

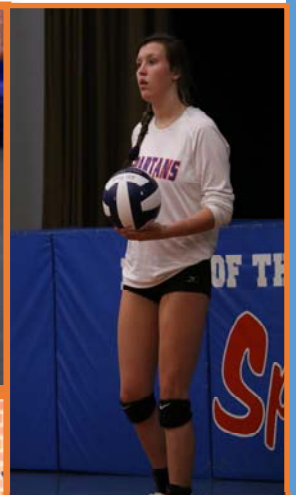
# Spartan Newsletter

**November 2020 Edition**

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**Kerr-Vance Academy**  
*Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow*



# November Newsletter

Dear KVA Family,

We hope you will enjoy our second edition of the KVA Newsletter. Our reporters have been emailing teachers, observing from a distance, and taking pictures in celebration of life at KVA. Proof positive we can adjust and have almost as much fun as before!

We have so many people to thank for making everyday a positive experience. Kudos to Miss Debbie who makes lunch containers into personal works of art! Who doesn't look forward to Travis' cart coming down the hall? PE - Mr. Hoyle and Mrs. Overby - Thank you for being a particularly bright spot in everyone's in-your-seat-all-day situation.

Other joyful news, Mrs. Short is a Grandmother for the first time! So is Mrs. Vaughan! Mrs. Ballenger for the fourth time, and the first girl! Congratulations! Speaking of Grandparents, your day is still on the calendar - November 24. More information to come!

Unfortunately, we can't have a regular Book Fair, but we can have a Virtual Book Fair. Information about how to visit will be coming out soon and it will be online November 16. Check out the Book Fair video on our website and Facebook.

As we work on the 2020/21 Yearbook, we are humbled by the support we have received. To all of our sponsors - THANK YOU SO MUCH. We could not do this without you.

Brooks Spencer and Pam Humphries  
Newsletter and Yearbook Advisors



# Pre-K

This week I had the pleasure of talking to the Pre-K teacher Mrs. Johnson about what her class has been doing for the past few weeks. Since Thanksgiving is right around the corner, they have been working on a craft that Mrs. Johnson does every year where the kids cut out pictures of Turkeys from magazines and make it look like a mosaic. In keeping with tradition, she reads the book Turkey Tot which tells the story of a unique turkey with creative ideas for gathering berries that are out of reach. Mrs. Johnson also added that no matter what was going on in the world, pandemic or not Pre-K is fun and interesting. Speaking of the pandemic, the Pre-K class always pays a visit to the Watkins Fire Department. This Year, they brought the fire truck to school so the little kiddos wouldn't miss out!

Anna Blake Overby  
Staff



# K5 and 1st/2nd Grade

Mrs. Wilson is loving teaching Kindergarten! The students are working on learning letters, sounds and numbers. They are also working on their handwriting and learning to read things around the room. Mrs. Wilson really focuses on teaching her students to be kind to one another, and also social skills such as problem solving, eye contact, and to do something kind for someone everyday. Mrs. Wilson loves her class, and says they are so smart and are adjusting great to our new normal here at school!

The first graders have been learning about fall and leaves. They have made several projects using different kinds of leaves. The second graders did a fun project that involved making birdhouses. Both classes have learned about Johnny Appleseed and have made some Johnny's out of juice boxes, applesauce, and raisins. Both grades have also been enjoying reading aloud during snack time and watching short videos during lunch! With the new normal of wearing masks all day, Mrs. Medlin has made time to take her class outside to have a break and to socialize with their friends. The first and second graders have been very busy during the first part of the school year!

Katelyn Balentine  
Copy and Captions Editor





## 3rd and 4th Grade

Mrs. Moseley and Mrs. Fleming's third and fourth grade classes have done many exciting hands-on projects this year as well as competitive, fun online educational games. In the beginning of the school year, their kids enjoyed a bug hunt outside and searched for many different types of leaves to make a collage. One of their bigger projects was with the novel *James and the Giant Peach*. The kids made paper mache peaches with a scene from the book illustrated inside. Also, throughout the year, Mrs. Moseley and Mrs. Fleming are incorporating fun and educational online games on Prodigy and Quizizz. Currently, they are reading *The Mystery at Kill Devil Hills* to the class and the children will make a replica of *The Wright Flyer*. Mrs. Moseley and Mrs. Fleming try to get the kids outside as much as possible for snack and work breaks. They hope for a successful rest of the year as the children adapt.

Leah Moseley  
Staff



# 5th Grade

Students are reading *Freak the Mighty* in Mrs. Wright's Language Arts. Students are learning about how two people that are completely different, come together to make one "mighty" person. In PE with Mr. Hoyle, students are taking the virtual game, Among Us, and recreating it in PE with great enthusiasm.

Cheyenne Owen

Business Manager



# Middle School

## Sixth

In the sixth grade, students worked on a science project in Mrs. Richardson's class. The project was on biomes and habitats, and the kids got to choose between which type of biome or habitat they wanted to create. They could create a 3D model, a poster, or an essay and they would present it in class. In English class, Mrs. Wright has been teaching about the 21 Balloons. Mrs. Wright said "the students were able to see what it was like to travel around the world in a hot air balloon and what it would've been like to have lived on the island of Krakatoa when it exploded."

