

A WORD FROM THE HEADMASTER

We are just two days away from Thanksgiving Break. Thanksgiving is a special time of reflection and celebration for our many blessings. I am thankful for the 241 students who call Kerr-Vance Academy home. Each is unique and talented in his or her own way. I am thankful for a gifted, dedicated staff who works daily to provide the very best learning environment for our children. You make a difference! I am thankful for our families who trust us with the job of teaching their children and provide the support we need to be successful. Families are the heart and soul of KVA and have been for fifty years. Thank you for all you do to make KVA a special place in our community.

KVA is a school with incredible traditions. Our seniors just returned from their trip to Disney. Each year, the trip is scheduled to coincide with the end of the college application process just when our senior class needs a breather from that stressful period. It is fun to watch the bonding, the joking, the good-natured fun, and yes, even the tears as the group tours the parks, ride the bus, and share meals together. They make memories that last a life-time as the clock ticks away on that most special year of their school careers. I am sure that other schools take senior trips, but this one is very unique. Just ask any of our 24 seniors. Another important tradition is Grandparent's Day which we will celebrate this week. Grandparents Day allows us to say "thank you" to special members of the KVA family through poems, songs, and music. It is fun to watch the faces of the adults as they watch the performances. Each program is special and again creates those memories that stand the test of time. Traditions are special. They are what make us different.

Congratulations to the KVA varsity tennis team for its first ever state championship back on October 27. The tennis program experienced high moments over the last few seasons and to see them make it all the way to their ultimate goal is very special. Championships are won in practice and this team worked hard all season. Similarly, the Spartan volleyball team's undefeated campaign ended with a state title in Charlotte also on October 27. This group too performed at a high level in recent seasons but this year finished the season on the highest plateau – a state championship. We are very proud of both teams.

I would like to give a big shout out to our Student Government Association for two impactful service projects – the Red Cross Blood Drive and the Food Drive for ACTS. Both efforts went a long way to help others in need. 33 total units of blood were donated, saving 99 lives. 1,183 food items came in and are on their way to ACTS on Tuesday to feed the hungry. Thank you SGA and our school community for your generosity.

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Senior Trip

Our Spartan seniors have just taken the trip of a lifetime to the most magical place on earth. On October 28th, the senior class gathered at school at 3:15 in the morning to get ready to disembark on their trip. The class spent 6 days down in Florida soaking up the sun and riding all the classic Disney rides until their hearts were content. The excitement and joy experienced at the parks could be seen by the pictures and stories brought home by our seniors. The trip was not only a week full of fun but also a bonding experience for the senior's last year as Spartans. The only complaint was the prices of the food in the parks, but don't worry; mom usually had that covered! Overall, everyone got along and enjoyed being together to make memories that they will never forget.



Right: Jack Cheever, Cam Murphy, Holton Roberson, and Jonathan Edwards take a picture with Squidward during the parade



Senior Trip



Above: Annie Wiggins, Ashley Dickerson, Mallorie Boyd, and Mary Richardson pose for a picture with Goofy.



Above: The senior class take a group picture before going into Magic Kingdom.

Below: Marc Howell and Sydney Tippet pose for a picture while wearing Goofy slippers.



Above: The senior ladies take a picture before enjoying a classic Disney show.



Junior Job Shadowing

Each year, as a graduate requirement, students must complete a job shadowing project. Each student picks a job occupation that is of interest to them and spends an entire week observing in their job space. This year's junior class had a wide variety of job occupations ranging from nursing, law, athletics, and more.

Austyn Abbott shadowed a certified registered nurse anesthetist at Maria Parham Health in Henderson.

Myles Ball shadowed a process engineer at Daimler Trucks North America in Charlotte.

Christian Bolton shadowed in the NC State Wolfpack office in Raleigh.

Fermin Borbua shadowed a Finance Director at Oxford City Hall.

Emily Carr shadowed a women's health nurse at the Center for Women's Care in Oxford.

Edie Echols shadowed the designer of the Anna Cate collection in the fashion design industry.

David Folger shadowed a neurologist and the Neuro Lab at Duke in Durham.

Chessie Foster shadowed a wine maker at Duplin Winery.

Andrew Hight shadowed at Macra Lace Co Factory Outlet in Oxford.

George Hughes shadowed a park ranger at Satterwhite Point Recreation Area.

Junior Job Shadowing

Wyatt Humphries shadowed a park ranger at Satterwhite Point Recreation Area.

Zoey Ivey shadowed a youth pastor at Clearview Church in Henderson.

Steven Kearney shadowed the equipment manager of the Duke Football team in Durham.

Lauren Moseley shadowed a Veterinarian/ Veterinarian Technician at Dabney Drive Animal Hospital in Henderson.

