

VIERA CHARTER SCHOOL



PANTHERS

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TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

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Principal's Message

Happy Holidays Panthers!

November is such a wonderful month. We celebrate being thankful for our families and friends, for what we have, and for the opportunities that are given us. What a blessing it is to be a part of our awesome Panther Family at VCS! I am truly thankful for our VCS students who cheerfully work hard to learn, their parents who encourage and make sure their children are prepared to learn, and our teachers and staff who are dedicated and truly care about each child. I am extremely grateful to our PTSO and the VCS Professional Learning Community who do all they can to promote the success of our school and make Viera Charter School a great place to be!

We enjoy many activities in the month of November. Our award ceremonies are my favorite. It is an absolute pleasure to recognize students for their academic successes and the excellent character that they display.

It is also a great honor to recognize our Veterans who have sacrificed so much for our great nation. Thank you for your service!

Best wishes to all,

Dr. Julie Cady



Kindergarten

Thanksgiving Feasts Focus on Giving Thanks



Pilgrims and Native Americans were the order of the day Nov. 18 at lunch



time, as kindergarteners shared a traditional Thanksgiving meal and all the fixin's with parents in the cafeteria. The first-grade event was held Nov. 19. Dessert followed in the classrooms, with students entertaining parents via skits and art.

Student of the Month for November-Fairness

The Student of the Month for November is second-grader Madilyn "Maddie" Rieden. Maddie was selected from among all classes in her grade for exhibiting the character quality of Fairness.



Maddie was chosen in the traditional way, all teachers in the grade level putting their heads together and making a selection from among all the classes in that grade. "Maddie is never selfish, but is always interested in others benefitting in a situation as well as herself, most times more than herself," read the nomination form.

In addition, Maddie was also chosen by her peers as Student of the Month in her own classroom, a project headed up by her teacher, Mrs. Cundiff. At that time the character quality was Responsibility.



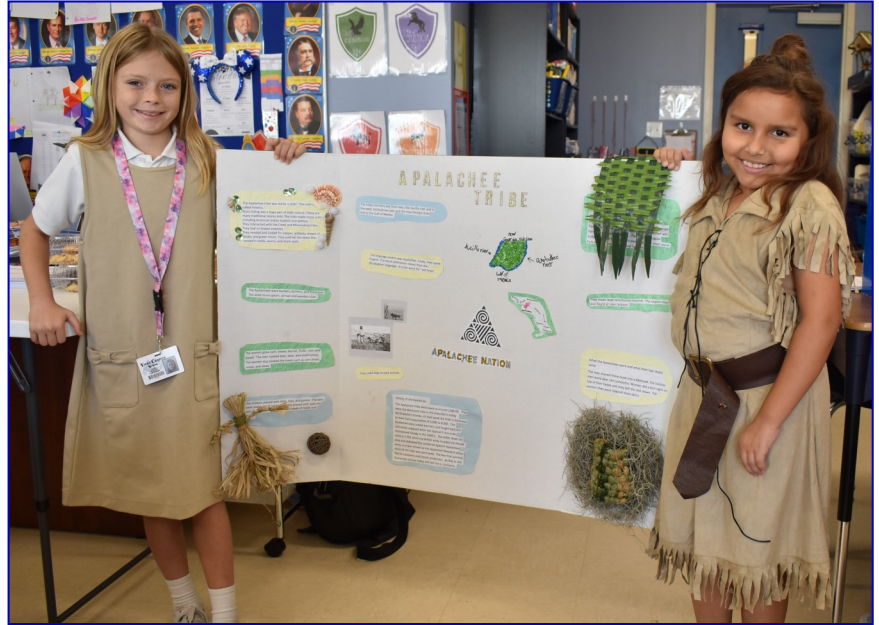
"She never talks when the teacher is talking," said one fellow student. "She can be trusted," said another. "She is honest," said a friend in her class. "When she says she will do something, you can count on her doing it," another added.

You can find Maddie's photo posted outside her classroom door as an inspiration to others, just like every Student of the Month in every classroom.

Fourth Grade

Fourth Grade Seminole Indian History Wraps Up for the Year

Students in all Fourth Grade classes will wrap up their history studies of the Seminole Indians in December, with the mid 1800s focus on the Black Seminoles. African Americans escaped slavery to join the Native American nation, which later rose up against European settlers in the Second Seminole War. Their studies began in October with decorated display boards and even costumes for student public presentations.



