

KERR-VANCE ACADEMY

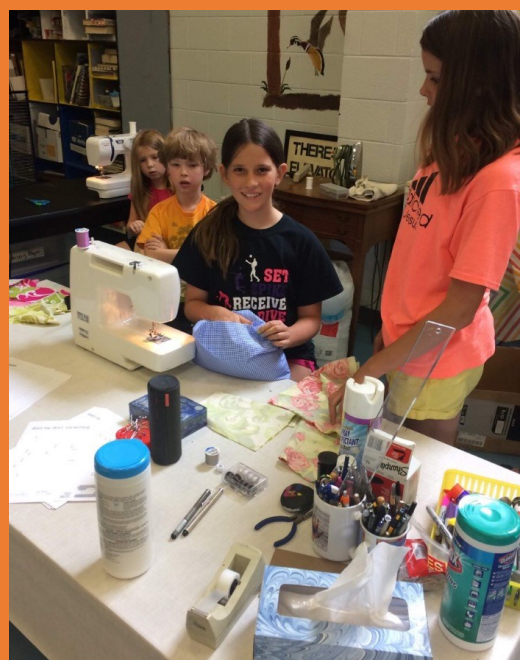
Spartan Newsletter

Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

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Baseball Camp

Baseball camp was a grand slam! Coach Wilkerson's first annual Baseball Camp was held this summer Monday, July 29 through Wednesday, July 31. Coach Todd Wilkerson said, "It was fun doing the camp and the kids learned a lot. We had good weather and got to go over everything from defense, offense, pitching, hitting, catching, and even base running. I also explained to the kids how important it was to keep their grades up. I am looking forward to next year's camp." Overall, the KVA Baseball Camp was a homerun.

Colby Wilkerson
Staff



Science Camp

One week during the summer of 2019, Julie Moseley and Headmaster Alison Short planned for and created their annual Science/Math camp for the children at KVA and the neighboring schools. With over twenty students, and an age range of three to thirteen, the teachers attempted a schedule never done before, which involved combining the age groups in order to experiment and learn at the same time. "It was really nice for the older kids to work with the younger kids, and [the younger kids] enjoyed being with the older kids as well," stated Alison Short.

During the week, with a goal to have fun, many science and math experiments and activities were demonstrated with the help of several high school volunteers. There were many favorite activities during the week including, "the day when there was math and science centers set up," exclaimed Julie Moseley, "where at one they got to shoot a rocket up with Alka-Seltzer and water." Alison Short stated that in the math portion of the camp, the activities where they used food, such as cookies and marshmallows, were the favorites of the kids. At the end of the week, the science/math camp was a huge success, with next year already in the books. "If you have not tried it yet, you should come out for summer of 2020," said Julie Moseley.

Lauren Moseley
Art & Layout Editor

Basketball Camp

This year's summer basketball camp, hosted by former KVA varsity basketball Coach Carrier, was as successful as ever, with a great participation rate and two full gyms of kids. Carrier's camp has turned into a permanent part of KVA tradition that many look forward to every summer, with attending ages varying from 1st to 9th grade along with alumni and high school assistant coaches, it's a great experience for all ages.

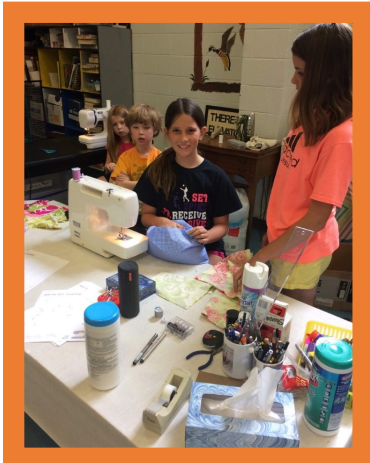
George Hughes
Staff



Above: The Basketball Camp participants pose for a photo.

Art Camps

During the summer, the annual Art Camp was held at KVA. The camp started in 2008 and has been run every year by Mrs. Hartness, who has been teaching art for twenty years at KVA. The camp started on June 17th and was open to kids in grades kindergarten through sixth grade. Twenty-two kids attended camp this year. Mrs. Hartness was assisted in teaching them by KVA high school students Hallie Ruth Sherrill, Sabrina Odom, Blaire Boyd, and McKayla Boyd. Every year camp has a different theme the art activities are centered around. This year the theme was the ocean. There were multiple activities for the kids to participate in each day, from an instructed themed painting, to sewing on the sewing machines, as well as creating their own masterpieces on blank canvases. In between all the art, there were snacks and time to play outside. The camp ended on June 21st, with each kid getting to take home their finished work.



