

# THE HAWKS NEST

April 2019

## Parents, Guardians and Hawks,

The first round of FSA testing went extremely smoothly, and I want to thank everyone who volunteered their time to come into the school and assist with proctoring. It is a very important job and we rely on our tremendous group of volunteers in order to accomplish this task. If you are able, I would encourage you to go to the Valley Ridge Academy homepage and sign up to proctor for testing throughout the remainder of the year. Please be advised that due to test security, our school policy prohibits volunteers from proctoring in the same grade level in which they have a relative such as child or grandchild. For more information regarding proctoring, please reach out to Ms. Moira McCabe at [Moira.McCabe@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Moira.McCabe@stjohns.k12.fl.us)

The Valley Ridge Academy Tropicana Speech Competition was held recently and featured several fantastic speeches delivered by representatives from each of our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes. The student selected topics were both creative and informative and I was extremely impressed by each one. Congratulations to our elementary winners: 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Dylan Rhoad; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Jared Bonham; and 1<sup>st</sup> place, Sebastian Kiss and his speech "Spicy Sensation." Our middle school winners are: 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Katie Townsend; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Megan O'Brien; 1<sup>st</sup> place, Shelby Alessandria. Sebastian and Alessandria will represent VRA next week at the district competition!

I would also like to recognize 3<sup>rd</sup> grader Mia Lee Chong and 2<sup>nd</sup> grader Ella Rae Weeks, for both receiving an Honorable Mention in the Plank Road Music K-8 Publishing contest! This was the first year in which students from Valley Ridge have entered the contest and to have two students receive recognition is fantastic. Congratulations ladies!

The Valley Ridge Academy Track team competed recently in a district-wide track meet held at Creekside High School. Congratulations to the entire team for representing Valley Ridge with honor and pride! Special recognition to our VRA students, listed on page 2 and 3, who either placed in the top 10 or medaled in their individual events.

Congratulations once again to all our competitors!

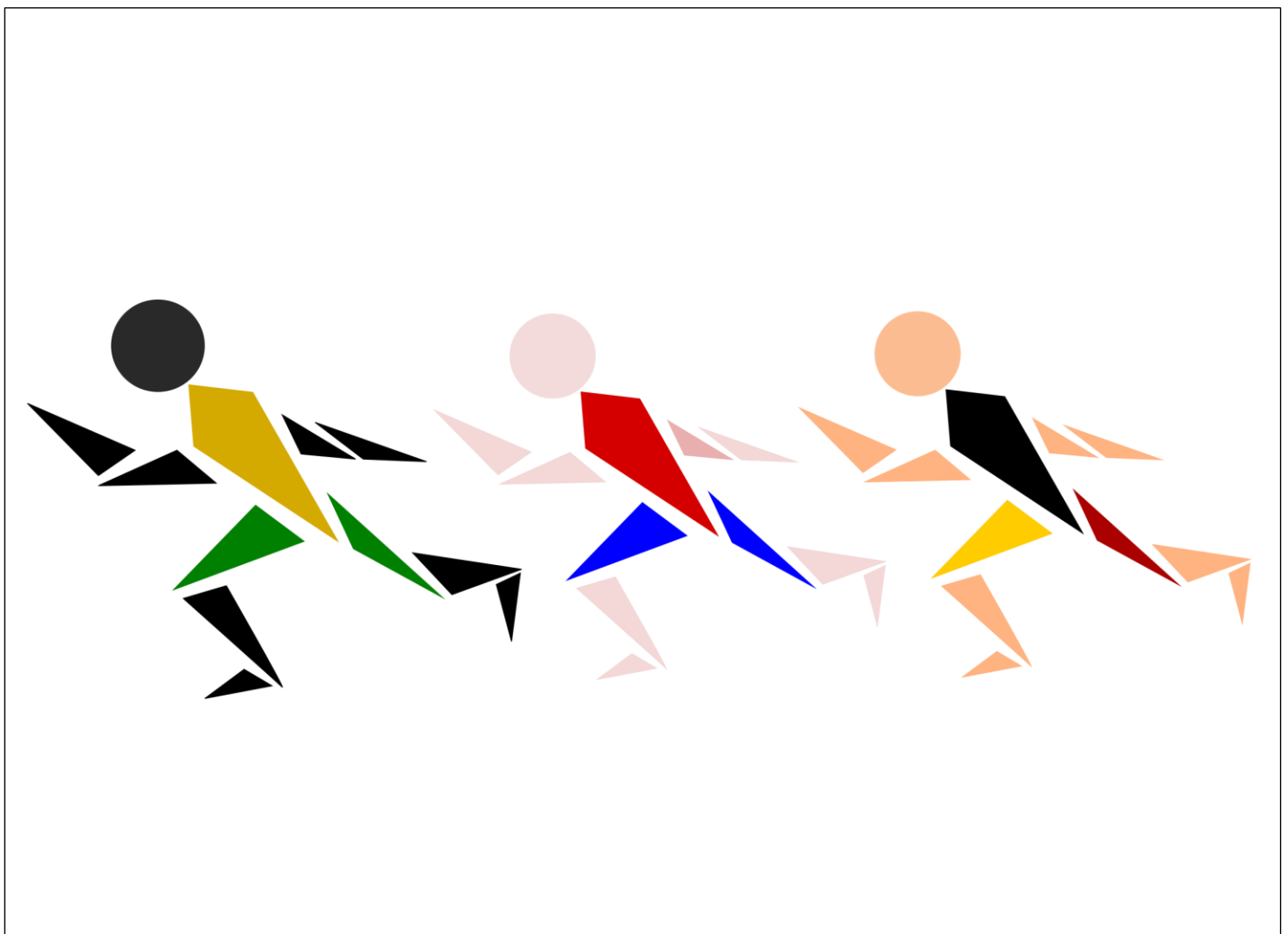
Go Hawks!

