

VIERA CHARTER SCHOOL



PANTHERS

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TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

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Principal's Message

Hello Panther Families!

Congratulations to Caleb Wright (6th grade) and Angeal Sebire (2nd Grade) ! Their artwork was entered in the Brevard County North Area Art and Science Fair. Caleb, who is pictured on the right took 1st Place for his beautiful art piece and Angeal's lovely 2D piece received Honorable Mention. Both students were honored at our Governing Board meeting March 13th.

April 2nd begins our State testing cycle. Thank you for ensuring that your students have a good breakfast and are well rested. Students have been working hard all year and I look forward to them doing their absolute best.

Warmest regards,
Dr. Julie Cady



Caleb Wright and Angeal Sebire made VCS proud Feb. 27 with awards won at the Brevard County North Area Art and Science Fair. See pages 3 and 5 for more details.



Frontierland is just one of the many popular dress down days from the 2018-19 school year that reflect this year's Disney theme. You'll find them captured in the VCS yearbook. Don't miss out on getting your child's forever memories!

Student of the Month for March—Perseverance

The Student of the Month for March is sixth-grader Logan Townsend for exhibiting the character quality of Perseverance. "It feels really awesome. I was really surprised," Logan said of the nomination and award. He gave suggestions to other students who might want to follow his lead.



"A few years ago I began to hear about something called Growth Mindset, which largely means to have a positive attitude toward education. I wanted to do that. I keep working hard, getting good grades, and if I find an obstacle between me and what I want to accomplish, I find a way over. I highly recommend it for obvious reasons, because you'll be more successful, but also because it will make school a more enjoyable experience."

Odyssey of the Mind Teams Advance to State Level

VCS sent two elementary and two middle school teams to the Regional Odyssey of the Mind competition March 2. All four teams were recognized at the



awards ceremony for their creative problem solving and superb teamwork skills. Two of these teams won a bid to go to the state competition at the University of Central Florida April 6. Our school also supports two OM teams at Viera High started by and primarily made up of former VCS students. One team will go to the state level. Mrs. Boucher is the OM faculty sponsor for VCS and the volunteer OM coordinator at VHS.

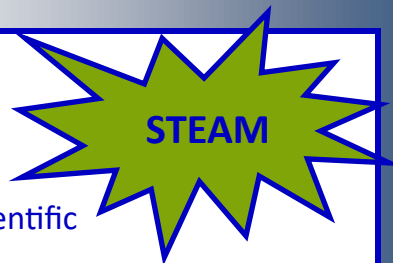
VCS Shines at Art, Science, and Engineering Fairs

Our school sent 10 fourth through sixth grade students to the Brevard County North Area Elementary Art & Science Fair Feb. 27. All of our students did an

amazing job explaining their scientific thinking to the community.

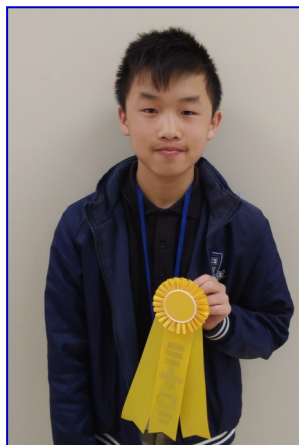
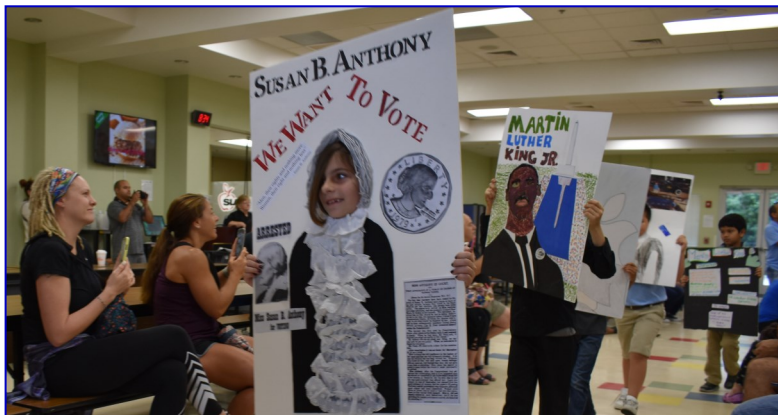
Congratulations to McKenna Coris who won second place for fifth grade Biological and Harrison Buck who received fourth place in fifth grade Environmental.