Left: The students learn to use a sewing machine.

Right: Students paint on canvas with bold colors.

Faith Himmel

Staff



Summer College Programs

Our senior class has been active and engaged in the college application process in order to learn as much as possible. We spoke with two students in particular about the programs they participated in over the summer, and how it has shaped their decisions while applying to college. One of those students who were interviewed was Faith Himmel, a former student returning for her senior year at Kerr-Vance. Faith participated in a weeklong program at the Savannah College of Art and Design. She entered into the TV and Film course as well as the Graphic Design course, where she attended class twice a day and was exposed to what a college course in related majors would be like. Himmel says she has an interest in both subjects and she found the experience informative, stating that “[She] wanted to see if that’s what [she] wants to do for [her] career.”

We also spoke to senior and SGA president Ira Wilder who attended the program Boys State at Catawba College in Salisbury over the summer. According to Ira, Boys State is a “mock government program” where accepted applicants can get hands on experience and exposure to public policy and the inner machinations of government. In the interview, Wilder expressed his support of the program, stating that “[He] would definitely recommend [the program] to rising seniors next year... because it’s a really awesome experience.”

Students Ira and Faith are both seriously engaged inside and outside the classroom and are both leading examples to younger students in the school. Both would recommend the programs and exemplify the proactive student.

David Folger

Newsletter Editor

New Volleyball Coach

Kolby Meeks, new coach to the MS and JV Girls' Volleyball teams, is already making her mark on the Spartan courts.

She originally resided in Atlanta, Georgia. Her athletic career did not start with volleyball; in fact, she started out in basketball. During her ninth grade year of high school, she joined her school's freshman volleyball team and began playing in the off season on club teams. First recruited to the University of South Alabama, she did not find it to be a great fit. She then transferred to Southern Illinois University, where she also played volleyball. It was at Southern Illinois that she found her fit. After graduating, Meeks couldn't escape her love for the game and told me that "she loved [volleyball] so much that she wanted to teach others the game as well."

Last year, she moved to Cary, and was introduced to Kerr-Vance by a fellow volleyball coach who had worked with the KVA girls occasionally over the past few years. Coach Meeks "loved the facilities, the team and the coaches."

Meeks stated that she is extremely "excited [to work] with such a fun and sweet group of girls; they want to learn and they want to get better." She already sees the girls making progress, whether it be holding their elbow up while making a serve or diving for open balls. The team is "coming together" and she has "a really confident feeling that [the girls] are going to get better each day and it's only up from here!"

Ira Wilder

Co-Editor in Chief

New K-4 Teacher

This year, we welcomed Ms. Megan Ayscue as our new K4 teacher. Ms. Ayscue is an early college Vance Granville Community College graduate, and only has a year left of online classes at East Carolina University. Before high school, she attended elementary school at Zeb Vance, and remembers her favorite teacher, Mrs. Rubin, who taught her in the fourth grade. Ms. Ayscue wants her students to remember her like she remembers Mrs. Rubin, nice and fun. Ms. Ayscue wanted to be a teacher here because she loves the kids, and her aunt, Ms. Allen, teaches math in the upper school. She also works in the daycare after school. When she's not at KVA, she can be found at the beach, on a boat in the lake, or playing slow pitch softball with a group of friends. We hope she has a great year at KVA.

Zoey Ivey
Staff

New 6th Grade Teacher

One of the newest teachers at Kerr-Vance Academy is Patricia Richardson. She is a proud member of the Haliwasaponi tribe and currently resides in Macon North Carolina. Mrs. Richardson holds degrees from Vance Granville Community College, University of Phoenix, North Carolina Central, and Southern New Hampshire University. Before coming to KVA, she taught at Haliwasaponi Charter School. Mrs. Richardson came to KVA when she was offered an opportunity to work with the sixth grade. Her two children are currently in seventh and sixth grade. She was asked how it was to teach her own child and she said she, "Treats them like everyone else and if anything, has higher expectations for them." Mrs. Richardson has also enjoyed the friendly staff and supportive parents that have come with working at KVA.

Maya Lopez
Staff

New Tennis Coach

Kerr- Vance Academy welcomed a new coach to their team this year. David Keesee has joined the KVA family with many goals in mind to grow the KVA tennis program. Not only did he play D1 tennis at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, he also played on the professional court too. He trained at IMG Academy, Dennis Van Der Meer Tennis Academy, and at Ricky Macy Tennis Academy. During his time on the court, he was ranked top 30 in the USTA for Juniors and top 300 in the USTA Southern Region for Juniors.

