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Join us for Coffee with our Head of School March 4th at 9:00am-10:00am

Katy is looking forward to sitting down with current VERITAS families to share school highlights, answer questions, and enjoy some time with Founding Families. Please RSVP to Wakena Colon at 704-648-8428 or wcolon@veritascommunityschool.org to reserve your spot!

Read Across America Day, March 2nd

Celebrate literacy on March 2nd by wearing your special event Peace t-shirt! If you need one, it's not too late. Send in a note and \$10.00 in a sealed envelope to your child's teacher, and we will send it home.

Did you know that it's also Dr. Seuss's birthday? Visit one of your favorite stories in celebration! Each teacher has her own plan for this day, so look out for how your child's class will celebrate reading!

Our Move to Tryon Hills

We are excited to announce that we will be moving to the former Tryon Hills Elementary School (2600 Grimes Street) on March 26th. We have been negotiating with CMS regarding this matter since December, and we are on the docket for the CMS Board of Education meeting on March 8th. Once we get their approval, we will be set!

In the meantime, we have been organizing the landscape work, security provisions, moving proposal, and everything else that needs to be done so that the building will be ready for regular school operations on April 4th. We will organize a school visit prior to the 4th once we finalize more details. Look for more details about that soon.

We are hiring a moving company to move furniture and classroom materials, and we welcome volunteers to set up classrooms and turn this building into our school home. A Sign-Up Genius will be coming out, so if you're in town for Spring Break, please consider volunteering some of your time.

Re-Enrollment Update and Open Enrollment for 2016-2017

95% of our families have indicated that they will be returning for the upcoming school year, and we are thrilled! We have received an overwhelming number of applications for new students for the fall and look forward to serving even more children. Please continue sharing the VERITAS love with your friends and families to ensure that every child who needs a new school choice has the opportunity to attend VERITAS.

If you have any questions, please contact Wakena Colon at wcolon@veritascommunityschool.org or [\(704\) 648-8428](tel:7046488428).

Early Dismissal Reminders

Every minute of every school day is an opportunity for us to reach and teach your child. If you absolutely must pick up your child prior to our 3:00pm regular dismissal time Monday – Thursday or 12:00pm on Friday, kindly send in a note with your child in his or her communication folder. Early dismissal must occur prior to 2:30pm Monday – Thursday or 11:30am to minimize the disruption that the dismissal causes. Come to the office to sign out your child, and we will bring your child to you. Thank you for doing your part to keep the school day running smoothly!

Fundraising Opportunities

1. Our PTO has organized our Lighting the Way for Literacy Campaign, the first fundraiser of the year, and it will run from March 1st – March 15th. Mark your calendars! Consider buying a new light for your home.
 - a. Our goal is to raise \$5,000, and with each student selling \$50 worth of products, we will reach this goal. Follow the directions on the order forms sent home with each family.
 - b. Payment can be made through check or money order; in addition, payment can be made by credit card with Ms. Colon in the office in person or over the phone. **No cash will be accepted.** Please contact Syretta Anthony at anthonys08@att.net with any questions.
2. On March 10th at 6:15, VERITAS parents are invited to join us at Cycle South (401 North Tryon Street) for a chance to workout and raise money for VERITAS at the same time. Rent a bike, and a portion of all proceeds will go to VERITAS.
 - a. Follow these simple directions:
 - i. **Step 1. Create an Account:** Go to www.cyclesouth.com. In the top right corner, click "Login/Register" to sign up for an account. At the bottom of the form, type in the Group Enrollment Code, **VERITAS47**.
 - ii. **Step 2. Reserve a Bike:** Once your profile is created, select the class on March 10th at 6:30pm, labeled VERITAS47.

- iii. **Step 3. Send in a check with your child made out to VERITAS Community School for \$30, \$40, or \$50 or whatever amount you choose to donate! We'll send you a receipt, & you are all set!**

Coach's Corner

with Coach Johnson

Coach Johnson is requesting some donations for her PE classes. She would like parents to send in solid color t-shirts to use in class to identify team members when the children are playing various games. She is requesting adult sizes Small and Medium in the following colors from the following classes:

- **Kindergarteners send in Red.**
- **1st grade sends in Navy Blue.**
- **2nd grade sends in Green.**
- **3rd grade sends in Yellow.**

T-shirts with graphics are welcome as long as the language and images are school appropriate. Please send these in with your child for Coach at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

Movie Night

Join us for a viewing of the documentary Fed Up and a follow-up discussion on 3/21 from 6:00pm-7:30pm. This movie examines America's obesity epidemic and the food industry's role in aggravating it. It is appropriate for VERITAS students in 2nd and 3rd grade, and we will provide childcare for Kindergarten and 1st grade students and their siblings.

Watch the trailer here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aCUBvOwwfWM>

RAZ Kids

Reading is an essential life skill, so VERITAS has invested in every child through the purchase of a subscription of RAZ Kids for each of our students.

This program gives your child access to an endless number of books on his or her reading level through the online program RAZ Kids that can be accessed via a smartphone, tablet, or computer.

If you haven't already signed up for this engaging website, please do so today! Your child's teacher can answer any questions you might have. www.raz-kids.com

The VERITAS Identity...

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