

## A WORD FROM THE HEADMASTER

Incredibly, spring is here and we are well into our last academic quarter. This year has really flown by! Our Junior/Senior prom was held just this past weekend and our students had a great time. A huge thank you to Mrs. Winnie Ballinger and the junior class for all of their hard work decorating and preparing for this event. Speaking of our seniors, most of them have made or are making their final decisions on college. It is an exciting time for them! Likewise, our juniors are gearing up to take ACT and SAT assessments in a few weeks.

**Celebrations** - As we head down the stretch, I can report to you that our students and teachers are working very hard. There is a lot to be proud of in our academic programs! In my classroom walkthroughs, I have observed so many high quality instructional moments. I capture many of these in pictures and forward them to our Facebook page. I hope you have the opportunity to check them out. Last week, our first graders studied the three forms of matter in science. They learned characteristics through song, made “foldables” (graphic organizers), and wrote about them with real life examples. 9<sup>th</sup> grade biology students recently dissected frogs, learning about body systems and life cycles. This was highly engaging, hands on learning. Middle school students are using close reading strategies to comprehend and analyze text. They are writing informed essays on current topics, using evidence to back up their arguments. These are the same kinds of strategies that lead to success in high school and yes, even college. There is a lot to be proud of in our academic programs.

Congratulations to Kaitlyn Jones, KVA freshman who recently won the Optimist Club Essay Contest and will also compete at the district level.

Also congratulations, to Jonathan Edwards, a KVA junior for placing and advancing to the next round of the Optimist Club Oratorical Contest.

**CTP Testing** - Looking ahead to next month, students in grades 1 – 9 will take the CTP assessments April 16 – 20. The CTP measures student growth in reading, writing, vocabulary, and math.

**Advance Ed Accreditation** - Our school is accredited through Advance Ed. Next year, is our renewal year. All families recently received a parent survey link via Alert Now email. Please take a moment and complete this survey. The data will help us in the school improvement process this summer and this coming fall. Thanks for your help.

Enjoy your spring break!

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# MARCH MADNESS

The NCAA Men's Basketball tournament is upon us. March always brings out the craziest games whether it has a big dunk, crazy shot, a Cinderella team winning or maybe even an impossible buzzer beater. This year's bracket doesn't seem like it is going to disappoint as a majority of the teams are equally talented, good games will be played around the tourney.

Going around school we asked students' input on different questions about the tournament. After asking selected students, the consensus is, out of all the number one seeds, Virginia would have the best chance of winning the tournament. When asked what team from North Carolina would go farthest in the tournament, a large group said that UNC would followed by Duke. When asked the question what team would win the tournament overall, it sparked debate as Juniors Marc Howell and Lane White argued between Arizona or Purdue. In another situation, Senior Charlie Averett jokingly said that Lipscomb would be the team to win it all. We still have the rest of March to see who will win and what predictions will come true.

Rafael Negrón  
Sports Editor

## 2018 NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Tuesday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Wednesday	
16 LIU-Brooklyn (18-16)	5:40 p.m.	11 St. Bonaventure (25-7)	8:10 p.m.	16 N.C. Central (19-15)	5:40 p.m.	11 Arizona State (20-11)	8:10 p.m.
16 Radford (22-12)	truTV	11 UCLA (21-11)	truTV	16 Texas Southern (15-19)	truTV	11 Syracuse (20-13)	truTV