Coaching the Varsity Women's tennis team is not Mr. Keesee's first time coaching. From 2011 to 2013, he coached the Men's and Women's team at Warren County High School. He has also coached at the Henderson County Club, Greensboro Country Club, and many other tennis establishments throughout North Carolina.

The Varsity tennis team season has been in full force since August 1st. With intense and visible improvement, they are hoping to defend their State Championship title throughout the season.

Edie Echols
Photo Editor

Varsity Tennis

The defending state champion tennis team is back in action and on the chase for their second state title. The team is welcoming back five senior Spartans, Austyn Abbott, Edie Echols, Lauren Moseley, Lorena Negrón, and Caroline Williams. They are also welcoming back sophomore Leah Moseley and eighth graders, Libby Cash and Sabrina Odom. With the help of their new coach David Keese, the lady Spartans are charging forward and working harder than they ever have before. The team kicked off their season with a 9-0 clean sweep defeat of the Community Christian Cyclones on August 22nd. They currently hold a record of 8-1, having only lost to Durham School of the Arts in the Vanco Tournament. The team is looking forward to good rest of the season!



Above: The varsity team poses for a photo –op.

Right: Lauren slams an ace against the opponents.

Austyn Abbott
Co-Editor-in-Chief



Back to School Bash

Kerr-Vance Academy's annual Back To School Bash was a huge success in starting the new school year. For the past several years, KVA has hosted this bash for kids of all ages as a way to kick off the new academic year and raise money for the school. Students enjoyed various games, snow cones, the rock climbing wall, the mechanical bull, the gaming bus, and new for this year, Fairy Hair. As in previous years, lunch was served in the cafeteria, and the adults enjoyed the silent auction set up in the lower school hallway. Overall, the event was a huge success, raising over \$3000 to benefit the school.

KVA would like to thank those who sponsored or contributed a donation to this event:

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Austyn Abbott, Co-Editor-in-Chief

Back to School Bash



Left: This year's seniors hard at work making snow cones in the hot weather.

Right: Students take the opportunity to paint their faces.



Left: A student scales the rock wall.

SGA Elections

As the 2019-20 school year begins, president and senior Ira Wilder already has big plans to help improve KVA. As he enters his fourth year being a member of the Student Government Association, he believes being a part of the club allowed him to experience the joys of leadership first hand. By Wilder's side is vice president and senior, Edie Echols. Echols Has enjoyed being able to promote Kerr Vance in the community and being able to work side-by-side with peers who all had the same goal, bettering our school. As treasurer Kaitlyn Jones begins her second year of SGA. She looks forward to being able to learn lessons she can carry throughout her life. Jones also enjoys hearing other members inputs and needs. All this is made possible under the supervision of Mrs. Shaw. Who has been a part of SGA for ten years.

Juliana Negrón
Business Manager



Above: SGA President Ira Wilder conducts research on school improvements and projects.

Vanco Tournament

Varsity Volleyball

The Kerr- Vance Academy Varsity Volleyball team took first place at the Vanco Tournament. The team was led by its captains Emily Kerr and Katelyn Balentine with their coach being senior George Hoyle. On August 30th the KVA team defeated Crossroad Christian School as their first victory in the tournament. On Saturday, August 31st they defeated Brunswick Academy and finished off their victory.

Maya Lopez Staff

Varsity Soccer

The Kerr-Vance Academy Varsity Soccer team had an astounding victory against Crossroads Christian, but was met with defeat against Henderson Collegiate. Nevertheless, a strong season is expected further on in the year, with the leadership of Coaches Tommy Farmer and George Hoyle Jr.

David Folger
Newsletter Editor



Above: The Varsity Girls Volleyball team hard at work warming-up for their victory.

Right: Under the lights, Senior David Folger rips a corner kick into the 18-yard box.



Varsity Cross-Country

Bang! Off and running into yet another Cross Country season. After losing Holton, Jonathan, and Aubrey from last years squad, the team will still stride towards success. Senior Ira Wilder is looking forward to a successful season to close out his cross country career. Junior Juliana Negrón is sprinting back into competition looking to chase down her fourth all-state title. Junior Kaitlin Combs and seventh grader Ella Cate are back and better than ever running into the 2019 season. Coach Wendy Goodwin expects yet another successful season from her Varsity Cross Country runners.

