

# STUDENT OF THE MONTH:

- K- Ti'Kyriah Henderson  
1st- Jaren Kenny  
2nd- Rahaam Oliver  
3rd- Eilianna Lampos  
4th- Cameron Bartlette  
5th- Denedra Phillips  
6th- JeVaughn Smith  
7th- Katie Coleman  
8th- Zach Wheatley

# Veritas Voice

November 2011



## Calendar of Events

- Nov 8<sup>th</sup> Acuity Testing (Algebra)  
Nov 9<sup>th</sup> Monthly Board Meeting  
Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Parent Academy  
Nov 24-25<sup>th</sup> Happy Thanksgiving (No School)

## CORE VIRTUE "Self-Control"

- K-Erika Gonzalez  
1st- Angelina Plata  
2nd- Jared Stambaugh  
3rd- Ruthie Kiarie  
4th- Solomon Thomas  
5th- Denedra Phillips  
6th- Kaitlyn Johnson  
7th- Baylor Laurence  
8th- Ty Pellow  
Gym K-4- Cassidy Greenwood  
Gym 4-8- Alyssa Laurence  
Art K-3- Rahaam Oliver  
Art 4-8- Kaylee Robinson  
Technology K-3- Nathaniel Smith  
Technology 4-8- Cassidy Greenwood  
Music K-3- Nate Smith  
Music 4-8- Eli Thomas

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

As we enter this season of thanksgiving there are many things we at Veritas Academy are thankful for; Dedicated staff, volunteers, supportive families and most of all the reason why we do what we do, our students.

"In daily life we must see that it is not happiness that makes us grateful, but gratefulness that makes us happy"

—Brother David  
Steindl-Rast

With the fall season upon us and the winter quickly approaching, we are initiating projects/programs for the rest of the school year. Two such programs are our in house mentoring program for boys and girls and a community outreach program where we will identify and adopt elderly persons in the community as friends of Veritas. We need your participation and input as we develop these programs. Please attend our parent forum or see our website for more information as these and other programs evolve.

A great big thank you goes out to Ms. Roberts and Ms. Medina who spearheaded our Red Ribbon Anti Drug Awareness Week. The entire week of activities culminated into a school parade as we delivered posters with anti-drug messages to local businesses. The anti drug contest winners will be as follows:

- Eli Thomas
- GiGi Medina
- Solomon Thomas
- Cameron Pellow
- D'Andre Smith

We would also like to thank Mr. Quarles for the mid quarter performance assembly. The début of the original Veritas school song (lyrics written by the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and accompanying music by Mr. Quarles) was an amazing performance. The students did a wonderful job. We are looking forward to our holiday performance.

November is traditionally the month for Veritas Academy Board Elections. Please visit our website for information on each candidate and the election process. Election will be held on November 15 at 6:00PM in the cafeteria. Remember to come out and cast your vote.

Our next Parent Academy will be held on November 17<sup>th</sup>. More details are coming.

We are moving forward with our Parent forum. Our first meeting is scheduled for November 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 just before our parent Academy night. Join Mrs. Medina and me as we dialogue about the forward movement of our school over hot chocolate/tea and muffins. I look forward to seeing you.

**Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!**

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# Citizenship Award

## Brain Teaser

I'm the color of gold and as sweet as can be, but beware of the danger that is all around me. What am I?

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

### Kindergarten

Ayden Nerio  
Cole Darnold  
Dy'lan Yarber  
Erika Gonzalez  
Evelyne Chege  
Grace Murei  
Jamar Green  
Jashawn Davis  
Jaylynn Campbell  
Maya Flores  
Meily Jacobs  
Ti'Kyriah Henderson

### First Grade

Rachel Dawson  
Andrew Sutherland  
Angelina Plata  
Nadia Casarez  
Jaren Kenny  
Allie Joshick  
Alyssa Dockery  
Chloe Collins

### Second Grade

Zachary Schubert  
Amaya Laurence  
Saniah Levy  
Nate Smith  
Rahaam Oliver  
Caleb Francis  
Jared Stambaugh  
Michael Fuller

### Third Grade

Brendon Foster  
Eilianna Lamos  
Ella Cramer  
Ruthie Kiarie  
Winnie Kiarie  
Amari Kyle  
Damien Schubert  
Mayah Francis  
Reginald Spivey

### Fourth Grade

Jazmyne Belle-Campbell  
Anthony Plata  
D'Andre Smith  
Anamarie Thomas  
Solomon Thomas

### Fifth Grade

Cassie Robinson  
Isaac Plata  
Stephen Francis  
Marissa Casarez  
Jeffrey Curran  
O'Ryan Rucker

