

KERR-VANCE ACADEMY

Spartan Newsletter

March 2017

From the Headmaster:

“March Madness” - And just like that...it's March! Welcome spring (at least I hope so!), “busted” NCAA brackets, and the beginning of the fourth academic quarter! March also ushered in a fun Casino Night and a Skeet Shooting event - both successful fundraisers for our school! March means that we are looking forward to the Wax Museum, a 4th grade class project. Our fourth graders have been researching and writing about famous North Carolinians and we get to meet their other personas when the Wax Museum opens on March 24. On March 30 and 31, KVA will go on the road to our nation's capital when our 5th and 6th graders travel to Washington, D.C. Yes, March has been extremely busy and will be right until the end! “March Madness” indeed!

CTP - Parents, please keep in mind that we will be giving assessments in just four weeks to students in grades 1 – 9. The CTP, which is a new testing program, is scheduled for April 17 – 21. The tests will measure proficiency in Language Arts and Mathematics by examining passages in all subject areas.

Vision - I want to take this opportunity to say thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. Please know that you are making a wise investment in their future! KVA has a proven stature in our community and among our colleges. We continue to be mindful that we are preparing students for a rapidly changing world. Our vision for student success extends beyond the walls of our classrooms. That vision drives our work today. Current research reveals these top ten qualities and skills employers are looking for in their employees:

1. Honesty/Integrity
2. Communication Skills
3. Teamwork
4. Interpersonal Skills
5. Self-Motivation/Initiative
6. Strong Work Ethic
7. Analytical Skills
8. Technology Skills
9. Organizational Skills
10. Creativity

As I visit classrooms, I am excited to see these skills are being developed in our students from Pre-K to grade 12. Our mission is to prepare students for college and success in their career. While we build knowledge and skills in reading, math, science and the humanities, we will also intentionally embed these skills to make our graduates college and career ready. We owe that to them. Again, thank you for choosing KVA! - FW

In This Issue

- Letter from the Headmaster
- Spartan Sports
- Spring Sports Teams
- KVA Blood Drive
- KVA Teacher/Parent/Student spotlight
- KVA Casino Night recap
- KVA Spartan Skeet Shooting recap
- 2017-18 Enrollment and Tuition plans
- KVA Day Care
- KVA 1st Annual Color Run

Spartan Sports

Spring is here and so are spring sports. Fans, coaches and athletes are ready for the warmer weather as many of us have braved the bitter cold and windy conditions on the fields this March. Difficult to believe, but we are just about to complete the first half of our spring athletic season here at KVA. All teams have shown great success as we move forward into the core of the season.

Conference play now becomes the main focus for teams. Varsity girls soccer has once again shown that they plan to rule the conference and take the Spartans all the way to the State Tournament. This is an exciting team to watch this spring. KVA is also pleased to announce that we are able to field a JV level baseball team as well as maintain a top-notch varsity program. This gives our younger athletes a great opportunity to gain experience on the field and feed into the future of our varsity program. Our JV baseball program has shown tremendous success so far this season.

The KVA varsity boys lacrosse team trained diligently throughout the winter and is ready for action on the field. The team, with only one senior athlete graduating, is sure to continue to strengthen and maintain its competitive outlook into next year. Our varsity boys golf team has three returning athletes this year and one young golfer new to the program. With a returning All-Conference golfer, our golf team is looking forward to a winning season.

With the warmer weather right around the corner, please be sure to support our athletes by attending as many events as you are able. All sports schedules can be found on the KVA website.

On Friday, March 31, Kerr-Vance Academy will hold its annual Boyd Chevrolet Test Drive Fundraising Event. Please be sure to stop by, catch a ball game, and test drive a Chevrolet to support KVA Athletics. Games begin with Soccer at 4:00, JV Baseball at 4:30, Varsity Baseball at 6:00 and things wrap up with a varsity lacrosse game at 6:30. It is sure to be a fun night for all!



