we are bringing Drama /Theater to Veritas. Those of you who have acting skills, hidden talents, or just enjoy working behind the scenes are encouraged to come out and audition for this upcoming auspicious event that will showcase our students as we culminate our school year.

Students will be taking the second and final portion of ISTEP the week of April 25th. Again our students have been working hard and our teachers have done an outstanding job teaching and preparing our students all year long. More information is forthcoming about ISTEP. Continue to partner with us as we come to the close of another awesome school year.

*Mrs. Smith*

**There's lots of testing coming in May.**



**Be sure to give your child a good hearty breakfast to start their day!**

## Calendar

April 25	M-F ISTEP Testing
April 28	Family Fun Night Minute to Win It
May 2	M-W ISTEP Testing
May 4	Acuity Testing
May 6	Spring Program
May 9	M-F NWEA Testing
May 11	CFS Board Meeting
May 16	M-F NWEA Testing
May 19	Parent Academy
May 26	April/May Assembly
May 27	Sports Banquet
May 30	No School Memorial Day



## News from Dragon Country

Wow , what a great start to spring! Our butterflies hatched in early March and have been a welcome addition to our classroom. The children have really enjoyed seeing the life cycle unfold before their eyes! The children have been working hard reviewing for the ISTEP testing and are really positive. In math the children have been working on long division and multiplication. We have enjoyed learning these new skills. We are reading Maniac Magee and it fits into our unit of discrimination and racial issues. The children amaze me with their insight and thoughts on this situation.



## Buckeye Pride

The 6th grade is working hard up until Spring Break! We have been learning about experimental and theoretical probability, as well as permutations and the counting principle. This is one of the best chapters for playing games and learning at the same time! In Writing, each student chose a college that made it to the "Sweet Sixteen" in March Madness and is writing a research paper on it. We are college bound! Come check out our first Kingdom of Life in the hallway: Animals. We even broke it down into the phylum Vertebrates. Let's give all the effort we can for the last quarter of 6th grade!

### Honor Roll:

**Brandon W., Elizabeth T., Jennifer G.,  
Alexandra C.**



## MUSIC NOTES 🎵

April? Already? That means the Spring Music Program is next month! It is amazing how our Veritas students are learning some tough Broadway songs to perform for you. The songs range from the early 1900s all the way to more recent shows that have been made into movies. I hope you are making plans to attend the program at 6:00 P.M. on May 6. It will be an enjoyable evening and you are sure to catch the "Broadway Beat"!

**Students of the Quarter: Heaven Hannah,  
Megan Cramer**



## Fifth Grade News

Fifth grade is thrilled that it is officially spring! Spring Break is much deserved for this hardworking group of kids!

We finished our class novel in Reading and took a few weeks to learn about variables in Math. Look for our class Poetry Book to come home, in addition to your child's Personal Poetry Collection. In Science, we did many fun experiments involving matter. We are enjoying the American History newspapers that have been delivered to our class for Social Studies. They are a wonderful and fact-filled supplement to our curriculum.

As we return from Spring Break, there will be only two weeks of classes until the final portion of ISTEP+. We know we will be ready!

Thank you for all of the parents that attended conferences.

### STUDENT OF THE MONTH:

- K-Israel Wilson
- 1-Amaya Laurence
- 2-Ruth Kiarie
- 3-Charlie Arndt
- 4-Jeremy Lynam
- 5- Cecilia Rivera
- 6-Kevin McGowan
- 7-Abidahi Penate
- 8-Ray Chavez

### MARCH CORE VIRTUE STUDENT: "ACHIEVEMENT"

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| K-Julian Cox      | PE                     |
| 1-Olivia Witters  | K-4 Jaylynn Luster     |
| 2-Jakobe Luster   | 5-8 Alyssa Stambaugh   |
| 3-Grace Nerio     | MUSIC                  |
| 4-Grace Arndt     | K-3 Kyra McDonald      |
| 5-Seth Castillo   | 4 -8 Theresa Andrade   |
| 6-Chasneen Porter | ART                    |
| 7-Zach Wheatley   | K-3 Issac Plata        |
| 8-Kayla Smith     | 4-8 Alexandra Calleros |
|                   | SPANISH                |
|                   | K-3 Annalysa Nyambura  |
|                   | 4-8 Amira Hopkins      |



### First Grade News

We are wrapping up our Math unit on geometry. We learned the name of different shapes and solids. We all thought the name "rhombus" was silly. We had a lot of fun folding paper to cut into shapes so we could see the lines of symmetry. Miss Fitzgerald has been sharing different books from the A to Z Mystery series. We love hearing about Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose and their crazy adventures. In Reading, we have been learning about ways to respect others and why it is important. We have two favorite books from this unit: "Hey, Little Ant" and "Arnie and the New Kid." We have been writing small moments. These are stories that are from our lives and we write about just the important part. We are wrapping up our weather and seasons exploration in Science. When we come back from Spring Break, we will begin a Social Studies lesson. We are all so pumped for the Bulldogs to be in the Final Four! BU-TLE-R You a Bulldog? Oh Yeah!



