



Dear Founding Families,

Our school community has settled into a routine full of rigorous academics, frequent exercise, freshly prepared meals, and peaceful interactions. I love starting our day with Morning Movement. The energy in the gym is contagious and fuels each students' day!

The Core Knowledge Sequence is being implemented in each classroom, and students are acquiring vocabulary, background knowledge, and skills each school day. Our 3rd grade students completed the NC Beginning of Year exam and finished just above our District and State average, which is a great place to begin. We are winding down MAP testing this coming week and can't wait to share those results with you.

Daily PE, recess, and classroom movement breaks help our students get their 90 minutes of exercise each day and give them the mental stamina to focus in the classroom. Our Peaceful People curriculum has begun too; ask your child about space bubbles and where they should use each one. Use this vocabulary at home too to double your child's exposure to the lesson.

Thank you for your patience as we develop volunteer opportunities for you. We are moving in an intentional fashion to weave in volunteers to support VERITAS' programming. This is what we have done thus far: Teachers randomly selected Room Parent Coordinators. They will be reaching out to you soon with opportunities to be involved. We sent out an invitation to parents who indicated an interest in becoming a Reading Buddy and to those who are interested in developing our PTO. If these activities interest you, please contact our Office Manager, Wakena Colon, for more details on how to get involved.

Many of you have asked about coming to have lunch with your child, and although I'd love to open the doors to you all to have lunch with us, there isn't a spare chair to be found. Once we move into our permanent home, we will have plenty of room for parents to come have lunch with their children. Thank you for joining us as we work to empower the scholar and athlete in every child to inspire them to become the change agents for their generation.

All my best,
Katy Ridnouer

Campus Clean Up



Join us on October 17th from 9am-12pm for a Campus Clean-Up at our permanent home at 800 Everett Place. We will paint the school rock and clean up the inside and outside. Please bring yard tools, garbage bags, and cleaning supplies. We will make this place our own!



Reminder: Picture Day is Tuesday, October 13th, and the attire is the regular school uniform. We can't wait to capture all of their smiley faces!

Updates and Reminders:

Parent University: Our Parent University session scheduled for this coming Thursday, October 15th, regarding MAP testing has been rescheduled to Thursday, October 22nd. Testing has taken longer than anticipated due to technical difficulties. We will send you your child's test results once we are finished, so you will have them for this newly scheduled Parent University session.

After School: With an average of 30 participants each day, our Monday-Thursday After School program will now take place at VERITAS, beginning this Monday, October 12th. The Friday After School program will still take place at the Johnston Y. You must register for both of these programs through the YMCA before your child will be able to participate. They'd love to increase enrollment if there is a need.

800 Everett Place: All of our plans have been approved by the City of Charlotte, and we have our permits in place. The final steps are being taken, and the sprinkler installation will begin in the next week. We plan on moving in after December 18th and will be in our permanent school home when we return from Winter Break on January 4th. A Ribbon Cutting event is being planned for January 2nd, so please save the date. More details will be coming soon.

Dismissal: All children must be picked up on time at the end of each school day. After 3:15 M-Tr and 12:15 on Friday. If parents are late picking up their children, there is a charge of \$1/minute, and it is due upon arrival.



Our Art Club and Book Club for Second and Third Grade students are starting this month! These are great opportunities for your child to explore a passion and learn something new. In addition to these offerings, we are developing a Dance Team that will be open to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade students. Details will be coming soon!