### Sixth Grade

Cassidy Greenwood  
Zachary Heniger  
Asia Hudson  
Gideon Lawson  
Dayvona Phillips  
Kaylee Robinson  
JeVaughn Smith  
Alyssa Stambaugh  
Eli Thomas  
Kaitlyn Johnson

### Seventh Grade

Baylor Laurence  
Kyrsten Leasor  
Gigi Medina  
Kevin McGowan  
Blair Batey  
Katie Coleman  
Jenny Gonzalez  
Christen Sullivan,  
Jake Woodruff  
Hassiem Levy  
Adam Crawford

### Eighth Grade

Zach Wheatley  
Ty Pellow

### Student of the Quarter

**Gym**- Ben Foster, Jaren Kenny

**Technology**- Alyssa Stambaugh, Ella Cramer

**Music**- Nate Smith Eli Thomas

**Art**-Mayah Francis, Juel Wiseman

### Caught Ya's

**Kindergarten**- Jamar, Cole, and Ayden working exceptionally hard during Reader's Workshop.

**Fourth Grade**- Ana Thomas who offers an apple to another student who does not have a snack each day.

Cassie Robinson gave a hug to a student who was having a bad day.

**Sixth Grade**-Gideon L. was caught helping other students with work they didn't understand.

Alyssa S. was caught being a great leader during group work.

**Other:**

Second graders for walking so quietly in the hall

Cassie Robinson gave a hug to a student who was having a bad day.

Damien Schubert for moving at lunch when there were too many kids at one table.



Not only are we at the end of October, we have also recently wrapped up the first quarter. I am so proud of all the kindergarten students. This group of children is exceptionally kind and appreciative of each child's different abilities. They constantly offer one another encouragement and support. This exemplary behavior was on display on our field trip to Thistleberry Farm. While there we received several compliments about the kids' behavior.

Academically, the kindergarten kids are making great strides. We work each day to develop our reading and writing skills. In just nine short weeks many of the children can now identify all the letters and their sounds. They use this knowledge to read and write simple words. Their reading and writing skills are truly impressive. The kindergarten students are also great mathematicians. Each student showed tremendous growth in every mathematical area we covered. Keep up the great work kindergarteners.

The kindergarten Student of the Month is Ti'Kyriah. Our Core Virtue Award winner is Erika Gonzalez.

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## Cardinal Country

October has been a great month for the second graders! As mathematicians, we have been working hard on our addition facts, making patterns, and using base 10 to describe numbers. Our writers have been writing stories and words they like while showing the reader what a character is. I am impressed by the progress that we have made in our writing pieces! Way to go second graders! The second grade class would like to recognize Rahaam Oliver as our student of the month. Rahaam Oliver has demonstrated how everyone is supposed to stand in line and conduct themselves while at specials. We would like to recognize Jared Stambaugh for modeling Self-Discipline/Self-Control. Great job Jared!

## News from Dragon Country!

This month our first grade class has been trucking along in their word work. They are on the road to success in reading! In math we have been learning how to tell time, count coins, and solve number sentences. This month our little scientists finished using their five senses to explore living and non-living things and we will soon be moving on to plants and animals. The 1st grade class would like to recognize Jaren Kenny as our student of the month. Jaren demonstrated several civic virtues such as friendship, perseverance, honesty, and compassion. We would like to recognize as Angelina Plata as our model student of this month's core virtue, self-discipline/self-control.



## Bethel Pilots



Bethel Pilots are still working hard in class! We have finished NWEA and Acuity and have set our goals for the rest of the year. Our first quarter ended with students turning in their first book report along with their map of North America. We heard some interesting reports and the students seemed to really enjoy sharing their book with their classmates. Their maps turned out nicely and will be a great reference for students as they learn more about their continent. We also finished up our first "chapter" book study. The students enjoyed a difference in reading group and are looking forward to our next book choice.

Congratulations to Damien Shubert for being the first student to reach their AR goal! Way to go Damien and keep reading!

## Sooner News

4<sup>th</sup> grade has made it through the first quarter and ready for the next! We are currently working on multiplication and division, using repeated addition and repeated subtraction. We will be reading and creating our own multiplication / division word problems as well. We are spending a lot of time on our 6, 7, and 8 multiplication facts; these numbers are the most difficult for 4<sup>th</sup> graders. In Language Arts we have completed our personal narratives and will be focusing on different types of writing as well as writing for a purpose. In Language Arts we are working on prefix, suffix, and homophones, to help us learn word meanings. We continue to work on our reading comprehension as well. In Science we are continuing to learn about plants and animals. We are still learning about our great state, Indiana! We will be exploring the past and those who were here before us!



