



## **This Week's Topics:**

- Our School Home!
- Founding Family Survey
- Summer Safety Event
- Kindergarten End of Year Event
- Field Days
- BBQ Sales Results
- Coach's Corner
- A New Recipe for Your Family
- Summer Meals: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks>
- Summer Learning.
- Upcoming Dates — Mark Your Calendars:
  - 6/9: Last Day of 2015-2016 School Year
  - 6/10: Teacher Workday
  - 6/13: Summer hours begin: 8am-3pm, M-Tr
  - 6/22 - 26: School offices are closed
  - 6/29: Summer Testing for New Students
  - 7/27: Summer Testing for New Students
  - 8/11: VERITAS Family Meal at Pizza Peel
  - 8/23: Meet the Teacher Night, 5:00PM-6:30PM
  - 8/29: First Day of School for the 2016-2017 school year

### **Our School Home!**

Over the summer, we will dive in even deeper to make our school home a welcoming and inviting place. We will have significant landscaping work done, add colorful signage throughout the property, and paint and prepare each of the classrooms.

### **Founding Family Survey**

Please share your feedback on VERITAS's first year of operation by completing a short [survey](#). We are always looking for ways to improve.

### **Summer Safety Event**

We hope you all had a good time at our Summer Safety Event. Here's what we enjoyed:

- A welcome and overview of our first year's highlights.
- A presentation about afterschool programming for the 2016-2017 school year and summer camp activities by Danielle Rader from the YMCA.
- Garden picking party.

- Grade-level packets to encourage learning over the summer.
- A visit with the local fire department about fire safety and an introduction to the fire truck inside and out.
- Two bouncy houses.

### **Kindergarten End of Year Event**

Kudos to our Kindergarten teachers and teacher's assistants! The end of year program was just about the cutest performance we've ever seen. Each of the students were knock-out performers!

### **Field Days**

A big THANK YOU! to Coach Johnson for planning, organizing, and conducting a fabulously successful Field Day for all grades. We are so grateful for our parent volunteers who donated items and gave their time and energy without which these days wouldn't have been possible. Our students had an absolute ball. What a great way to end the school year!

### **BBQ Sales Results**

Our second fundraiser, BBQ by [Boone's BBQ Kitchen](#), resulted in \$453.00 worth of donations, and with our anonymous donor, we raised an additional \$906.00 toward our Lighting the Way to Literacy campaign. Thank you to VERITAS Dad, **Dan Gibson**, for his generous donation of money, time, and effort!

This money along with the \$1,836.00 raised from Yankee Candles brings a total of \$2,742.00 raised. We've already started purchasing for our new school library/maker space and will send out a list soon with material requests to get our maker space supplied. Next year will have even more fun activities!

**A special thank you to Kristen and Lawrence Fuller, Syretta and Silverio Anthony, Tommi Harris, and everyone who helped to raise funds for Light the Way for Literacy!**

### **Coach's Corner**

Field Day was a success! Thank you to all of the volunteers who gave their time and energy to ensure that each child had fun and was safe. The water fun, hula-hooping, and parachute exercises will be long remembered!

### **A New Recipe for Your Family**

Strawberry-Banana Smoothie Pops

#### Ingredients

- 2 cups frozen strawberries
- 1 medium banana
- 1 cup low-fat strawberry yogurt or vanilla yogurt
- 1/2 cup cranberry juice cocktail or pomegranate juice
- 1 tablespoon pure maple syrup

Directions: Place strawberries, banana, yogurt, juice and maple syrup in a blender and blend until smooth. Divide among six 4-ounce freezer-pop molds. Freeze until firm, at least 6 hours.

Tips and Notes: Freeze for up to 3 weeks. If you don't have freezer pop molds, divide the smoothie among small paper or plastic cups instead. Freeze until very thick, but not completely frozen, 1 to 2

hours. Insert frozen-treat sticks and continue freezing until completely firm, 4 to 5 hours more.

**Nutrition:**

Per serving: 92 calories; 1 g fat (0 g sat, 0 g mono); 3 mg cholesterol; 21 g carbohydrates; 8 g added sugars; 2 g protein; 2 g fiber; 21 mg sodium; 237 mg potassium.

Nutrition Bonus: Vitamin C (72% daily value).

### **Summer Meals**

If you are in need of meals this summer, please visit [this website](#) for details about sites around the county where you and your children can go for breakfast and lunch.

### **Summer Learning**

Your child's teacher is sending home ideas for how to make reading fun over the summer. All year, students have been logging into Compass Learning, and they can continue to do that over the summer. If you need the log-in information, look in your child's notebook or send an email to your child's teacher. This is a fun, free resource that will ensure that your child continues to make gains in reading and math over the summer. They also have access to [RAZ Kids](#), so be sure to encourage them to read a book, and improve her or his reading at home or in the car. Every minute of reading boosts literacy skills!

## **The VERITAS Identity...**

**I am SMART. I am STRONG. I am PEACEFUL.**

**This is who we are. Let's live it everyday.**