

# STUDENT OF THE MONTH Displaying the Core Virtue of *Integrity*:

K- Ayden Nerio

1st- Alyssa Dockery

2nd- Nate Smith

3rd- Damien Schubert

Art- Jaylynn Campbell

Music- Ruth and Winnie Kiarie

Technology- Jaylynn Campbell

Gym- Grace Murei

4th- Annalyssa Mwaura

5th- Isaac Plata

6<sup>th</sup>- Gideon Lawson

7th- Baylor Laurence

8th- Zach Wheatley

Art- Zach Wheatley

Music- Jeffrey Curran

Technology- Cassidy Greenwood

Gym- JeVaughn Smith

# Veritas Voice

December 2011



## A note from Mrs. Smith's Desk...

Happy Holidays Veritas families! We have a wonderful Holiday program lined up on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Gym. Please join us and support all of our students on their hard work preparing for this wonderful event. A special thanks goes to Mr. Quarles for all of his hard work and dedication in organizing the program.

Our Core Virtue this month is *Charity*. At Veritas we like to give back to the community and help those less fortunate than ourselves. We currently have two charity drives going on during the month of December.

The first is *Toys for Tots*. Please bring in toys for children. This is a great time to teach our children about giving. Have them help pick out a toy they would like to give to a child in need.

The other charity drive we are holding is *Coins for Vets*. So if you have any spare change lying around in your couch or vehicle please donate it to our Vets.

Along with toys and coins we are collecting: shaving cream, bath soap, bath towels, kitchen towels, deodorant, shampoo, hand towels, scarves, hats, gloves, tooth brushes, cleaning items, cups, plates, and silverware.

\*\*\*\* All items should be new and unwrapped.

There will be a collection site in our lobby. Thank you so much for you caring.

Have a safe and wonderful holiday vacation!

## Calendar of Events

Dec. 6-13 NWEA

Dec. 8 Family Fun Night

Dec. 15 Holiday Music Program "The Gift"

Dec. 21-Jan 3 Winter Break

## Brain Teaser

What ancient civilization created our modern calendar?

First five with the correct answer see Ms. Roberts for a treat.



## Caught Ya's

Christopher Crockett (K) being a good listener during Reader's Workshop  
Amaya Laurence (2<sup>nd</sup>) has worked so hard during ECRI! Great job Amaya!  
Cameron Bartlette (4<sup>th</sup>) offering to hold the door for another class  
Baka Thiam (5<sup>th</sup>) helping out the younger students in Catch Up Cafe. Baka took the initiative to go and help them with their work without being asked to. Keep up the great work Baka!

Cassie Robinson (5<sup>th</sup>) is always helpful and eager to hold the door.  
GiGi Medina (7<sup>th</sup>) helping out in the Concessions at the Saturday morning tournament. She volunteered and did a great job helping out!

Respect, Responsibility, Self-Control, Integrity, Charity, Individuality, Perseverance, Sportsmanship, Courage, Citizenship



November was a busy month in the Kindergarten room. The kids worked hard all month long and they accomplished a great deal! In Reader's Workshop we learned several new sight words and practiced the words by playing many fun games. We are also learning how to "go through" (sound out) words when we read. The kids are doing an amazing job. All will be reading three and four letter words fluently in no time! Not only are the kids working hard on their reading skills, they are also really focusing on their writing skills. We have just finished our third Writer's Workshop unit. The kids have produced some high quality stories! In Math Workshop we practiced identifying 3-D shapes and are working on our adding and subtracting skills. The kindergarten kids also spent some time learning about the first Thanksgiving. We talked about Native Americans, Pilgrims, and what it means to be thankful. In honor of the Thanksgiving holiday we made a "Friendship Fruit Salad!" It was a yummy way to learn the value and importance of friendship!

## News from Dragon Country!

Our first grader's vocabularies are growing leaps and bounds as they learn new sight words. They have been eager to identify the new words in the books they read. In Math, students have been exploring visual patterns and extending this to include number patterns. We are also counting coins and telling time to the hour and half hour. Our sprouting scientists are investigating the needs of plants by nurturing bean seedlings. The 1<sup>st</sup> grade class would like to recognize Alyssa Dockery as our student of the month. She has been making positive contributions to our class. Alyssa strives to do her personal best and demonstrated this month's core virtue integrity.



## Cardinal Country

November has been wonderful and super fast! As scientists, we have been studying mammals and their five traits. We have also talked about the butterfly lifecycle. Our mathematicians are starting to dive into temperature and how we can use hands on manipulatives like rekenreks to help with our number sense. In Language Arts, we will be focusing on different types of writing as well as writing for a purpose. We wrote to the troops this month and we will start writing a friendly letter to the students in our classroom beginning in December. We will continue to work hard and to achieve our goals we set at the beginning of the year! Good job second grade!

## Bethel Pilots



Bethel Pilots continue to work hard as the school year continues. Huge advancements in reading, writing, and math skills have been popping up for each student! We are finally beginning our unit on multiplication and the students are very anxious. Mrs. Nix, a math specialist came in our room last week and taught us a lesson on multiplication readiness which got the students very excited! We are continuing to read various types of books and are learning more words each day. In writing we have worked on writing with a main idea along with supporting details. We are looking forward to December as we begin our new chapter books together and get ready for NWEA and Acuity!