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## News from the North

Our student of the month this month is Denedra Phillips! Denedra has done a great job balancing three sports as well maintaining her school work. She was an integral part of the 5th grade soccer teams' 3-2 regular season record, while also participating on her travel soccer team, and now you can find her on the volleyball court. Denedra stays on top of her studies and never neglects her academics.

We are excited to start our new science unit as we look to space and the solar system. In math we are diving into division!

We also just finished up our Treasure Books and are excited to get them back to share with all our friends and families!

We had a great field trip to the Corn Maze! Luckily none of us got too lost!

*Be encouraged, all things are difficult before they are easy.*

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## Buckeye Pride

Buckeye Country is running wild with excitement! We have been working on our hardback stories, and the students are excited to have a book that they wrote and illustrated. We have also been learning about figurative language: similes, metaphors, alliteration, personification, assonance, hyperbole, and onomatopoeias. Come check out our hallway for some examples of each!

In Math, we just finished an algebra chapter, and the students did a fabulous job. They enjoyed learning about variables and how they work. Ms. Shelly even became a giant calculator and the students had to solve her mystery riddles! We are now learning about factorization and fractions.

We are excited for the upcoming quarter! GO BUCKS!



## Bull Dog News

This month, we've been working on food webs and food chains in science. The seventh graders made their own chains with six links each, and we hung them in the room.



## We are Great, Because we are Eight!

Language Arts and Social Studies in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades have been utilizing laptop computers for the last month. The students have been introduced to some great applications such as diigo.com, mybigcampus.com, and pixton.com for schools. These applications along with google documents have expanded the classroom for our students. Cloud computing allows students to create documents in Google Docs and bookmarks for visited web sites in diigo.com. At home or at school, students are able to access documents and bookmarks created by the teacher. The mybigcampus.com site is a networking site similar to Facebook but with an educational slant. Students are able to contact other students, have conversations with students and staff members, find out homework assignments, and even take quizzes online with instant feedback as to what the student answered correctly. Other applications, like web polls, are great ways see if students understand lessons in the class. Soon we will be flipping the classroom. We'll give you more information next month! Check out a web poll created just for you by going to: [http://www.polleverywhere.com/multiple\\_choice\\_polls/LTEzNTgOD A4NTY/web](http://www.polleverywhere.com/multiple_choice_polls/LTEzNTgOD A4NTY/web)

## Tech Time

We are focusing heavily on technology. The students are being made aware of where resources are located and how to determine if they are online or not. For some of the classes, we are turning the monotonous task of learning the skill into a fun competition with prizes being awarded. We are also starting on some of the basic terms and concepts in technology. The students are being made aware of where resources are located and how to determine if they are online or not.



## Sports Center

After a great fall campaign, the Soccer team ended the season finishing with a 2nd Place finish in the MPAC tournament. Victories over Trinity Lutheran and The Montessori Academy allowed for a winning campaign as the striking Saints season record finished above .500 for the first time and the 2nd place finish is the highest ever for the Soccer team.

Volleyball started off with two close game losses to Stanley Clark in a home and home match-up before a three set defeat at Trinity Lutheran. The Lady Saints are having fun and learning. Veritas Academy will be hosting the MPAC Elementary Invitational on November 12. Volunteers to run concessions at the tournament are needed.

Boy's Basketball is set to have their first practices begin on November 15 while their first game is set for Monday, December 5.

## High Ability

High Ability middle school students had a wonderful time at Encore. The play was presented at Saint Mary's College and included short stories from Poe, Irving, Twain and Maupassant. The students enjoyed reading these stories and then seeing them presented. All students have been working on logic and reasoning problems and are really doing well. There has been an excellent show of perseverance from all. In November, all kindergarten, second and sixth grade students will be screened for the high ability program using the Cog-At Test. Children from other grades will be tested based on recommendation.



Welcome Friends and families to the Performing Arts classes at Veritas Academy. I would like to thank all students, staff, and parents for making our program on Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> a wonderful morning for all. I look forward to developing new and uplifting programs in the future. All classes will be work toward our holiday program entitled The Gift, which will be held on Dec. 15. We are looking forward to sharing are talents with you. We are in need of 5, 7, and 9-foot artificial trees for our program, and it does not matter what they look like. We will make them look special. I will also be sending home a sign-up sheet for parent helps to work with program needs, as time gets closer.

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# Art News!

K-1st-Students created Halloween/Fall themed projects.  
2nd-Students continue to learn about Abstract Art and Artists.  
3rd-Students are creating Japanese inspired Koi fish projects.  
4th-Students continue to learn about Pop Art and Andy Warhol.  
5th-Students are working on their Egyptian projects.  
3D Art-Students are carving objects out of bars of soap.  
Ceramics-Students will be learning about the slab technique.