Colby Wilkerson
Staff



Left: Senior Ira Wilder keeps a steady pace to beat his opponents with his endurance!

Below: The Cross-Country Squad poses before their race.



Varsity Soccer

Kerr Vance Academy's Men's Soccer Team is back in action! The team returns to the field after losing two seniors, Jack Cheever and Marc Howell. The men are coached by Tommy Farmer and athletic director George Hoyle, who took over the team two years ago. Although the team has five seniors, the majority of them do not come from soccer backgrounds. The seniors on the team are David Folger, Jake Watts, George Hughes, Wyatt Humphries, and Christian Bolton. With a lot of hard work and dedication, Kerr Vance's soccer team will soon be back on top!

Jake Watts
Staff



Above: Junior Michael Holtzman dribbles the ball past defenders to have a shot.

Right: Sophomore Chandler Hurt skillfully evades his opponent to pass the ball.



JV/Middle School Volleyball

This year's JV/Middle School Volleyball team hopes to have a great season. With the addition of a new coach, Kolby Meeks, the team plans on working hard and having fun. Starting the year off with a strong record, the JV/Middle School Volleyball ladies look forward to their games ahead!

Myles Ball
Co-Editor-in-Chief



Top Right: The girls cheer each other on after a successful set against the opponent.

Bottom Right: Kerr-Vance takes a serve following an out by the opponent.



Varsity Volleyball

The defending state champions are back at it! The varsity volleyball team returned stronger than ever after losing eight seniors and only coming back with three starters. The girls open the season with a 3-1 win over the Colonial Crowns homeschool team and are currently number one in the conference with a total record of 14-2. As the girls work on rebuilding their dream team, they still have the goal of adding another ring to their fingers.

Juliana Negrón
Business Manager



Top: Seniors Emily Carr and Bailee Branch jump up to block a serve and score a point.

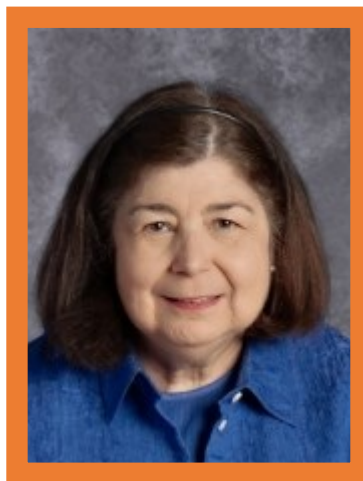
Right: The girls slam the ball back over the net.



Mrs. Bowen

Kerr-Vance has started a new year without a very special teacher. Mrs. Bowen has retired after 44 years of teaching (12 of those being at KVA), leaving us with memories of how wonderful, not just a teacher, but a friend she is.

In her career, she has had plenty of influence on the teachers and students she has come in contact with. Some of her closest colleagues at KVA including Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Fleming, and Mrs. Johnson commented on their relationship with her, saying she was very caring, dedicated, and like family to them. They also said that her love for school and children never ends and "she is the epitome of a perfect school teacher." That being said, her former students had a few words to say as well. Will White (eighth grade) remembers her as his second grade teacher and being one of the most fun and nicest teachers. He remembers that if they finished their work early, they could play with LEGOS or she would read interesting stories to them. Another student, Brian Teiser (senior) says he also had her for second grade, and remembers her being one of his most favorite teachers ever. "She is the sweetest teacher in the world. She helped me as a student in her class and continued to support me as I got older, especially through my Boy Scout career. Her class was also one of the most fun I have ever been in, especially from with LEGOs."



Brian Teiser
Staff

Mrs. Almand

It is almost impossible to describe the everlasting impact a teacher has on his/ her students, especially in the case of Mrs. Anne Almand. In her nineteen years at KVA, Mrs. Almand served as a sixth grade English teacher, but to her students and those around her, she was so much more, "Mrs. Almand was meticulous in her work, she wanted to make reading and writing enjoyable, but at the same time she wanted it done well," said Mrs. Alison Short. The passion she has for her job was evident to all that had her. 'The moment that I realized that I truly loved reading was in my sixth grade English class. My teacher that year, Mrs. Almand, had a corner of the room that she had designated the reading corner," said former student Lexi Cottrell.

Mrs. Almand has retired after forty-nine years of teaching. Not only did she teach about the fundamentals of reading and writing, but taught the importance of loving what you do. Thank you Mrs. Almand for your continued dedication and service to our school!



Lorena Negrón
Sports Editor

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.