VCS took part in the Brevard Mainland Science and Engineering Fair for grades seven and eight Feb. 2-3, with nine students participating. Congratulations to Reese and Riley Renfro for their Second Place showing in Behavioral and Social Sciences, Alexis Adams for receiving Third Place in Physics and Astronomy, and Jason Lee for his Fourth Place recognition in Chemistry.



Presidents' Day Parade Makes History Fun

On the return from Presidents' Day off, students in second grade represented their favorite American in history, and the rest of the school enjoyed a patriotic dress down day.



Alexa Adams also was recognized for special awards: Society of Women Engineers Award – Excellence in Engineering, NASA Award – Excellence in Space exploration Projects, and The Harris STEM Award.

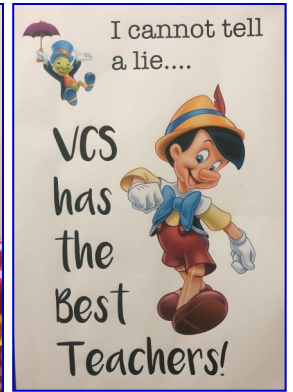
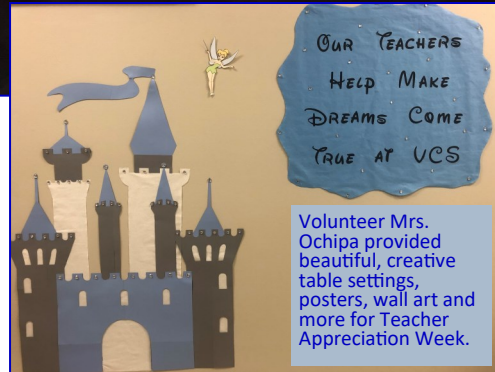


PTSO: Thank You to Our Wonderful Teachers! Box Tops Leaders Rule!

We provided an amazing Teacher Appreciation Week near the last week of February and we couldn't have done it without parents' help! We had a record 48 parents as well as Brooklyn Pizza and Island Animal Hospital volunteer their time and resources to help show our Panther teachers and staff that they are appreciated.

Box Tops Winners

Our Box Tops contest has ended and the class results are in.



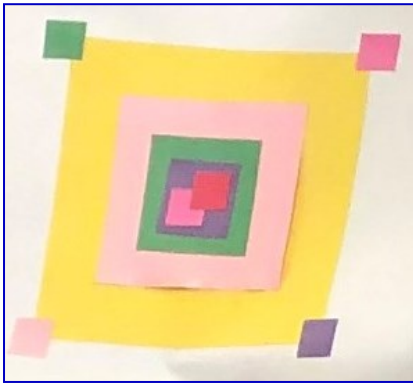
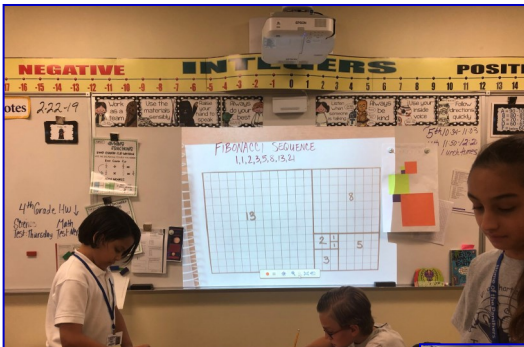
Congratulations to Mrs. Campbell's 2nd grade class for winning with 491 unexpired box tops turned in. Mrs. Campbell's class will celebrate with a pizza party from Brooklyn Pizza.

