VIERA CHARTER SCHOOL



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TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

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Principal's Message



Happy Holidays Panther Families!

As 2019 comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for another year of support and dedication to our school. Weather permitting, we will have a gift for you on your return from Winter Break: a new car loop and parking lot that will eliminate gridlock caused by construction. See page 4 for the latest details on the new Middle School and athletics facilities.

Thank you for your support as we make adjustments this year to student activities in order to accommodate this new development. For example, this allowed us to enjoy a lovely Cocoa and Cookies Party indoors in place of the Harvest Festival that would normally take place on the grounds. The end result will be so

very worthwhile.

Enjoy these wonderful photos and more of our children taking part in holiday traditions.

Wishing each of you a New Year bright with many blessings.

Warmest regards, *Dr. Julie Cady*



Dr. Cady presented Assistant Principal Mr. Armstrong with a special award for his efforts as Facilities and Athletics Director.

Thankful Kindergarten, First Grade Enjoy Feasts

Kindergarten students, parents, and teachers enjoyed a delicious Thanksgiving Feast Nov. 22, and first grade families enjoyed theirs Nov. 25.

Student of the Month for December: Integrity

Hannah Secaur, from Mrs. LeBeau's class, is the Student of the Month. She was chosen from among all the third-grade classes for the character



quality of Integrity. Her photo is posted on the Student of the Month board entering into the cafeteria for all students and faculty to see all year.

"It feels really good to know that people feel this way about me." Hannah said. "It's important to me that my teacher knows she can count on me to do the right thing, whether she is watching me or not. And I like it that my friends know they can count on me to be a good friend, and encourage them to always do the right thing." Well said, Hannah! Keep up the good work!

Girl Scouts Give Bats Homes

VCS fifth-grade members of Girl Scouts Troop 1990 recently made and gave bat houses to Port Canaveral Authority for more bats to live in at Jetty Park.





Middle School and Elementary Performing Arts Shine for the Holidays

Middle School Chorus, above, and Musical Theater, bottom, performed with Fourth/Fifth-Grade Chorus, below, Dec. 12 at Faith Fellowship Church. Led by Mr. Law and Mrs. Berlin, the show was a thrill for a full house of parents and faculty.





Kindergarteners Perform Jolly Holiday Concert

Kindergarteners in Mrs. Zaroogian's, Mrs. Wyatt's and Mrs. Devito's classes performed in the cafetorium Dec. 10, and Mrs. Downie's, Miss Breeden's and Mrs. Lott's classes performed Dec. 11, under the direction of music teacher Mrs. Berlin.



Fourth-grade volunteers Beau and Ryan tidy up the backdrop for the kindergarten performances.

Parents, Faculty's Spouses, Model Career Day; Students Follow Suit (and Tie!)



Students Roam the Red Planet



Math and Science Leadership Academy students, with Mrs. Honeycutt, led all grades — dressed in red for the occasion — on the surface of Mars, a 25-foot-by-25-foot map with remote-control robot "Rover," Nov. 25, thanks to VCS parents who lobbied the school district for it.



Led by Mrs. Hoffman (and Mrs. Pavone), the National Junior Honor Society quickly jumped into charitable action after students in both elementary (NEHS) and middle school (NJHS) grades were inducted recently. They collected food for holiday tables and gifts for children.



The expanded campus will include a running track, and a soccer fields to the north along Judge Fran Jamieson Way, a visitor parking lot at the front entrance along Breslay Drive

PTSO Cookies and Cocoa Night is a Hit

The VCS Parent Teacher Student Organization hosted a new event Dec. 10, Cookies and Cocoa Night, in the cafeteria. Faculty volunteered to read holiday stories to children. AVID students sold

> donuts for donations for their program that takes them on field studies to develop an independent plan for their higher education and business future. It was a great time for VCS families.

> > For more information on helping the school through the PTSO, visit Facebook.com /vcsptso or vcsptso.com. Happy Holidays!

Coming Events

December

 Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Dec. 18-20, Exam Days/Early Release Days at 1:30 p.m. Each Day.

DONUTS

- Friday, Dec. 20, Dress Down Day, Holiday Attire.
- Monday-Tuesday, Dec. 24-Jan. 7, Winter Break.

January HAPPY NEW YEAR:

- Wednesday, Jan. 8, Students and Faculty Return to School.
- Friday, Jan. 10, Dress Down Day, Dress as Your Favorite Super Hero Day.
- Thursday, Jan. 16, 5:30 p.m., Community Open House.

- Monday, Jan. 20, Martin Luther King Junior Day, School Holiday for All.
- Tuesday, Jan 21, Dress Down Day, Crazy Hair.
- Tuesday, Jan. 21, 6 p.m., PTSO Meeting.

Ugly Holiday Sweater Fun



Coach Hudson, Mrs. Wallace, and Mrs. Allarding were "winners" of the Ugly Sweater Contest at the Dec. 11 faculty meeting.