

	Wisdom	The Core Virtues		Cheerfulness
Respect	Citizenship	Responsibility	Self-control	Trustworthiness
	Integrity	Perseverance	Courage	Fairness

The Veritas Voice

Caught Ya!

Baka Thiam (4th) for always trying to do her best.
The "Beastie Biebers" (6th) were caught working as a team during math groups!
Cecilia R. (5th) was caught getting her morning work done quickly and quietly EVERY day.
Nallely Portillo (1st) never giving up on her work.
Zach H. (5th) was caught sharing his index cards with another classmate.
Alexandra C. (6th) was caught being a good friend!
Leena Thomas and Nathanael Smith (1st) leading by example in the classroom.
Eli T. and Seth C. (5th) were caught organizing the nonfiction books in the library even though it was an overwhelming task!
Michael Fuller (1st) keeping the floor around him clean.
 The entire **Kindergarten** class was caught waiting quietly in the hall while their teacher stepped into the office.
Alyssa S. (5th) was caught following every single classroom expectation!
Tatiana E. (6th) and **Raymond C. (8th)** staying after a volleyball game to help clean up
Alyssa S. (5th), **Brianna Laurence (5th)**, and **Cecilia R (5th)** helping Mrs. Vasen with Health lessons

November 2010

Did you know?
 Board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month - parent participation is always appreciated!

Book Fair Update

Thank you to everyone for making the Scholastic bookfair a huge success! We earned over \$400.00 for our school in free books! A special thank you to everyone for helping set up and taking down the fair and running the book sales. We couldn't have done it without all your help!



Squawk From Cardinal Country

What a great 1st 9 weeks. The writing from the 7th and 8th grade classes is really impressive. Students wrote chapters, poems, and screen plays based on the novels they read. They are so good that I am sending them to the authors of the novel to read. We are now focusing on non-fiction and how to use it persuasively. 7th grade projects are on display in the library, they are very creative. 8th grade will be beginning our annual Constitution simulation.

Calendar

- NOV. 18 Awards Ceremony
- NOV. 25-26 No School
- DEC. 3 1:45 Dismissal
- DEC. 8 Board Meeting
- DEC. 15 Winter Holiday Program
- DEC. 20-31 No School
- JAN. 3 School Resumes



A Note From Mrs. Smith's Desk.....



Happy November!

We have come to the end of our first quarter. Remember that we are running a Marathon not a Sprint. We are at a good pace teachers and students. Let's keep it up!

Parent teacher conferences were held the week of November 8th. If you have not yet made an appointment to see your child's teacher please do so as soon as possible. We are seeking 100% participation.

Board Elections were held on Wednesday November 10. A great big welcome to our newest Board Members: Karin Fisher, Suzanne Thomas, Rebecca Childers Wallick, and returning board member Ellen Woodruff.

We have a new Counselor. His name is Mr. Douglas Thomas. He is excited about the opportunity to join our team and work with our students and families. Please join me in welcoming Mr. Thomas on board.

Please Mark your calendars. We will have our Quarterly Award Ceremony on Thursday November 18th @ 8:30am. Come on out and support our students.

We are adding a Citizenship grade to our report cards beginning 2nd Quarter. Keep an eye out for specific information regarding Citizenship.

Yankee-Candle Fundraiser yielded approximately \$1,000. A Great big THANK YOU to everyone who participated and made it a success.

Our Fill a Cart Feed a Family Food Drive will begin Monday November 15th. Families are encouraged to send in nonperishable items to fill our food cart.

Finally, I am Thankful for each student, each staff member, each parent and each volunteer. If any one of you were missing our Veritas family would not be complete.

Happy Thanks Giving!!!



Fifth grade has gotten the second marking period off to an incredible start! We are completing all the homework, wearing the correct uniform, and following class and school expectations. Because of this, we are already learning many new things!

In Reading, we have started small group lessons. This will help each student to read and learn at his or her own level. We are reading novels, working on vocabulary and comprehension skills, doing research projects, and reflecting on what we learn. In Writing, students will begin research reports on a chosen animal. We will follow the writing process as we take notes, organize them in webs and outlines, draft, edit, and publish. This Writing assignment corresponds with our newest Science unit on Animal Diversity.

We have done many hands-on and engaging activities to help students learn about animal classification and adaptations. Additionally, we are completing outlines to help us learn how to study information for tests. Last but certainly not least, we have learned how to multiply multi-digit numbers and decimals in

Math and we are beginning our geometry unit!

Mrs. Ford is excited to be back with the class, though I know the students had a wonderful first quarter with Ms. Amacher and will miss her now that she is gone! Congrats to Joe Pa on his 400th win with the Penn State football team! Wahoo!

