

VERITAS GAZETTE

*My heart is stirred by a noble theme
as I recite my verses for the king;
my tongue is the pen of a skillful writer.
Psalm 45:1*



Grandparents Day at Veritas By Nicholas Kontopanos

Grandparents Day is a time when students and grandparents can be together. The students worked hard and were excited to present poems, songs, jingles, verses and scientific information at the assembly for their grandparents. All the grandparents loved the students' presentations and were happy to see their grandchildren. Grandparents Day is a lot of fun.

In the classrooms the students were happy to see their grandparents. Some of the grandparents were so proud of their grandchildren that they congratulated them in the classroom. In Mrs. White's fourth grade classroom, some of the grandparents shared about when they were in the fourth grade. In Mrs. Weise's second grade class, Victor Kontopanos said the students and grandparents played board games and had juice to drink. Megan Leggett in Mrs. Shelby's first grade class explained that they made family trees with their grandparents. Megan went home with her grandparents. She was happy because she had this time to spend with her grandparents.

Latane Mason, a seventh grader, said that the upper school students had a good time serving the drinks and cleaning up the plates for the grandparents at the luncheon on Grandparents Day. He said that it was fun because they got to hear and see everything that the grandparents were doing. The upper school students got to eat the leftovers and really enjoyed the deserts! Latane liked when he saw his grandparents.

After Grandparents Day some of the students enjoyed cleaning up with Mr. Walker, Mrs. Lupica, and Mr. Parks. All the hard work to prepare for Grandparents Day paid off. Thanks to all the people who helped make Grandparents Day a perfect day.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT Collected by Rachel Watson

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."
Hebrews 11:1 (KJV)

"In faith there is enough light for those who want to believe and enough shadows to blind those who don't."
Blaise Pascal

Blaise Pascal was a French mathematician, physicist, and religious philosopher. He was a wonderful man. His quote is based on Hebrews 11:1. I think it is a magnificent quote. It reminds you of stubborn people who can not see the truth. Those who want to believe can find reasons to love Jesus through the Holy Spirit.

Literature Day By Riley Whisler

Literature Day on Friday, October 27th was an extraordinary event at our school. Miss Early's second grade class made bookmarks and illustrated poems. Morgan Lewis of 2nd grade dressed up as Mary Wilder from *Little House on the Prairie*. William Peters of the 1st grade was Prince Caspian, and his class shared their terrific costumes with each other. Ford Muntzinger, a kindergartener, dressed up as a cowboy, and his class got to decorate pumpkins and sugar cookies. Literature Day was really fun. Everyone should enjoy reading, whether it is for fun or if it's an assignment. Reading is an extraordinary thing to do.

Reading Rocks!



Thoughts on Literature

By Jenna Brown

Literature is an excellent subject to have as your favorite. Literature is another way to say reading. I think that it is a good subject because you can learn about anything when you read. You can also carry books easier than carrying a television! The school is collecting books for a library so we will have even more books to choose from when we want to read at school. Also, many of you purchased books for your libraries at home from the recent book fair. It is a great opportunity to be able to read so many wonderful books!

Clive Staples Lewis

By Rachel Watson

Born on November 29, 1898, Lewis had a sad early life. At the age of 3, Lewis decided that instead of Clive he would use Jack as his name. His mom, Florence Hamilton Lewis, died August 23, 1908. It was a hard year for his father Albert Lewis. Albert's father had died earlier that year, and his beloved brother Joseph died ten days after Florence Lewis's death. The Lewis family had two sons, Warren (Warnie) and Jack (C. S.). Jack spoke Latin, Greek, Italian, and French.

Jack met Janie Moore, the mother of one of his best friends, less than 8 weeks after his arrival at Oxford. She quickly grew to be like the mother he had once had. He was 19 years old at this time.

Lewis was wounded by an exploding English shell in the Battle of Bernenchon of World War I on April 15, 1918. Warren borrowed a bicycle and pedaled fifty miles from a place in France to see his dear brother. Flying shrapnel had hit Jack in three places: both hands and his chest. Jack thought that getting wounded saved his life!

During World War II, Jack and the Moore family opened their house to children evacuated from London and other cities vulnerable to the German's night-bombing. That time with children probably gave him the understanding to later write the Chronicles of Narnia.

Some writers formed a group of friends to help with any books that they were writing. This group grew to eventually include Jack and Warren Lewis, J. R. R. Tolkien, Charles Williams, Nevill Coghill, Hugo Dyson, Owen Barfield, Adam Fox, Dr. 'Humphrey' Havard, Gervase Mathew, Colin Hardie, Christopher Tolkien, and John Wain. Charles Williams was perhaps Jack's closest friend, so when Williams died in May of 1945, it shocked Jack.