Girls Varsity Soccer

Boys Varsity Lacrosse



Boys Varsity Baseball



Golf Team

KVA Casino Night

Kerr Vance transformed the Henderson Country Club into Las Vegas on March 4th. Attendees enjoyed a vast array of casino games and fun hosted by the development committee and made possible by generous donors. The evening included delicious food, a wine tasting, college basketball rivalry, jewelry raffle and great fun by a crowd of KVA supporters. The decorations and food set the mood for a fun time, from the dice and oversized playing cards on the tables to the giant playing card balloons and Vegas back drop with props for amateur cell phone photos, the club was set for fun! There were even poker chip sugar cookies and dice-like cake squares. Prizes for the evening included the grand prize of a trip to Vegas or \$2500, a weekend at Emerald Isle (donated by Tony Howell), a weekend at Satterwhite Point Cabins (donated by Catherine and Scott Hughes of Satterwhite Point Marina), a home security system (donated by Gene Smith of Safe House Security) and a gift certificate to Robinson Ferry Restaurant (donated by Ted & Margaret Echols). The casino tables were sparse at the beginning of the night, but as a few began to win, they filled up quickly with eager “gamblers.” It was mentioned throughout the evening how easy it was to have fun because the gambling was just for fun, no real money was won or lost. Players increased their chances at the prizes by winning more “chips” or throughout the night. Each extra chance for the prizes cost players \$10,000 in chips. The largest overall winners at the tables were John and Marti Garrett who earned over \$140,000 in play money. However, the real winners of the evening were Larry and Wendy Hogge who won the grand prize when their raffle ticket was drawn at the conclusion of the event. We look forward to hosting this event again next winter, so look for information coming in late 2017 via Alert Now. It was a blast and certainly an evening worth re-creating! Along with the many ticket purchasers, the development committee thanks the following sponsors:



Thank you to our Casino Night Sponsors:

Ace Level:

Nolan Thomas and Co., Inc.
Carolina Country Snacks
J.M. White Funeral Home

King Level:

Mast Drug
W.L. Stark and Company
Hopper, Hicks and Wrenn, PLLC
Charles Boyd Chevrolet, Cadillac, Buick, GMC

Queen Level:

Herb and Patti Gregory

Jack Level:

Bryan and Lizzie Stovall
Joel T. Cheatham Inc.
Currin Dental Lab
Chuck and Amanda Ellis
Edward Jones, C. Jeffery Perry, AAMS®, CRPC®
Phillips, Dorsey, Thomas, Waters & Brafford PA
CPA



2017-18 Tuition: Board approved no tuition increase for current students!

An Enrollment Committee has been formed this year. It is comprised of parents with children in the lower school, middle school and high school. The mission of the committee is increase the enrollment at KVA. The Enrollment Committee proposed and the Board approved no tuition increases for current students for the 2017-18 school year.

The committee also devised a plan that may offer lower tuition in the future. The ultimate goal of the tuition/enrollment plan the board has approved is to lower tuition for everyone, however we must keep our revenue intact in order to fund the budget based on a varying number of possibilities for enrollment next school year.

Filling up lower school classrooms by offering a first time ever special tuition for new students.

The goal of the plan that has been approved is to fill up the lower school classrooms by adding students to classrooms that have open spaces. The plan calls for 16 students in each class K4—4th grade and 18 students in the 5th and 6th grade. By adding students strategically, there will be no additional cost and would not affect the budget.

The plan that was approved for new students is as follows: Tuition will be offered to new students at the rate of \$5800/year for K4-6th grade, plus \$400 enrollment fee and \$200 facility fee for each student. It is important to point out that this \$5800 tuition is lower than any other accredited private school in our area. There are limited spots available: 1st and 2nd grade - (6), 3rd grade—(11), 4th grade—(9), 5th grade—(3) and 6th grade - (1). For 2017-18 tuition will remain at the current rate for 7th –12th grade students. Our hope is that this will be the first step of a 3 year plan and we will be able to offer a similar model the 7th & 8th grade next year and 9th—12th the following year.

When the classrooms in K4—6th grade fill up, our current families will be eligible for a rebated tuition starting in September. The contract that is due in February has the same tuition rate for the grade that it pertains to as it did last year. When we reach a needed revenue total for K4—6th grade, the board will work to rebate the remaining tuition for existing families. If we add just over 35 new students in classes 1—6th every student in those classes will pay \$5800.