Buckeye Pride

Sixth grade students have finished up quarter one with a test in almost every subject! We are beginning new chapters and new activities. In

Math, we are learning to add and subtract fractions. In Social Studies, we have started learning our European countries through singing! Ask your child to sing you the song!!

In Science, we are beginning a unit on Speed and Distance. The class has been working very hard on their picture stories. They are hanging in the hallway. Come and check them out! We

are also focusing on teamwork and encouraging others as we grow and prepare for college! Go Buckeyes! Ms. Shelly is proud of each of you!



It is hard to believe the first quarter has come and gone! We have been so busy in Kindergarten. The children are now well in the routine of school, and are accomplishing many great things. In Language Arts, we are focusing on letter sounds and many of the kids are starting to use their sound knowledge to read and write! Come see their published books displayed outside our classroom.

In Math, we spend time each day working on our counting and number identification skills. Our goal is for everyone to be able to count to 100. This is a determined bunch of kids and I have no doubt we will reach our goal. In Science, we just finished up our study of Fall. In an almost unanimous decision, the classes favorite thing to do in Autumn is play in the leaves! In Social Studies we are starting a unit on Native Americans. We have learned what kinds of houses Native Americans used to live in, as well as what kind of food they used to eat. It has been a terrific first quarter, and I can't wait to see what the second quarter has in store for the Kindergartners!



MUSIC NOTES

"I can't believe it. Oh me, oh my. Another year has gone by. Forget your troubles and get your jollies. It's Veritas Academy's Icicle Follies!"

Those are some lyrics from the opening song from this year's Holiday Program entitled "Veritas Academy Icicle Follies". The program will take place on Wednesday,

December 15 at 6:00 P.M. Please note that this is a change from what is listed on the 2010-2011 school calendar. At the request of our principal, Mrs. Smith, all students in Grades K-8 are expected to participate.

There are a few props that I am asking each student in Grades 1-8 to provide for the program. Each student needs a Santa hat and also a winter scarf of any kind/color. I will send additional information later about when they will need to be brought to school. I just wanted

to give you a "head's up" so you have plenty of time come up with these special items. If you do not have or cannot get a Santa hat and/or a winter scarf, I will provide them for your child. Please let me know what you need by November 22 so that I will know how to plan. The best way to reach me is through email at

tamtheteacher@yahoo.com

<<mailto:tamtheteacher@yahoo.com>> or a note can be sent to school with your child. Also, if anyone has extra Santa hats or winter scarves that you are willing to lend, please notify me of that as well.

The students are already working hard so that they can present a wonderful Holiday Program!

News From the Drexel Dragons:

What a great month the fourth graders have had! We have read *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Rolad Dahl and watched the classic and newer version of the movie. The children made observations comparing all three versions using a three circle Venn Diagram. Science has been exciting. We have wrapped up our unit of study on bats. The children enjoyed a visit from Rum Village to learn about bats. We are beginning a new unit on eletricity that is sure to be hair raising! Our study of Indiana continues at a steady pace. We have discussed and read about early Indiana and really learned some exciting new concepts. We are working on multiplication and memorizing our facts. The children have many exciting activites coming up! We will be making bread and decorating gingerbread houses.



SPANISH NOTICIAS:

We are starting a new 9 weeks! This means big changes for middle school and new topics in elementary.

In K-5 in the next couple of weeks they will continue to go over introductory phrases, numbers, and the other things each class learned, but we will move on to higher numbers in each level. K is going on to 10. While they are exposed to the numbers written out on paper in Spanish, they are only expected to write the numeral and usually most of it is just oral. 1st grade will work on orally counting past 20 and will work on writing for 10-20. 2nd grade will work on writing to 29, and third grade write to 40. 4th grade and 5th grade will continue with their tens places to make all the numbers through 100. K-1 will also add more colors to the mix and second grade will be reviewing colors. 2-5 will be adding some form of dates depending on their levels. (Days of the week, months, seasons..)

In all levels we added some Scholastic bilingual readers to the mix courtesy of 1st grade, Thanks Miss Fitzgerald!, and the fact that they are a lower level helps tremendously in reading the Spanish. We have learned about "Day of the Dead" and Bats with these already.

Middle school has some big changes. The lesson grades from www.studyspanish.com will now be plugged into the gradebook, all the way back to lesson one, and will figure into their grades. This past 9 weeks since I allowed them to get extra credit for the computer lessons, and we had so few grades as we meant only once a week, it really inflated some grades. (Even those not on computer got bonus for getting the paper copies if they came and got them, the same as if they had "signed up".) There were also bonus for getting progress reports signed. So a lot more bonus than this time. So all middle school students should have done the basic quiz and mini test up through lesson 7 subject pronouns by the end of next week. Those getting paper copies need to make sure that they are getting them from me. Thank you.

ESPAÑOL

SURGE Ahead is underway for students, grades 4-8, who need support with Language Arts skills.

