



Damien Murphy and Preston Proskine



Autumn Brazee, Annika Armstrong, and Ty Babcock
Talia Bookamer in the front.



Trinity Gould, Jessup Ross, and Adrienne Hodge



Carter Boberg, Evan Moore, and Kurt Downey

The students in Mrs. Lowie's 5th & 6th grade class made either an animal or plant cell model for their science class. The models were put on display in the cafeteria for all of our students and visitors to see. The students showed creativity in picking the materials they used.

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Don't forget to check out our website to stay informed with calendar of events and important information!

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HOME MEMO

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We are counting down to our Annual **Christmas Program** by our Elementary Students on **Friday, December 15th at 6:30 p.m.** Please invite your friends and family to come out.

There will be a **Love Offering** taken during the program for the VHCA Staff.

All students in attendance should come in school dress code. Those in the program should come dressed as instructed by your teacher.

There will be refreshments, so plan to stay to enjoy special treats and fellowship with other family and friends after the performance.

If there is a need, the snow date is Monday, December 18th.

Important December Dates:

- 13th - 2nd Mid-Quarter Ends
- 14th - Away at Syracuse
- 15th - Christmas Cookie Orders Due
- 15th - Christmas Program (6:30)
- 19th - Achieve Chimes Concert (1-2)
- 19th - Away at Baldwinsville
- 20th - K4 - 6th to Graceview & Norwich Rehab (9:50 - 11:10)
- 20th - Interims Go Home for 1st - 12th grade
- 21st - Christmas Cookie's Delivered
- 22nd - Class Christmas Celebrations
- 25th - Jan. 1st - Christmas & New Year's Recess
(Office open on Tues., Dec. 26th from 8-1)

Christmas Dinner Food Boxes

Letters were sent home last week explaining that we are collecting food and money donations to complete "Christmas Dinner Food Baskets."

Three deserving families within our VHCA community will receive these baskets. Your family has been asked to bring in a specific item which should be brought in as instructed.



All non-perishable items and money donations need to be brought in by **Friday, December 15th. Perishable items** should be brought in on **December 20th** so they are fresh and won't spoil before Christmas.

Please call the office with any questions.



Thank You to all those who gave!

For the past 3 years we have been fortunate to have the Achieve Clients and Leaders volunteer to clean at VHCA every week. This year, they are only able to be with us one day a week but we are truly grateful to them as this helps to keep things more tidy on a regular basis. Thank you to all the families who gave donations so we will be able to give gifts to the workers. It really means a lot to them and they are very thankful that we are able to think of them in this special way.

If you are interested, some of those same people will be here to give a Christmas Chimes and Chorus Concert from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 19th in the auditorium.





Just a
THOUGHT
from the Administrator's Office

What makes a school "Christian?" This was the question that led Dr. David Gibbs, Jr. to develop the resource, "Eight Benefits of a Christian Education." Let me remind us of the first two benefits:

A Christian education will teach your child:

1. **How to be saved. (John 3:3)**
2. **A love for God's Word. (Psalm 119:9)**

This brings us to the third benefit of a Christian education, and one that directly speaks to the idea of making more and better disciples – which happens to be the mission of our supporting church:

3. **How to lead another person to Jesus Christ.**

Making more and better disciples, otherwise known as "followers of Jesus" is a command we find in Matthew 28. Beginning in verse 19, He instructs us to "go and make disciples of all the nations..." Christian education provides the freedom to equip students for this very command. Proverbs 11:30 also reminds us that a person who wins souls for Christ is wise. Leading students to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ is of supreme importance here @ VHCA. It's a privilege to help teach students how to lead others to Christ as well.

This year alone, we have seen a number of students make decisions for Jesus Christ. Some of these decisions were made because their classmates shared Jesus with them. And some even helped lead their peers to Jesus!

I hope you are beginning to see the pattern developing: Salvation in Christ, a love for God and His Word, followed by a love to share the gospel with their "neighbor." These are the first three benefits to a Christian education. I can't wait to begin to unveil the rest to you in upcoming Home Memos. Stay tuned!

As we make our way through this special time of the year, please make it a point to remember the one who makes it all possible – Jesus! In a world that seems upside down, let's hold fast to the foundation. May you and your family have a wonderful holiday season. Merry Christmas!

Not a sermon...just a thought.

Mr. Hodge

Christmas Casual Dress Day

There will be an extra Casual Dress Day on **Friday, December 22nd** for ALL staff and students. Merry Christmas!

We will observe a regular **Casual Dress Day** on **Wednesday, January 3rd** for those who are eligible.

B-Ball Schedule Change

The home games vs. Finger Lakes on **January 19th** have been moved up 30 minutes. The girls game will start at **5:00 p.m.** with the boys game to follow. Make sure to check the new updated schedule.

Another Successful Fundraiser

Even though we didn't sell as many this year, the Wreath and Poinsettia Fundraiser brought in a profit of over **\$350** to our general fund.

Thank you to everyone who sold to family & friends and made purchases.



Mrs. VanDeLinde's 3rd & 4th grade class made statues of Past Presidents for their history class.



Job Downey with President James Madison and Taylor Hodge with President James Monroe

School Closed For Christmas & New Year's Recess

VHCA will be closed on **Dec. 25th** through **Jan. 1st** for Christmas and New Year's Recess.

The school office is planning to be open on Dec. 26th from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. and then will be closed through January 1st. We would suggest you call before you come to make sure someone is available. Enjoy your Christmas!

2nd Mid-Quarter Evaluation

2nd Mid-Quarter ends December 13th. Interim Reports will go home Wednesday, December 20th! Please sign and return by Friday, December 22nd before the long Christmas Recess.

We Need YOUR Pictures

The yearbook staff would appreciate any candid pictures from VHCA sporting events, special school activities, etc.

The yearbook staff is small and can't be everywhere, so they would be grateful for the help.

All pictures can be e-mailed to:
yearbook@vhcaonline.com

Closing Announcements

School closings due to inclement weather or other emergencies are broadcast through the following:

- **Radio:** WCDO (100.9 FM), WCHN (970AM) /WKXZ(94/93.9/95.3 FM)
- **TV:** Channel 12 (WBNG)
- **Websites:** vhcaonline.com; www.wbng.com; www.evesun.com
- **E-mail:** The school office sends to those families who have e-mail addresses provided to the school.
- **Phone:** If you call the main line of the school, the message will state the closure.

VHCA does not delay opening. If Norwich City School District is closed due to bad weather, VHCA will also be closed.



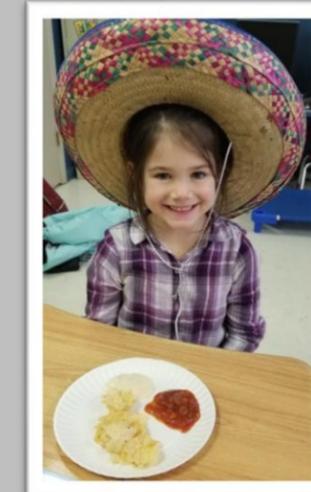
Mrs. Lewandowski's K4 & K5 class learned about Mexico recently in social studies. The students had fun trying salsa and queso, while wearing a sombrero!



Ava Anderson



Sammy Gould



Cassidy Murphy



Jameson Boberg



Tiffany Miles