### NEWS FROM THE GYM

This month in PE students have been transitioning into a jump rope unit. They have been learning important jumping skills and techniques that will help them achieve amazing results in both endurance and trick jump roping. Get ready for jump rope for heart coming next week! Students in all grades will have the opportunity to raise money to help fight heart disease and win prizes. students in grades K-8 will also get the chance to beat last year's jump rope champions! good luck!!!!

**PE students of the quarter:  
Samuel Thomas and Jacob  
Woodruff**



### Squawk from Cardinal Country

#### THE X-MEN HAVE COME TO VERITAS

7th and 8th grade have begun their unit using X-Men to create literature, study scientific ethics, create power point presentations, spreadsheets, pamphlets, poetry, and finally publish their own comic! Students will symbolize events from history involving social justice issues in their comic.



## Art News!

**Kindergarten** students were introduced to artist Joan Miro, and then created their own abstract painting. The **First grade** class designed their initials in block lettering and used bright watercolors to paint their project. **Second graders** are learning about Expressionism! This week they learned about the artist Edvard Munch. The **third grade** class was introduced to terrace houses and architectural detail. They are currently working on creating their own terrace house communities. **Fourth graders** finished their abstract portraits that were inspired by the artist Pablo Picasso. **Fifth grade** students learned about African customs and art. They are currently working on creating their own African abstract collage. The **sixth grade** class is learned about bugs and insects this week. They are now crating their own bright bodacious 3-D bugs!! The **seventh grade** class will be creating a toothpick sculptures. This week the **eighth graders** will be learning about Mexican culture. They will be creating repousse reptiles.



## Kindergarten News

Wow, it's hard to believe the fourth quarter has already begun. The entire school year has flown by, and March was no exception. We were very busy in the Kindergarten room. The children worked very hard in all areas, and their hard work is really paying off in Writer's Workshop. They recently published "How To" books and "All About" books. It is amazing what these five and six year olds have accomplished. The kids are becoming excellent word decoders, and many of them have become little mathematicians. They are doing a great job adding and subtracting. I am very proud of all they have accomplished.

Of course, it hasn't been all work and no play. We celebrated Dr. Seuss this month. We listened to many of his stories and even tried green eggs and ham. We found out that 14 of 16 kids liked it! On St. Patrick's Day we were visited by a naughty leprechaun. He sent us on a wild goose chase throughout the school and in the school yard. We never did catch him, but he left us a pot of goodies! March was a great month, and I am sure April will bring even more good times.

**3rd Quarter Model Student: Madalyn Fisher**  
**3rd Quarter Personal Best: Angelina Plata**  
**3rd Quarter Most Improved: Andrew Sutherland**



## GO UCONN!

April is going to be bringing all the students many new discoveries!

Science classes will begin to study interactions between our lives and our world. We will also continue to do labs and to see Science in Action-Motion and Energy!! Math classes have been steadily moving along, and we have another solid month of work for all math classes.

Ask your 'mathematicians' what they had for homework, and what we are doing in class...and if they can't tell you make them look it up! 7th and 8th graders need a lot of reinforcement with math concepts and they are not going to be coming easy, so take the time to ask and listen.

## Caught Ya!

**Eryn and Liliana** were caught being good friends during the pizza party!  
**Chloe Collins** was caught comforting a student who was upset!  
**Madalyn Fisher** was caught being a gracious winner when she was elected Student Council Representative.  
**Mr. Thomas, Mrs. Wilson, and the crew** who decorated and put on such a "far out" 70s Dance!  
**Jared** holding the door for another class.  
**Nathan** helped an upset friend feel better.  
**Stephen Francis in 4th grade** offered some advice to an injured classmate and helped her to the office.



## Spanish Noticias

We are in the home stretch. This is the final term and all of our computer assignments for 4-8 grade will be due (paper is available for those who don't have access to a computer or can't get to homework club). Also elementary packets will be due by the end of this term, hopefully the beginning of June. We have some fun things planned for the end of the term and plan to continue learning by using the language in role playing, projects, listening activities, and games.

Middle school students will follow the syllabus online or if they are doing it on paper, it is written inside the cover of their informational packet with the sun on the front. If they do not have a computer at home, remember that if they can't get to the library or the homework club they can get it on paper. I am excited about what we have in store. In middle school we will be analyzing some pop songs that are in Spanish that contain a lot of words, phrases and grammar that they have learned on the [www.studyspanish.com](http://www.studyspanish.com) website. We also will be reading a short play that also uses information from the website.

5th grade is reviewing telling time learning about numbers to 1000 (which will be review for some) learning about sports.

4th grade is reviewing colors and body parts from last year and learning possessive adjectives such as my and your.

3rd grade is learning about what is around town, masculine and feminine words, and reviewing body parts

2nd grade is reviewing body parts and animals from last year, and learning about what is around town and family members.

1st grade is learning family members and reviewing body parts and animals from last year  
Kindergarten will be learning about family members and food.

Student of the Quarter: K-3 Rayonna Herron 4-8 Jeremy Lynam