# News from the Gym

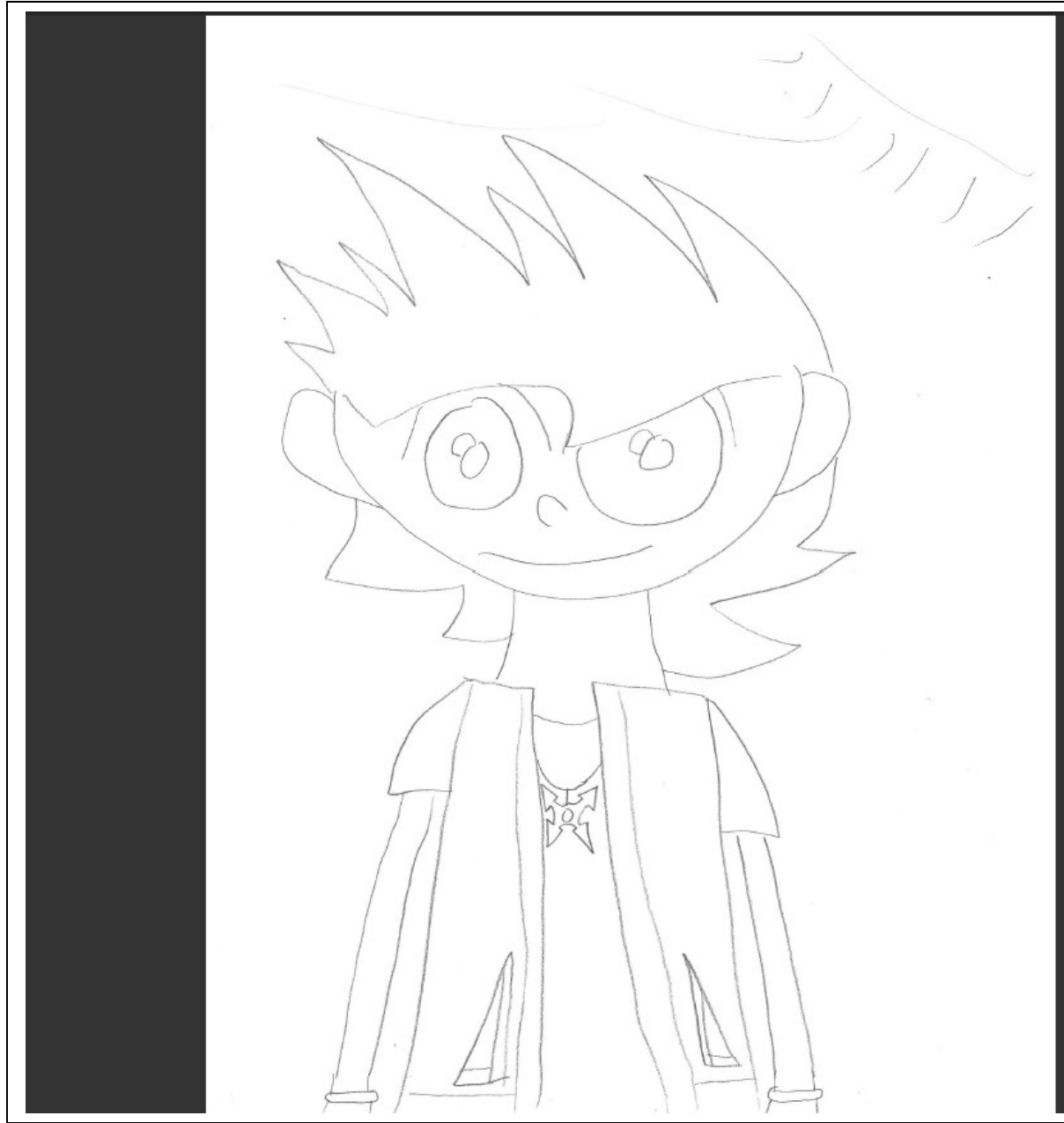


This month in PE students in grades 3-8 have been playing Volleyball! The students have shown excellent form in their bumping and serving. Great job 6th grade for giving this unit 100% of your effort! It really shows!!! Underhand serving has proven hard for some but remember to concentrate and that ball will go flying!!! To finish the unit students are going to learn to set and spike in the upper grades. The lower grades have been practicing balancing. They have balanced their bodies on different levels (low and high) and in different movement patterns (straight and zig-zag). They have even balanced tennis rackets on their heads!!!! Great job students!!!



By Zach Schubert

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