**PLAY-IN GAMES**

Dayton, Ohio  
March 13-14



Final Four  
March 31  
National Championship  
April 2  
Alamodome

FIRST ROUND		SECOND ROUND		REGIONALS		REGIONALS		SECOND ROUND		FIRST ROUND	
Friday		March 17-18		March 22-23		March 24-25		March 22-23		March 15-16	
1 Virginia (31-2)	8:20 p.m.	16 UMBG (24-10)	TNT	8 Creighton (21-11)	5:50 p.m.	9 Kansas St. (22-11)	TNT	16 LIU-Brooklyn/Radford	TNT	8 Virginia Tech (21-11)	8:20 p.m.
5 Kentucky (24-10)	6:10 p.m.	12 Davidson (21-11)	CBS	4 Arizona (27-7)	8:40 p.m.	13 Buffalo (26-8)	CBS	9 Alabama (19-15)	TNT	5 W. Virginia (24-10)	3 p.m.
12 Davidson (21-11)	6:10 p.m.	4 Arizona (27-7)	8:40 p.m.	13 Buffalo (26-8)	8:40 p.m.	6 Miami (22-9)	2:10 p.m.	12 Murray State (26-5)	TNT	4 Wichita State (25-7)	12:30 p.m.
4 Arizona (27-7)	8:40 p.m.	11 Loyola-Chicago (28-5)	truTV	6 Miami (22-9)	2:10 p.m.	11 Loyola-Chicago (28-5)	truTV	3 Texas Tech (24-9)	6:27 p.m.	13 Marshall (24-10)	TNT
13 Buffalo (26-8)	8:40 p.m.	3 Tennessee (25-8)	11:40 a.m.	14 Wright State (25-9)	truTV	3 Tennessee (25-8)	11:40 a.m.	14 S.F. Austin (28-6)	truTV	6 Florida (20-12)	8:57 p.m.
6 Miami (22-9)	2:10 p.m.	7 Nevada (27-7)	3:30 p.m.	10 Texas (19-14)	TBS	7 Nevada (27-7)	3:30 p.m.	10 Butler (20-13)	truTV	11 St. Bonaventure/UCLA	truTV
11 Loyola-Chicago (28-5)	truTV	2 Cincinnati (30-4)	1 p.m.	2 Cincinnati (30-4)	1 p.m.	2 Cincinnati (30-4)	1 p.m.	13 Charleston (26-7)	truTV	4 Auburn (25-7)	6:27 p.m.
3 Tennessee (25-8)	11:40 a.m.	15 Georgia St. (24-10)	TBS	15 Georgia St. (24-10)	TBS	15 Georgia St. (24-10)	TBS	15 CSU Fullerton (20-11)	truTV	1 Kansas (27-7)	1 p.m.
14 Wright State (25-9)	truTV									16 Penn (24-8)	TBS
7 Nevada (27-7)	3:30 p.m.									8 Seton Hall (21-11)	3:20 p.m.
10 Texas (19-14)	TBS									9 N.C. State (21-11)	TBS
2 Cincinnati (30-4)	1 p.m.									5 Clemson (23-9)	8:57 p.m.
15 Georgia St. (24-10)	TBS									12 New Mexico State (28-5)	truTV
										4 Auburn (25-7)	6:27 p.m.
										13 Charleston (26-7)	truTV
										6 TCU (21-11)	8:40 p.m.
										11 Arizona State/Syracuse	CBS
										3 Michigan St. (29-4)	6:10 p.m.
										14 Bucknell (25-9)	CBS
										7 Rhode Island (18-13)	11:15 a.m.
										10 Oklahoma (18-13)	CBS
										2 Duke (26-7)	1:45 p.m.
										15 Iona (20-13)	CBS

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# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

## Wil Short

Wil Short is a legacy at Kerr-Vance Academy. Both of his parents, Wendy Short, née Paynter (class of '94) and Lee Short (class of '93) attended the school. Wendy worked at the daycare at KVA for 4 years. Wil came to KVA for K3 and K4 then came back in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and has been here ever since. Since 7<sup>th</sup> grade Wil has participated in basketball and baseball. Baseball has been a passion of his since he was about 4 years old. Wil has played on various travel teams since he was 10, including the Granville County Bulls, Tri County Thunder, North Carolina Titans, and North Carolina Riptide. Wil has played different positions throughout his baseball career, including pitcher, catcher, third base, short stop, second base, and outfielder. His experience with playing these various positions has made him a versatile player and a significant asset to his team. In 2017, Wil was part of the 1A State Championship team, where the team won 5-1. Knowing that baseball was his passion, Wil knew he wanted to continue his career in college. Wil received offers from William Peace, Pfeiffer, and Louisburg College. Fortunately, Barton College, a Division II school was also more than willing to offer Wil a spot on the team. In 2017, former teammate Jabe Montgomery also signed with Barton College for baseball. The two have played baseball together since Wil was 5, so their history will only benefit them next year on the field. On March 16<sup>th</sup>, students, family, and friends gathered in the Kerr-Vance gym to witness Wil sign with the Barton team. Emotions were high that day as coaches and family congratulated Wil on his huge achievement. We are very proud of Wil and look forward to seeing what he accomplishes next year at Barton.

Becca Johnson

Editor-in-Chief



# SGA Happenings

The Student Government Association participated in their monthly trips to the nursing home on February 16<sup>th</sup> and March 16<sup>th</sup>. They celebrated the Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day holidays by coloring Cupids and leprechauns with the senior citizens. Going to the nursing home each month is one of the main ways SGA is able to give back to the community and commit to service outside of school. This tradition is a favorite of many SGA members and the elderly whom they visit.

Another recent project of SGA was the replacement of ceiling tiles. On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, after school, members gathered in the upper school buildings to remove many broken and damaged ceiling tiles and replace them with new ones. The process only took a couple of hours, but it made a difference in improving the appearance of the inside of our school. The final count of ceiling tiles replaced was around 42.