This is a free-service, after school program, 3:30-5:00 in room 18, directed by Dr. Cheryl Thomas. Parents may select what night is best for their students; however, suggested nights for each grade level are: Monday (grades 6 & 7), Tuesday (grade 4), Wednesday (grade 8), and Thursday (grade 5). SURGE Ahead does not meet on Fridays. If parents would provide a snack during these sessions, it would be much appreciated. Please contact Dr. Thomas at 260.243.0430 or at Veritas Academy for more information.

Butler Bulldogs

The first graders have been working hard. It's hard to believe we are 50 days into the school year. In Math, we have been working on telling time to the hour and to the half hour. This is tricky so we can always use extra help.

We have been counting pennies and nickels. We just started to count dimes too! It is fun to trade in pennies and nickels for dimes. We are working on our addition and subtraction facts. We keep practicing so we can do them faster! We have read many interesting books.

We really enjoyed one about kites and another about a boy and butterflies. When we read, we are working on making predictions and making inferences. It is fun to see if the stories turn out the way we think they will.

Our Writing and Spelling is improving each day. We practice sounding out words on our own. The trickiest part of Writing is remembering to start our sentences with capital letters and to end them with correct punctuation. We finished up our first study of community and now we are using what we learned to make inferences and predictions about what life was like for the Pilgrims. We also did a study on movement and we got to explore magnets.



Bethel Pilots

Third graders are working so hard this month! We are just beginning to work on our multiplication facts and we are so excited! Our class is working toward an ice cream sundae party when everyone memorizes their facts. We have been focusing on non-fiction in our reading and recently read a story about a boy who is deaf and uses ASL to communicate. Mrs. Smith was able to come into our class this week and spend some time teaching the students some ASL! The kids loved the experience!

We are also studying Native Americans that lived in our area. Students were surprised to learn that Native Americans are not only of the past, but also the present! We are studying the Miami, Potawatami, and Alogonqin Indians. The students have learned some Miami language and even made up some Indian names! Next week we will be making some Native American crafts and foods!

On Thursday, we spent some time writing letters to Veteran's. We sent some letters to Japan and some locally. We were able to see pictures and we hope to hear back soon from our Veteran's. One might also come into school to speak to our class!



STUDENT OF THE MONTH:

- K - Alyssa Laurence
- 1 - Nathanael Smith
- 2 - Jakobe Luster
- 3 - Charlie Arndt
- 4 - Grace Arndt
- 5 - Elijah Thomas
- 6 - Eryn Tumbleson
- 7 - Zach Wheatley
- 8 - Kayla Lynam



CORE VIRTUE STUDENT: "RESPONSIBILITY"

- K - Israel Wilson
 - 1 - Michael Fuller
 - 2 - Ella Cramer
 - 3 - Grace Nerio
 - 4 - Jaylen Knapp-Petty
 - 5 - Eve Portillo
 - 6 - Elizabeth Thomas
 - 7 - Annaleyse Pollock
 - 8 - Krystal Atkins
- PE - Samuel Thomas 2nd
 - MUSIC - Grace Arndt 4th
 - ART - Kayla Smith 8th
 - SPANISH - Zach Wheatley 7th



Hoosier Hysteria!



It was wonderful meeting with many of the parents of the 7th and 8th graders last week. As I mentioned to some of the students and parents, I am happy to work with students after school, especially on math. In Algebra, we are currently working on solving inequalities. In Pre-Algebra, we just finished a unit on factors and exponents. We are also working on exponents and scientific notation in Math 8 and Math 7. In Science, the 7th graders have been studying cell reproduction. Their drawings of mitosis can be seen in the middle school hallway. We will be beginning a unit on the various systems of the body. 8th graders just completed a unit on the nonliving environment. Their displays on the water cycle, carbon cycle, and nitrogen cycle can also be found in the middle school hallway. We are beginning a unit on how people impact the land.

NEWS FROM THE GYM:



Fall sports are almost over! Our Soccer teams were excellent this year! Thank You to Coach Simels (elem.) and Coach Tezitch (Middle School) and the players and parents for all your hard work this season!

The Volleyball team has been bumping and setting their way to victory! The elem. and middle school girls have shown a vast improvement this year, we still have a few more games, so come check out our Lady Saints!

A special THANK YOU goes to Mrs. Edwards and her sons for running our concession stand and making money for our athletics program!!!!

Boys Basketball has started! We still need Middle School boys to come out so we can make up a full team!!!! The first game is on the 22nd of November at Veritas. We hope to see you there!

In PE the students in grades K-2 are working on hand dribbling, passing and catching skills, while the 5th-8th grade is starting a basketball unit. If there are any parents who would like to come help out with specific skills, or be guest referee's during their child's PE period feel free to come help!!!!