## Sooner News

4<sup>th</sup> grade is diligently learning how to find the area and perimeter of a polygon, homophones, animal characteristics, and the history of early settlers in Indiana. We will soon be working on geometry shapes and angles, synonyms, and antonyms. We continue to work on our reading comprehension and spelling each day. We are focusing on how to find information in informational textbooks. Soon we will be writing a report on an animal and giving presentations.



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## News from the North

We are wrapping up our Solar System unit in science. Make sure to check out the website for pictures of our great models! There was a lot of hard work and creativity put into these and they turned out awesome!

In math we are working on Geometry. It has provided both a great challenge but also a lot of fun for us to work through!

Our student of the month for displaying the most trustworthiness is Isaac Plata. Isaac is a great student and someone that you can trust to get the job done. No matter what the circumstances are Isaac is sure to be doing what needs to be done. I know that when I ask Isaac what happened, he will always give an honest, truthful answer.

## Buckeye Pride

As we move into a new season, we are growing and learning more and more. In math, we have been working on fractions. We are adding and subtracting, finding common denominators, and working with mixed numbers. Most nights, the students watch a how-to video to help them with the next day's assignment. This is helpful because Ms. Shelly can be there for assistance for students with questions! We are also using mybigcampus.com and have set up diigo accounts to help us with our goals.

In Language Arts, the class is doing really well with finding appositive phrases, figurative language, and using compound and complex sentences. We are also reading some great literature circle books and will be doing projects with those in the coming weeks. Go Bucks!



*Am I not destroying my enemies when I make friends of them?* --[Abraham Lincoln](#)



ALL RIGHT.

In Language Arts, the eighth grade students just completed their narrative writing selections and posted them online. You can check them out by going to [mywirelessclassroom.us](http://mywirelessclassroom.us) and clicking on the student page. There you will find links to each student's website.

In the past month, students learned an 18<sup>th</sup> century game called Nines, which is similar to tic-tac-toe but played by youth with copper and silver pieces. In addition, we have discovered how our forefathers changed the course of history with their actions. The Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution are two documents we studied.

Also, students presented orally a recitation of the Preamble in the Constitution and the first couple of paragraphs of the Declaration of Independence.

Next students are going to learn about how our laws are made, and of course we will be singing the Schoolhouse Rock favorite, *I'm Just A Bill*, in class.



## Bull Dog News

This month in math, we have been working with surface area. Students cut out 2 dimensional nets and taped them together into 3 dimensional objects.

In science, we learned about the digestive system, the circulatory system, and the immune system.

This month in PE students are finishing up our volleyball unit. We finished off with a Staff VS volleyball team game - The girls played great and so did the Veritas Teachers!! The next unit for grades 3-8 is Basketball. Students are learning the fundamentals of the great game- Dribbling, passing, and shooting. At the end of the unit students will learn the rules and play full court games. Students in grades K-2 are juggling!!! We have some students who can already juggle with three scarves!!! Coming up with routines and patterns makes this colorful unit exciting and fun!

## Sports Center

Basketball practice has begun and the first home game is Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Check out the athletics page for more information. Meanwhile, the Volley ball team took third place in the Veritas Invitational for Elementary teams in November. The girls did a great job! Before the Thanksgiving Break, the volleyball team challenged the staff to a friendly game displaying the skills they learned this season. The future looks bright for both teams as there are no students graduating from either of this year's squads.

## High Ability

High Ability students continue to stretch their minds in language arts and math. We have been writing and reading exciting novels. The students are great with discussions and expressing his/her feelings. We have been working hard with problem solving, using higher order thinking skills. The students love to use the many apps on our IPAD.



For the next few weeks all grades (K-8) will be working on interdisciplinary lessons that combine math and art. This will be reinforcement to what students are learning in their general classroom.

## Tech Time



In Technology we are working on Spreadsheets and we moved to a new location!



Welcome Friends and families, Happy Holidays from the Performing Arts classes at Veritas Academy. We are looking forward to performing for you at our Holiday concert on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. Students our to report to their classrooms at 5:45. There will be singing, bell ringing, recorder, boomsticks, and the orchestra and the steel drum ensemble. We also have invited a special guest from the North Pole to join us. We look forward to seeing you on the 15<sup>th</sup>. I am including a sample of your 4<sup>th</sup> graders singing, "[It's Christmas time](#)"



## Sick

"I cannot go to school today,"  
Said little Peggy Ann McKay.  
"I have the measles and the mumps,  
A gash, a rash and purple bumps.  
My mouth is wet, my throat is dry,  
I'm going blind in my right eye.  
My tonsils are as big as rocks,  
I've counted sixteen chicken pox  
And there's one more-that's seventeen,  
And don't you think my face looks green?  
My leg is cut, my eyes are blue-  
It might be instamatic flu.  
I cough and sneeze and gasp and choke,  
I'm sure my left leg is broke-  
My hip hurts when I move my chin,  
My belly button's caving in,  
My back is wrenched, my ankle's sprained,