On March 7<sup>th</sup>, the SGA hosted a Red Cross blood drive in the little gym. Unfortunately, there were complications with the Red Cross computers and the donation schedule got pushed back, but they still managed to receive a total of 31 donors registered and 27 units collected. The next blood drive is scheduled for the fall of 2018.

In light of the school shooting at Stoneman Douglas High School on February 14<sup>th</sup>, the SGA organized an upper school assembly to initiate a talk about school safety and how to respond in a dangerous situation. Mr. Wiggins and SGA President Richard Allen spoke at the assembly. This assembly gave students the opportunity to voice their concerns and ask questions. Furthermore, on March 14<sup>th</sup>, the SGA also held a memorial service from 10:00 to 10:17 am in recognition of the 17 lives that were lost. Many faculty and students gathered in the courtyard to honor the victims and listen to SGA members speak on each of their lives and accomplishments.

Jourdan Folger  
Copy and Caption Editor

## Upcoming Events:

April 13<sup>th</sup> - There will be a hot dog and hamburger cookout from 5:45 to 7:30 during the soccer and baseball games as a fundraiser for the rest of this school year and next year.

April 28<sup>th</sup> - The SGA will have a road clean-up along Vance Academy Road.



Jourdan Folger and Ira Wilder replace a ceiling tile in the upper school computer lab.

Ira Wilder colors a picture for a senior citizen during a nursing home visit.



SGA stands together in orange to show their support for the victims of the school shooting in Florida.



SGA President Richard Allen helps one of the women at the nursing home with a Valentine's Day picture.



Natalie Stone shows her enthusiasm for nursing home visits.

# Spirit Club

## SPIRIT WEEK

Before leaving for spring break, Spirit Club held spirit week for students. On Monday the Upper school participated in "meme day" and lower school "tacky/inside out day". On Tuesday the whole school dressed in their favorite team apparel and colors for Team Day. On Wednesday the upper school had a Teacher Swap day, while the lower school had Multiples Day where they dressed as twins, triplets or the whole class dressed the same. Thursday was a contest for Most Original Homeroom, each homeroom came up with a group idea, and they dressed accordingly. The homerooms were judged based on participation, originality, and creativity. The Lower School Homeroom winner was the 5<sup>th</sup> grade with an Easter Egg theme. They will be receiving a treat very soon! The Upper School Homeroom winner was the 9<sup>th</sup> grade, with a Grey's Anatomy theme. They will have a Chicken Mini breakfast to come! Great job to everyone that participated!

Savannah Barnes  
Art and Layout Editor





Thing 1-32 pose with the Cat in the Hat (Ms. Hillery).

The 7th and 8th grade are ready for summer in their tropical wear.



The juniors dress as Pac-Man characters.

The 1st graders dress up as their favorite book character, Junie B. Jones.



# Events Around Campus

## FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE SCIENCE PROJECTS

The 5th grade class created their very own solar systems! They made 3-D models' of the solar system, some on poster board and others made out of painted Styrofoam balls. These projects helped the kids understand more about the solar system by having a hands-on 3-D replica.

The 6th grade class conducted many cool experiments for their science projects. The projects ranged from the buoyancy of eggs to which baseball bat is better, aluminum or wood. They made poster boards with their science experiment findings and displayed some of the materials they used in their experiments! Each student got to pick a topic that interested them and then make an experiment based on it; it was the perfect way to get the students even more excited about science!

Savannah Barnes  
Art and Layout Editor



## KRISPY KREME FUNDRAISER

The tenth grade class hosted a Krispy Kreme donut fundraiser that ended Friday, March 9th. The fundraiser was designed to help raise money for the 2019 prom. Altogether, the grade sold 227 boxes of donuts and raised over one thousand dollars for the 2019 prom!

Alexis Reese  
Special Sections Editor



# Events Around Campus

## FIFTH GRADE MYRTLE BEACH TRIP



On Thursday the 22nd of February, the 6th grade class went on a field trip to Myrtle Beach. The class saw a medieval themed play since they were studying King Arthur in class. They left early in the morning and arrived at Broadway where they ate lunch and visited the Wonderworks Museum. Then they went to the hotel to rest before they headed to the play. After the play, they went back to the hotel, where they played in the pool. In the morning, they walked the beach, ate at Broadway again, and then headed home.

Josh Braxton  
Photo Editor

## CASINO NIGHT

KVA hosted a Casino Night the night of February 24th which was very successful. Attendees got to eat and play casino games, such as roulette, blackjack, and Texas holdem. There was also a raffle which had prizes, such as a trip to Vegas for 2 (or \$2500), local getaways to Satterwhite Point Marina and Howell Family's Beach House, a champagne package, and gift cards to Robinson Ferry and Uptown 101. Special thanks to Lizzie Stovall, Renee Wilder, Anne Marie White, Dana Greenway, Amy Williams, and Tammy Crawford for organizing the event.