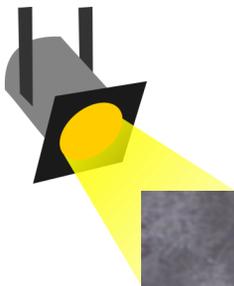
We are going to be advertising these limited tuition opportunities., but we are asking for your help to spread the word about the great things that are happening at KVA. This plan needs the support and enthusiasm of you, our current parents. [Please pass along the names of any one you may know that may be interested in this plan to Mr. Wiggins.](#)



American Red Cross

On Wednesday, March 8, the KVA SGA hosted an American Red Cross Blood Drive. This event was a wonderful service project, one the school has hosted for over ten years. SGA Advisor, Mrs. Shaw, reports that each year “we set our goal to increase the number of donations for our November and March drives.” This most recent drive’s goal was to collect 34 units of blood. This goal was surpassed with 38 donors and 41 units of blood given. The morning included students, faculty, parents and community volunteers coming together in the little gym to help the American Red Cross with the on-going blood shortage. Students donated and helped facilitate the progress of donors throughout the morning, often visiting with them after they gave. The little gym was a most accommodating space for this drive; the space allowed for numerous donors at once and for a smooth morning. To donors, Mrs. Shaw says, “The Kerr Vance SGA students truly appreciate your willingness to donate for such a life-saving cause.” Please consider donating at the next blood drive in the fall.





Alison Short

KVA Assistant Headmaster

This month's spotlight features a person who fits into all three feature categories: faculty, family and alumni. She has been a part of Kerr Vance Academy most of her life. Mrs. Alison Short is KVA's assistant headmaster, sixth grade math teacher and seventh grade science teacher. Mrs. Short has been at Kerr Vance for eleven years and before coming to our school she was in the classroom at L.B. Yancey in Vance County. It is apparent that education is her passion, after obtaining her undergraduate degree she continued her path to higher education. Holding a Masters in Education from UNCG and a Masters in Administration from Seton Hall University have helped her in both her roles as teacher and assistant headmaster. Perhaps it was her own children that drew her to seek employment at Kerr Vance. She remembered the excellent experience she had as a student at the then Vance Academy and wanted her children to have that same experience. Mrs. Short and her husband have two children. Their son Nick graduated from KVA in 2015 and their daughter Riley is a junior at Kerr Vance Academy. Mrs. Short remembers learning life skills at The Academy as early as first grade when Mrs. Burroughs taught her "the importance of listening carefully, being organized, and of course having fun while you learn." In addition to these wonderful lessons she feels that there are advantages beyond the education itself to a private school for both employees and students.

Some of Mrs. Short's favorite things about Kerr Vance are the traditions and the comradery that is felt among the students both in the classroom and while playing sports as teammates. She especially likes to see the success a child feels about themselves when they grasp a new math concept. When speaking of the way a child's eyes light up when that happens she says: "Yes, you really can see it!"

Growth in numbers and offerings of educational experiences are things she looks forward to as she plans for the future of KVA. As a former student, a parent and a leader at Kerr Vance Academy she realizes that our school is a place that offers its students that special education that cannot be found other places.

1st Annual

Spartan Sporting Clays Classic

KVA's first annual Sporting Clay Classic was held on March 15 at Rose Hill Plantation near Nashville, NC. This event was a new fund raiser for our school. There were 24 shooters and a great time was had by all. We hope you'll look for information about next year's classic and will plan to join us.



Thank you to all of our sponsors for your support of this new event.

Top Gun:
LH Dickens & Son
Carolina Country Snacks

Sharp Shooter:
American Skins, LLC
Kilian Engineering

Trophy Sponsors:
Satterwhite Point Marian
Americot, Inc.

Lunch Sponsor:
Skippers Forsyth's BBQ

Patrons:
Carr Family
Greenway Family
Odom Family
White Funeral Home



Kerr-Vance Academy Day Care



Kerr-Vance Academy is proud to offer licensed daycare programs for 2 and 3 year old, children. The daycare is located in the primary center building on our campus. Lead teachers, along with their assistants, help your child in his/her development of social skills through age appropriate play as well as instruction.

A typical day for your child will include:

- Two snacks
- A well balanced lunch
- Nap time
- A visit to a special class such as computer lab, music, the library, or Spanish.
- Playtime with age appropriate toys in the classroom and on the fenced in playground accessible from their classroom.
- Lessons in colors, shapes, calendar principles, letters and numbers.

The daycare is open from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm and is available year round.

If you or anyone you know is in need of an outstanding, safe, nurturing and educational day care please tell them about KVA. Anyone interested in more information about the Day Care should call the KVA office at 252-492-0018 or email admissions@kerrvance.com.



Upcoming Events



Join us on April 15th for the most fun 5k of your life!

Come run, walk, skip, jump or even dance your way through this magical, unforgettable 5k. Participants are doused from head to toe in different colors throughout the course. After the race the fun continues with music, dancing and massive color throws. Don't forget to purchase extra color packs, you won't regret it.

Last day to register is March 31st. Registration includes a t-shirt, sun glasses, bracelet, temporary tattoo and packs of color.