Jack met Joy Davidman Gresham in 1953. In 1955, Joy and her two sons David and Douglass moved to Oxford, near Jack's home Kiln. Early in 1956, Joy's passport expired and the only way for her to stay in England was to marry an English gentleman. Jack 'married' her so she could raise her sons in England. Soon afterwards, Joy discovered that she had cancer. On Christmas Eve 1956, Jack and Joy really married. After Joy was diagnosed with cancer, Jack realized how much he loved her. They were mar-

ried a little over three years. Her real name was Helen.

When she died on July 11, 1960, her last words were "You have made me very happy" and "I am at peace with God."

Jack died Friday November 22, 1963. His death was the same day that John F. Kennedy was assassinated and British author Aldous Huxley left this world behind.

On Jack's tomb a phrase from Shakespeare was inscribed: "Men must endure their going hence."

During his life, C.S. Lewis was an avid writer. He published books on apologetics and theology, fiction, poetry, literary criticism, and some even autobiographical. If you haven't done so already, you ought to check out some of his books for yourself.



Spotlight on... Mr. Walker!

By Christa Schuping and Madeline Shelby

Mr. Walker, who was born on January 9, loves his own homemade chili, the book of Romans, and the author John Calvin. His favorite holiday is Christmas, and he prefers whiteboards to chalkboards. Mr. Walker's favorite elementary teacher was his 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Styles. As a child he attended Mt. Zion Church. He has so many movies he likes that he cannot choose a favorite. A food Mr. Walker just cannot stand is brussel sprouts. Yuck! For breakfast, he eats very little if anything. By the way, Mr. Walker's son, Jaron, is in Miss Larsen's 1st grade class.

Veteran's Day

By Joseph Burek and Ian Frith

There are many veterans in our country. A veteran is a retired soldier who served in a branch of the military. To honor the veterans in our country we have a holiday called Veteran's Day. Veteran's Day is November 11th this year.

Many people at our school are related to veterans. One such person is Ian Frith, whose grandfather, Mr. Wave Tench served in the army and fought in Korea. Mr. Stanley Burek served in the Navy during Vietnam. Mr. Burek is Joseph Burek's grandfather. Mrs. Wiese's brother, Garrett Kulczycki is a lieutenant in the Navy. He has served in Bahrain and he is a Navy SEAL. Miss Augst's brother, Robert, is a private 2nd class in the army. He will be serving in Iraq starting on November 15, 2006. Even Mrs. Jones is related to a veteran; her dad was an army helicopter pilot.

This year Veritas honored veterans we are related to by putting their pictures and information on a wall to thank them for serving America and protecting us and other countries. It reminds us of what the veterans did for us and it makes us thankful. It was a beautiful display. We hope it will be done every year.



Fall Fieldtrips Update
By Mitchell Kruger

Fieldtrips are an exciting part of school. Many classes have already taken fieldtrips this year. Miss Augst's and Mrs. White's 4th grade classes went to Maymont in October. Here is what some of the students enjoyed about it. Riley Conrad said, "I liked to do the worksheets throughout the park." Kara Gregory enjoyed doing the incredible invertebrates project related to Maymont. Clairice Dailey loved the otters. Josiah Knuth said, "I liked ambushing the girls." Seth Hollowell enjoyed the Nature Center best. Sara Walshak loved the foxes. Miss Augst said she enjoyed seeing the new bear, and she also enjoyed feeding the goats. The 2nd graders went on a fieldtrip to visit the pumpkin patch. I talked with Clara Conrad about what she enjoyed, and she said they all had a great time and the haunted house was her favorite. We all enjoy fieldtrips here at Veritas.

FUN, FRIENDS, GOD

THE RETREAT
By Abby Whisler

In the beginning of October, the Upper School students of Veritas took an exciting 45 minute drive to Camp Hanover which is in Hanover County, Virginia. The students were driven by very helpful parent volunteers. When we got there, we started the fun right away with a game of Capture the Flag. Then we got a taste of the amazing food provided there, including spaghetti, chicken, tater tots, and macaroni and cheese. After dinner, Mr. Bouvier began the

night with devotions. The theme of the devotions was on unity. Then we went through an amazingly crazy corn maze. It was very challenging because we had to find lots of clues to help us finish the maze. It actually felt like we were going in lots of circles. When people - including my group - thought that they could go in and out to get to a station, they discovered they had to stay out and could not go back in. But when we were out, we got to watch all of the others get eaten by the maze! The night still wasn't over as we got back and roasted delicious marshmallows. Finally after all that excitement, we went to sleep. The next day it was raining, but we got to play many fun games. In one of those games we couldn't step on the "lava," and when we did we got mats that helped us get across the "lava" taken away. Also some people were blindfolded, attached to other people, and some people couldn't talk throughout the games. After all of this and lunch we had to go back to school.