Mrs. McMandon

VALLEY RIDGE ACADEMY

Kinley Klabacka	1 <sup>st</sup> Place: Girls K-1 <sup>st</sup> Long Jump 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: Girls K-1 <sup>st</sup> 50 Meters
Chloe Condit	1 <sup>st</sup> Place: Girls K-1 <sup>st</sup> Long Jump 5 <sup>th</sup> Place: Girls K-1 <sup>st</sup> 50 Meters
Lilian Clark	4 <sup>th</sup> Place: Girls K-1 <sup>st</sup> Long Jump 4 <sup>th</sup> Place: Girls K-1 <sup>st</sup> 50 Meters
Abigail Klose	1 <sup>st</sup> Place: Girls K-1 <sup>st</sup> 50 Meters 5 <sup>th</sup> Place: Girls K-1 <sup>st</sup> Long Jump
Joanna Herstone	4 <sup>th</sup> Place: Girls 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Long Jump 7 <sup>th</sup> Place: Girls 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Shot Put 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: Girls 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> 100 Meters
Julia Procacci	10 <sup>th</sup> Place: Girls 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Long Jump
Joshitha Balamurugan	10 <sup>th</sup> Place: Girls 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Long Jump
Kendyl Ryan	1 <sup>st</sup> Place: Girls 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Shot Put
Sophia Yarashas	4 <sup>th</sup> Place: Girls 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Shot Put
Hanna Cline	7 <sup>th</sup> Place: Girls 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Shot Put
Samuel Herstone	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: Boys K-1 <sup>st</sup> Long Jump 1 <sup>st</sup> Place: Boys K-1 <sup>st</sup> 50 Meters
Lucas Klabacka	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place: Boys K-1 <sup>st</sup> Long Jump 5 <sup>th</sup> Place: Boys K-1 <sup>st</sup> 50 Meters
Hudson Smith	4 <sup>th</sup> Place: Boys K-1 <sup>st</sup> Long Jump 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place: Boys K-1 <sup>st</sup> 50 Meters
Michael Erthal	6 <sup>th</sup> Place: Boys K-1 <sup>st</sup> Long Jump
Atlas Agiurrechu	8 <sup>th</sup> Place: Boys K-1 <sup>st</sup> Long Jump 6 <sup>th</sup> Place: Boys K-1 <sup>st</sup> 50 Meters
Anirudh Radhamugundan	10 <sup>th</sup> Place: Boys K-1 <sup>st</sup> Long Jump 9 <sup>th</sup> Place: Boys K-1 <sup>st</sup> 50 Meters
Liam Markle	8 <sup>th</sup> Place: Boys K-1 <sup>st</sup> 50 Meters
Mason Brown	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: Boys 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Long Jump 4 <sup>th</sup> Place: Boys 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Shot Put 5 <sup>th</sup> Place: Boys 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> 100 Meters
Matthew Myers	8 <sup>th</sup> Place: Boys 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Long Jump 10 <sup>th</sup> Place: Boys 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> 100 Meters
Jordan Haines	9 <sup>th</sup> Place: Boys 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Long Jump
Donovan Markle	5 <sup>th</sup> Place: Boys 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Shot Put
Kai Wyman	6 <sup>th</sup> Place: Boys 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Shot Put
Jordan Haines	8 <sup>th</sup> Place: Boys 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Shot Put
Evan Jones	9 <sup>th</sup> Place: Boys 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Shot Put
Colby Hiles	10 <sup>th</sup> Place: Boys 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Shot Put