Upcoming School Events

- Friday, March 29, 6-9 p.m. Spring Fling. Middle School students will enjoy this popular outdoor and indoor event.
- Friday, March 29, Fifth Grade, Sea World.
- Saturday, March 30, 6-8 p.m. Boys Night Out. VCS boys and their moms (aunt, grandma, or other female role model) will enjoy a magic show, photo booth, and refreshments. Tickets are available through March 27 at www.vcsptso.com.
- Tuesday, April 2, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. First Grade Goes to Artrageous at King Center.
- Tuesday, April 9, Dress Down Day, Theme: Disney's A Bug's Life.
- Tuesday, March 16, Book Bash Competes at West Melbourne Elem. School of Science.
- Thursday, Friday, April 11,12, 7-8 p.m. Spring Musical, more info school website.
- Friday, April 19, Good Friday. No School.
- Monday-Friday, April 22-26, Book Fair.
- Saturday, April 27, PantherPalooza.

Math Project Puts the Art in STEAM

Mrs. Barnes' and Mrs. Potter's fourth and fifth grade students enjoyed learning math through an art project called Fibonacci Sequence Art, with the help of parent volunteers. "It gets the brain working on a whole new level," Mrs. Barnes said. "It's fun for the students who already love math, and fun for students who love art to discover they now love math too."



VCS Students Take First, Honorable Mention in Brevard County School District Art Show

VCS sent 14 wonderful pieces of student art to the Brevard County North Area Elementary Art & Science Fair Feb. 27. Congratulations to Caleb Wright, right, for receiving first place in sixth-grade 2D art, and Angeal Sebire, left, for his Honorable Mention in second-grade 2D art.



Girls Power one of VCS's first LEGO team 'Into Orbit'

This all-girls team named themselves Engineering Panthers and did a super job their rookie year, according to coaches Mrs. Richter, Mrs. Ortiz, and Mrs. Boucher. It is one of VCS's first LEGO League teams. These teams of students work together to design and program a robot that will navigate an obstacle course to complete missions. This year's theme was "Into Orbit" and our students did an amazing job researching the challenges that humans face while exploring space. Students on this team are Mariam Mized, Jada DeMendonca, Jennifer Gathercole, Sophie Schuh. Veronica Alicea and Sarianna Mendoza are not pictured.



Field Study Takes Eighth Graders to Historic Charleston, Savannah sites

The eighth-grade class of 2019 attended a field study early in March that took the students to Charleston, S.C. and Savannah, Ga. The students were given the opportunity to visit Patriot's Point in Charleston and to go aboard the *USS Yorktown*. A horse-drawn carriage ride through historic Charlestown and dinner in Charlestown rounded out the first day. On the second day, the students took a tour of Booth Plantation and were able to see how a colonial plantation worked, as well as how cotton is picked.

Later that day, the students took a boat ride to Fort Sumter to tour the place where the Civil War began. Students were able to see the Provost Dungeons and walk Market Street.

"We traveled to Savannah and visited and were given tours of Old Fort Jackson, First African Baptist church and John the Baptist Cathedral in historic Savannah," Mrs. Rabun said.



After lunch, the groups enjoyed exploring Savannah's squares and historic buildings.



Fourth Graders Make the Trek to St. Augustine

It is essential to take students to see local Florida history first hand, said the St. Augustine field study coordinator, Mrs. Barnes. "When they can see it, and touch it, it becomes more real to them

than merely looking at a page in a book or on a computer screen. It really becomes a part of them, their own history."



Brave Student Garner Attention for VCS

Fourth grader Jenna Gathercole brought VCS positive media attention when she expanded her anti-bullying presentation about her hair loss to the entire forth grade and they all pledged to supporter her now, and through middle school, and beyond.