I asked some of the people what they liked about the retreat. Lauren Early, a sixth grader, said that it was really fun, and she thought the teaching by Mr. Bouvier was very good. Daniel Ivey, another sixth grader, thought the enormous corn maze was really fun. Allie Stoudnour said it was really cool and that capture the flag and the bonfire were both really fun! As you can see, a lot of people really liked the retreat, and we all thank Mrs. Martha Stoudnour and all the teachers and parents who helped to make this such an enjoyable retreat!!

Reformation Assembly
By Hannah Carroll and Alexandra Kozlowski

The Reformation is about Martin Luther and how he broke away from the Catholic Church about 500 years ago. Martin Luther decided that the righteousness we need is only available through Jesus. He posted his ideas about this on a church's door for everyone to read. Mrs. White's fourth grade class presented a skit about it! Also at the assembly, Ian Frith from the fourth grade played "The Third Minuet" on his violin. Mr. Whisler was the guest speaker. He asked, "How can I become righteous?" He said we should live our lives by faith in order to find the righteousness we can only have through Jesus.

Slurpees Rock!! (Even More!!)
By Mary Coggins

In late September, the president of Venezuela, Hugo Chavez, was invited to speak at a United Nations council. During his speech, he publicly slandered President Bush. As many of you know, 7-Eleven company sells Citgo Gasoline. What's the connection, you may ask? Citgo Gasoline happens to be made from oil shipped to the U.S. from Venezuela. 7-Eleven decided that patriotism is much more important than money. So, 7-Eleven has broken the 20 year contract with Citgo Gasoline and is considering a company of their own. This is such a remarkable choice by 7-Eleven

because so many businesses make money their main priority. Soon, the signs for Citgo Gasoline will be independent and not with 7-Eleven. As if we needed another reason to buy slurpees!



WORD ON THE STREET

Collected by Hannah Carroll, Alexandra Kozlowski,
and Mrs. White

“What is your favorite thing about Fall?”

Lindsey Outhouse (5th): My birthday!
Mrs. Gregory: Hot cider and cinnamon sugar donuts
Evan Maddox (5th): Watching football games
Meg Carroll (3rd): I love to see the beautiful leaves when I go on walks.
Mrs. Wiese: Thanksgiving
Miss Larsen: Thanksgiving break!!!
Clarice Dailey (4th) and Mrs. Scott: The leaves changing colors
Mrs. Jones: Wearing sweaters again and the first pot of vegetable soup
Jaron Walker (1st): Leaves!
Darius Dailey (2nd): I get to gather up leaves, jump in them, and throw them.

Anyone catch some themes... Leaves and Thanksgiving on the way?!?!

Movie Review: I Am David
By Madeline Shelby

I highly recommend the movie called *I Am David*. David's entire twelve-years old life has been spent in a grizzly concentration camp in Eastern Europe. He knows nothing of the outside world. When he is given the chance to escape, he seizes it. Sensing his enemies hot on his heels, David struggles to cope in this strange, new world where his only resources are a compass, a few crumbs of bread, his two aching feet, and some vague advice to seek refuge in Denmark. Is that enough to survive? If you like this movie, you may want to check out the book with the same title by Anne Holm. The movie is based on this book.

CREATIVE CORNER

Check out what students around Veritas have been writing about in class.

Psalm 206: A Psalm of Lament
Anonymous

On the soccer field they curse me,
I cry out to you, Oh Lord.
Their words are like snakes,
Biting my legs.

Please save me, Lord,
Their words I cannot take.
Deliver me from the wicked,
For I grow restless of this snake.



Just Say Glory!
By Delaney Turner

Praise the Almighty God for everything he's done,
Praise God the most powerful for he has both great and small.
He's everywhere at once like my mom,
He has a sense of humor like my grandpa.
He made each one of us in a different way,
Like I have a lot of freckles while someone else may not.
He made the trees and birds that sing,
And the pumpkins in the pumpkin patch.
I just want to say glory!

Bible journal entry – By Madeline Fitch

Dear Diary,

I am hot right now and am tired of walking back to the tent. I feel really proud because I am having a baby. Yesterday, Sari was so mad at me that she beat me! I felt so scared that I ran away! Then God came down and talked to me! Now I am fine. I went back to the tent like God said for me to do!

Sincerely,
Hagar

WRITE TO US!

Starting in a future issue, we will be offering an advice column. You can write down a problem (school related please) and turn it in to Mrs. White through her mailbox in the grammar school office or you may email it to her at awhite@veritasschool.com. You can tell your name or remain anonymous if you wish. Please realize that not all of the problems you send us can be answered and published, but we will cover as many as we can. You can address your letters to “Professor Veritas.”