Lorena Negron shadowed a District Court Judge with the North Carolina Court System in Henderson.

Natalie Stone shadowed a certified public accountant with Mitchell & Nemitz in Wake Forest.

Brian Teiser shadowed an attorney at law with Satterwhite, Stainback, and Zollicoffer PLLC in Henderson.

Jake Watts shadowed a building inspector in Wake Forest.

Ira Wilder shadowed an assistant district attorney with the North Carolina Court System in Henderson.

Colby Wilkerson shadowed the Athletic Director at Vance Charter School in Henderson.

Caroline Williams shadowed a certified registered nurse anesthetist at Wake Med Cary.

Austyn Abbott

Co-Editor in Chief

K4/K5 Field Trips

Pumpkin Patch Field Trip

On October 23rd, the K4-K5 class took a field trip to the pumpkin patch farm at Vollmer Farm. They went to a corn maze, played in the corn, got to pet a donkey, and met “a lot of turkeys”. They also made butter, took a hay ride, slide down a slide in burlap sacks, and jumped on a giant “pillow” which was called the jumping pillow. I went to interview the K4 class and they all had a fantastic time.

“I jumped in the corn and it was fun,” Oz said.

Beauty and the Beast Play

On October 25th, the K4-K5 class took a field trip to watch the Beauty and the Beast play at McGregor Hall. I interviewed the K4 class and they all said they really enjoyed the show, and told me what their favorite parts were.

“ I liked the big loud boom at the beginning of the play,” Clark and Nash remarked.

Ivey and Blaire said, “I liked Bella, how she was with the prince!”

Emily Carr

Sports Editor

K4/K5 Field Trips

The K4 class takes a quick picture before their hay ride!



Judson Breedlove, Jase Davis, and Koen Stouch take a picture before playing in the corn.

The kids gather around the donkey to pet her.



The K4 class takes a quick picture before they enter the corn maze!

Events Around Campus

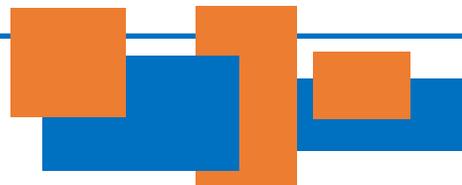
Dia de los Muertos

This holiday is celebrated on October 31st of every year in many Spanish countries, where deceased relatives are remembered. Their souls are welcomed to visit and enjoy items on the “La Ofrenda.” The student chose to remember Mr. Dawson on this special Holiday. They added things special to him such as; a mug of hot coffee, a golf club, a baseball bat, and golf balls. The kids also made paper flowers to hang across the room. In Spain, these are called “papel picado.”



Students from the 9th and 10th grade take a picture after they decorate the La Ofrenda.

Emily Carr
Sports Editor



A New Sports Team

Varsity Swim Team

Kerr-Vance's swim team has begun their pilot season with nine members. Coached by Liz Richardson and Julie Moseley, the swim team has embarked on the challenging task of getting the team "up and running." Kerr-Vance has never had a swim team before, but each team member is excited and enthused about the season ahead. They had their first meet on Friday, November 16th in New Bern. There, they had a very successful start to the season with Junior Lauren Moseley placing first in her heat and Junior David Folger placing third in his heat. Four of the girls also swam a freestyle relay. The team has a difficult challenge ahead in getting their bearings, but are all hopeful about the fun times that are still to come.

Right: The team poses in their swim shirts before the start of their first meet.



Ira Wilder
Co-Editor in Chief

Left: The team rests after a challenging first race.



Student Government

Canned Food Drive

The student government hosted a canned food drive benefiting the ACTS house of Henderson. The drive occurred from Monday, November 12th to Monday, November 19th. Before the drive, the ACTS house was running dangerously low on food, with Thanksgiving just around the corner. SGA President, Ira Wilder, says that “the canned food drive was a major success. Thanks to the efforts of parents, students, teachers and other drives in the community, the Acts house was able to replenish its stock and serve the needy in the community.



Ira Wilder
Co-Editor in Chief



Left: Junior Austyn Abbott poses while sorting through cans.

Right: Over 1000 cans were sorted into boxes and shipped off to the ACTS house.



Student Government

Blood Drive

The student government hosted a Red Cross blood drive on Wednesday, November 14th. SGA Advisor, Linda Shaw, “We had 38 presenting donors (5 deferrals and 33 total units collected), and we also had 3 Power Red donors. We, therefore, saved 99 lives with our collection.” Donating blood can save up to three and a half lives, so the SGA strongly encourages anyone interested to give blood at the next opportunity.

Ira Wilder
Co-Editor in Chief



American Red Cross



Left: Junior Myles Ball gives a thumbs up after donating and saving three lives.