## Seventh

The seventh grade has been quite busy. In science class, with Mrs. Short, they have been studying weather, atmosphere, heat transfer, and climate. They are also doing a project on climate. The class will research a climate region and create a Google slides presentation to present to the class. In Literature, they have written five paragraph essays. They are also learning about the continent of South America in Geography. Whenever the weather is nice, they will eat their lunch and play outside. To make studying for quizzes and tests fun, they play Kahoot or Quizizz.

## Eighth

The eighth grade has been very busy as well. Since the beginning of the year, in Mrs. Shaw's literature class, they have read many books. These books include Treasure Island, Fahrenheit 451, The Giver, and they are currently reading The Five People You Meet in Heaven. They have also read some poetry from Edgar Allan Poe. One of the students Ella Cate, said that the book The Five People You Meet in Heaven was her favorite. In Mrs. Wright's class, they just finished learning about the pirates that lived off the coast of North Carolina. While they were learning about this, the students did a project where they created "wanted posters" for their own pirates. Their posters were put on the bulletin board in the lower school building, and they were posted on Facebook.

Kaitlin Combs  
Staff

# High School Report

## **Ninth Grade**

The Ninth Grade calls the Library home. World History is covering religion and Geometry is covering reasoning. In Literature, they completed the novel CODE ORANGE, and have read THE RAVEN by Poe. Campfire stories and hot chocolate ushered in the Halloween season. Playing around with all types of poetry, students wrote and illustrated their own poems. Space has been the topic in Science. Theories of Solar System Design, the NASA Missions 1-17, and three decades of the Space Shuttle Programs. A visit with 2009 KVA grad, Wesley Ballinger, a pararescue Special Forces Airman is in the works.

## **Tenth Grade**

Mrs. Shaw's room is where you will find the Tenth graders. They are hard at work on Constitutional powers, Biology and Algebra II. In English, they are reading Holocaust themed literature and viewing important films such as Schindler's List.

## **Eleventh Grade**

Always a tradition, Junior Shadowing changed from in-person to virtual this year. Students still created resumes, researched careers, but had to make contacts with their mentors via email, text, phone calls, and facetime. Culminating with PowerPoint presentations, reflections and Thank You notes, the experience was still valuable.

United States' History and American Literature compliment each other as students study the foundation of America and the rich literature such as *The Scarlet Letter* and *The Crucible*.

## **Twelfth Grade**

The Yearbook editors, Juliana Negrón and Kaitlyn Jones, plus many other seniors, are busy organizing pages, selling ads, and creating the artwork for the 53rd Kerr Vance Yearbook. The Seniors are applying to colleges, writing essays, and continuing to build their resumes.

Hopefully, they will get in as many KVA traditions, with adjustments, as they can! Miss Hillery is still hoping to see Mickey this year!



# Spirit Week

Breaking News at Kerr-Vance-Academy. The report just came in that this year's Spirit Week would be only three days. The students from Journalism drew the posters to let the upper and lower school know what to wear. Due to Covid, we can not do many of the activities in which we normally participate. Everyone is still thankful to have Spirit Week and to go to school everyday because a lot of the schools aren't getting to do the things we do.

10/21 Wednesday - Pajama Day

10/22 Thursday - Team Jersey Day

10/23 Friday - School Spirit Day

Richard Murrieta  
Staff



# Soccer and Volleyball

Fall sports at KVA were a lot different than normal. Many teams in our conference, and on our usual schedules, decided not to play in the fall, which left us with about half as many games to play as normal. On top of having less games, the number of fans allowed was also minimized.

KVA's varsity soccer team ended their regular season with a record of 3-5. They received a bye for the first round of states and played The Greenfield School in the quarterfinals and lost. They ended their season with a record of 3-6.

KVA's volleyball teams all had a successful season. The middle school team ended their season with a record of 5-2 and the JV team ended their season with a record of 7-2. The varsity team ended their regular season with a record of 13-1. The varsity team made it to the state finals for the fourth year in a row with the title of back-to-back state champions. Unfortunately, KVA lost the state finals and ended their season as the runner-up with a record of 13-2. Our teams did extremely well this season and were very fortunate to have been able to play.

Blaire Boyd  
Staff



# Tennis and Cross Country

We have had a great run in our fall sports teams this year especially when it comes to our Cross Country and our Tennis Team. The biggest opponent that they had this year was COVID-19, and they beat it; nobody on either team got it, and they played through their entire season healthy.

The Tennis Team was a young team this year, but had a lot of improvement from the beginning to the end, and that is what you like to see in a young team. The team was coached by Cameron Breedlove, it was her first year coaching at KVA and she did a great job. They lost in the quarter finals of states to the eventual state champs Oakwood. But, coming from being a back to back state championship team the KVA Tennis Team did a great job and we should expect a lot from them next year.

The Cross Country team had a great season. They were also a young team except for one senior, Kaitlyn Combs who had an amazing season. Wendy Goodwin returned for her third year to coach the cross country team and she never fails to make them better and help them succeed. All four runners qualified for the state championship race, and 8th grader Ella Kate finished in the top 20 and qualified for the conference championship race. We should expect a lot of great things from them next year, too.

Joel Lewis  
Staff