Josh Braxton  
Photo Editor



# Spartan Sports

## VARSITY BOY'S BASEBALL

The Varsity Boys' baseball team has had a really good season so far. They have had a strong start with a record of 8-2 (W-L) overall and 3-0 in the conference. The team is coached by Coach Wilkerson. The roster includes Chance Murphy, Joseph Knott, RJ Johnson, Joel Lewis, Cole Merritt, Shane Garrett, Tom Echols, Rob Jones, Wyatt Humphries, Marc Howell, Matt Overton, Wil Short, Cam Murphy, Lane White, and Colby Wilkerson.

Joshua Braxton  
Photo Editor

**Top:** 2018 Kerr-Vance Academy Varsity Boy's Baseball Team  
**Bottom:** Colby Wilkerson swings for the cheap seats.



## JV BOY'S BASEBALL

The JV Boys' Baseball team has had an eventful season so far, with a record of 1-1 (W-L). Coached by Coach Wilkerson, the JV Team roster consists of Chance Murphy, Chandler Hurt, Joseph Knott, Joel Lewis, Zach Williamson, Rob Jones, Wyatt Humphries, Tom Echols, Cole Merritt, and Shane Garrett.



2018 Kerr-Vance Academy JV Boy's Baseball Team

Joshua Braxton  
Photo Editor

# Spartan Sports

## VARSITY WOMEN'S SOCCER

The reigning Women's Varsity State soccer team are looking to defend their title in what looks to be another championship run. Only losing three seniors the previous year, they still have a strong core group this year. Returning seniors Nicole Dunkley, Riley Short, Bonnie Evans, Caroline Hoyle and Holly Steg look to keep the KVA winning habit alive. They are joined by a strong group of underclassmen. Juniors: Ashley Dickerson, Emma Hogge, Mary Richardson and Annie Wiggins, Sophomore Lorena Negron, Freshmen Juliana Negron, Katelyn Balentine and Kaitlin Combs, 8th grader Emma Mooring and 7th grader Phoebe Evans round out the roster.

The Lady Spartans have started the season strong with a 6-0-1 record. The Lady Spartans show that they beat their opponents with skill and hard work. The team's strongest asset is their chemistry, it's what unifies the team and keeps them in so many games. They might play teams with individually better players, but it's the Spartans' team effort that pushes them through those teams. The Spartans continue their season with game-packed weeks caused by being postponed due to weather, but they just see it as another obstacle that they will try to overcome together as a team .



The women's soccer team at the annual Brittany Soccer Showcase.

Rafael Negron  
Sports Editor

Caroline Hoyle clears the ball.



# Upcoming Events

## March 2018

Friday, March 30th - Good Friday (No School)



## April 2018

Monday to Friday, April 2nd to 6th - Spring Break

Saturday April 14 - KVA Annual Seafood Fest

Saturday April 14 - Mike Dawson Classic at KLCC (see flyer)

Monday to Friday, April 16th to 20th - Testing

Tuesday, April 24th - Mid 4th Quarter Closes

Friday, April 27th - May Day



## May 2018

Thursday, May 17th - Athletic Banquet

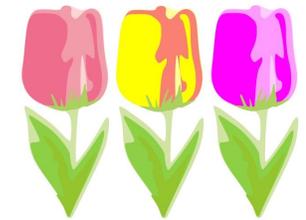
Monday, May 21st - US Awards Day/Field Day

Tuesday, May 22nd - 25th - Exams

Thursday May 24th - LS Field Day - Soccer Field

Friday May 25th - LS Awards Day Noon Dismissal

Sat May 26th - Graduation 10am



## June 2018

June 11th-15th - Math/Science Camp

June 25th - 29th - Basketball Camp

# Kerr-Vance Academy Recycling Program

ORANGE + BLUE = GREEN

About the program: A great way to save our environment and prevent pollution is by recycling. Less than 30% of citizens in Vance County recycle. To prevent overflowing landfills and make a difference in our community, lets reduce our amount of waste and make our school an eco-friendly place. These bins will be placed throughout our school and in classrooms for students to be able to recycle.

How you can help: To get this program started I am asking for donations of recycling bins. These bins will be used for aluminum cans, plastic bottles, glass bottles, and some for paper. The goal is 21 classroom bins, 3 large outdoor bins, and 2 larger bins for the gym and cafeteria.

If you have any questions or would like to make a contribution email [savannahbarnes09@gmail.com](mailto:savannahbarnes09@gmail.com). Thanks!



Small classroom size containers \$5 each



5 large containers \$15 each

# 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](mailto:admissions@kerrvance.com).