Fall Festival

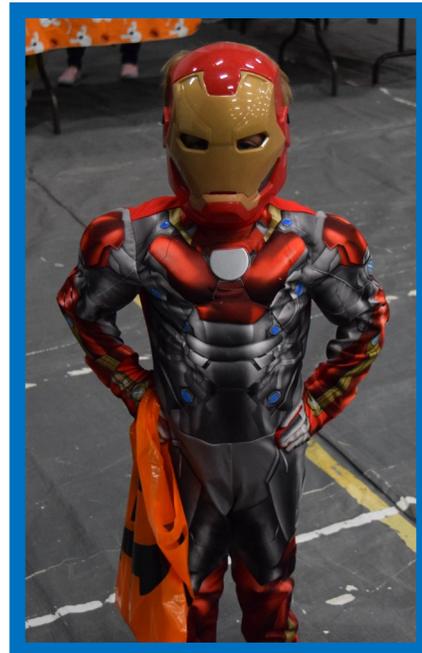
On October 25th, KVA held its annual Fall Festival. Highlights of the event included a wide variety of games and candy prizes, a crafts station featuring slime, a tattoo and nails booth, and more. Parents also enjoyed the silent auction, where they could bid on items whose proceeds go to the Junior class. For the braver students and adults in attendance, the haunted house was available. This year's theme for the haunted house was the "Haunted Hospital", where volunteers dressed as doctors and patients working in an Operation room and Asylum.

This year's Fall Festival had a fantastic turnout and was a huge success! Everyone truly had a blast, students, teachers, and parents alike.

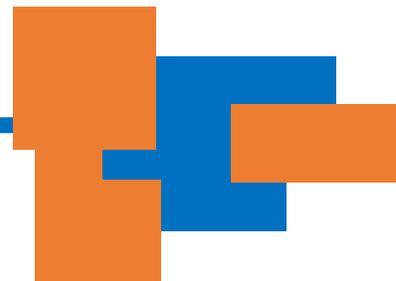
Myles Ball

Art and Layout Editor

(from left to right): Abree Thiede, Kaelynn Collins, Charlie Schneider, and Madilyn Wimbrow pose in their costumes.



Cody Brame poses as Ironman.



Halloween Parade



The Fifth Grade accompanied by Mrs. Humphries parades through the hallway.

Grayson Greenway parades through the halls as a panda.



Third and Fourth Grade pose in their costumes.

Abby Coghill comes to class dressed as a witch.



(from left to right) Mrs. Bowen, Mrs. Overby, Mrs. Johnson, and Mrs. Sherrill pose as "Social" butterflies.

Second Grade lines up for a picture in their costumes.



Fall Sports Wrap Up

Varsity Cross Country

The cross country team took a trip to Hendersonville for this year's state meet. The team left on Thursday, October 25th to head for Asheville where they spent the night at a hotel to rest before their 8am run. They awoke on Friday to pouring rain and 40 degree weather, but that didn't stop our runners! When the team finally arrived, the first thing they noticed was a flooded course. The team was expecting a run, not a swim meet! They laced up their running shoes, waited for the starting gun to fire. Runner Juliana Negrón finished in the top ten and received All Conference in the women's race. Runners gave it their all and finished strong, thus marking an end to the 2018 cross-country season.



Holton Roberson
Photo Editor

Varsity Girls' Golf

The Varsity Girls' Golf team consisted of but one member this season, but this one member had an extraordinarily successful season. Senior Emma Hogge wrapped up her final season at the state championship, placing 15th in the 1A bracket. She won eight of her ten regular matches and placed second in the other two. It is fair to say that Emma had an outstanding season as a Lady Spartan.

Ira Wilder
Co-Editor in Chief

Right: Emma
Hogge tees off.



Fall Sports Wrap Up

Varsity Girls' Volleyball

The Varsity Volleyball team followed a widely successful path in the state tournament. After beating Northwood Temple 3-1, they advanced to the state championship in Matthews, NC. There, they beat Lee Christian 3-0. This was an excellent win for the Lady Spartans, who are now the NCISAA 1A Division Volleyball State Champions.

Ira Wilder
Co-Editor in Chief

Right: The team poses with the state championship trophy.



Varsity Tennis

The Varsity Tennis Team worked extremely hard this year, hungry for a state title. They ultimately achieved this feat on October 27th, beating Northeast Academy in the first 5 matches. The Kerr-Vance Women's Tennis team is now the defending state championship team.

Ira Wilder
Co-Editor in Chief

Left: The team celebrates after their eventful match.



Upcoming Events

December:

- 17th→20th Fall Exams
- 20th Christmas Break

January:

- 3rd Student's Return to School
- 21st Martin Luther King Day—No School

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.