Storybook Parade is a Trail of Characters

Rather than goblins and ghouls, students in kindergarten through second grade were encouraged to dress up as storybook characters complete with their books, educational figures, or entertainment icons that have since had books written about them.



Veterans Day Dress

Students and staff showed their true colors to honor our Veterans for their service Nov. 13, the day after school was closed in observance of the 100th Veterans Day.



PTSO: Boosterthon Rules, STEAM Weekend Draws Near

Students earned a free dress-down day in the Disney theme Nov. 20 before leaving to enjoy Thanksgiving break, for smashing the goal of \$30,000 raised during the October Boosterthon. They dreamt it, and they did it!

The annual Panther Cup weekend kicks off with Family Movie Night from 5-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7. Youngsters will enjoy crafts before the 6 p.m. start of the Disney movie, "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day." Parents will enjoy special student

performances from 5:30-6 p.m. The Sixth Annual Panther Cup follows Saturday, Dec. 8. For more information, go to www.vcsptso.com.



Coming Events

- Wednesday, Nov. 28, Dress Down Day, Frontier Day: Wear Pioneer Attire.
- Thursday, Nov. 29, 6:30 p.m., Third and Fourth Grades, Middle School Music Holiday Concert at Faith Fellowship Church.
- Dec. 5, 6, 13, Third Grade Field Study goes to Enchanted Forest.
- Thursday, Dec. 6, 6:30 p.m., Fourth and Fifth Grade Choir and Middle School Music Performance at The Avenue Viera.
- Friday, Dec. 7, First Grade Field Study goes to Crayola Experience.
- Friday, Dec. 7, 5-8 p.m. VCS Movie Night at the school. See above for details.
- Saturday, Dec. 8, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Sixth Annual Panther Cup Golf Challenge at Duran Golf Club. See above for details.
- Thursday, Friday, Dec. 13,14, 8:30-9 a.m. Kindergarten Holiday Concert in the VCS Cafetorium.
- Friday, Dec. 14, 6-9 p.m. Winter Wonderland Middle School Dance in the Cafetorium and on the Courts.
- Monday, Dec. 17, Dress Down Day, Favorite Holiday Attire.
- Wednesday-Friday, Dec. 19-21 Exam Days/Early Release Days, dismissal at 1:30 p.m.
- Dec. 24-Jan. 9 No School/Winter Break.
- School Resumes Thursday, Jan. 10, 2019. HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Co-Ed Soccer Wins SCCAA Championship

Coach Red Jordan, below top row right, took the VCS Co-Ed Middle School team all the way to the top, the district leaders in their division of the Space Coast Christian Athletic Association. "It was exiting to see the young athletes experience their hard work and perseverance paying off," said Coach Jordan, who also is the Elementary PE co-coach with Coach Hudson.



Student Council: Life is your journey, travel drug free

Red Ribbon Week in late October became a teaching moment when the Student Council took the opportunity, not only to pledge to stay away from drugs themselves, but also to pass the message to our younger students. They performed skits to teach kindergarten, first, and second grade students. Staying in line with the message of Red Ribbon week, which was "Life is a journey, travel drug free," they chose the theme of the movie "Up" to showcase the choices the children can make as they travel through life. Students colored a balloon to add to the "Up" houses as a pledge to be drug free. "It was inspiring to see the teens in action," Student Council faculty advisor Mrs. Rabun stated.



AVID Program Hits the Road to the Amway Center, Orlando Magic Game

The middle school AVID program enjoyed a field study to the Amway Center in Orlando Nov. 9, exploring higher education and career choices during an information expo, breaking bread together over dinner, and then



enjoying an Orlando Magic basketball game.

“The trip included a speaker series about the importance of setting yourself on a path to success with the co-founder of the Orlando Magic and college AVID students,” said Mrs. Hoffman, VCS AVID leader.



She added that the AVID elective focuses students on developing the skills necessary for success both academically in all levels of school as well as in a future career — organization, critical thinking skills, focused note-taking, study skills, and interpersonal and teamwork skills. AVID elective teachers include Mrs. Lee and Ms. Hudson.



First Quarter Awards Reward Attendance

Perfect attendance for all of last year and the first quarter of this year, good grades, and good character earned students in all grades certificates and some of them special lanyards Nov. 2-9.