Ethan Goldstein	10 <sup>th</sup> Place: Boys 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Shot Put 9 <sup>th</sup> Place: Boys 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> 100 Meters
Pablo Solis	6 <sup>th</sup> Place: Boys 4 <sup>th</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Long Jump 6 <sup>th</sup> Place: Boys 4 <sup>th</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Shot Put 5 <sup>th</sup> Place: Boys 4 <sup>th</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> 100 Meters
Dorian Vitetta	7 <sup>th</sup> Place: Boys 4 <sup>th</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Long Jump 8 <sup>th</sup> Place: Boys 4 <sup>th</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Shot Put 10 <sup>th</sup> Place: Boys 4 <sup>th</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> 100 Meters
Trevor Ruiz	10 <sup>th</sup> Place: Boys 4 <sup>th</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Long Jump 7 <sup>th</sup> Place: Boys 4 <sup>th</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Shot Put
Careal Carter	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: Boys 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Long Jump
Evan Alounevong	5 <sup>th</sup> Place: Boys 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Long Jump 7 <sup>th</sup> Place: Boys 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> 4x100 Meter Relay

Samuel Myers	8 <sup>th</sup> Place: Boys 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Long Jump 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: Boys 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> 800 Meters 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: Boys 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> 1600 Meters 7 <sup>th</sup> Place: Boys 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> 4x400 Meter Relay
Tristan Voisard	9 <sup>th</sup> Place: Boys 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Long Jump 7 <sup>th</sup> Place: Boys 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Shot Put 9 <sup>th</sup> Place: Boys 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> 4x100 Meter Relay 9 <sup>th</sup> Place: Boys 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> 4x400 Meter Relay
Billy Boss	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place: Boys 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Shot Put
Julian Hardy	6 <sup>th</sup> Place: Boys 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Shot Put
Saketh Challagulla	8 <sup>th</sup> Place: Boys 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Shot Put
Sanketh Challagulla	9 <sup>th</sup> Place: Boys 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Shot Put
Aidan VanCannon	7 <sup>th</sup> Place: Boys 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> 400 Meters
Ethan Ash	8 <sup>th</sup> Place: Boys 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> 1600 Meters
Charlotte Stockwell	9 <sup>th</sup> Place: Girls 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> 4x100 Meter Relay
Saniya Black	5 <sup>th</sup> Place: Girls 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> 4x100 Meter Relay
Milan Sharma	10 <sup>th</sup> Place: Boys 6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> 4x100 Meter Relay



# Congratulations to our “Trustworthiness” Character Counts Students!



**Kindergarten:** Erin Quinones, Anna Kuckel, Ellis Mackenzie, Hailey Humphrey, Luna Taylor, Logan Spencer, Jayden Ahmad, Evan Rubottom, Hart Hallman



**1<sup>ST</sup> Grade:** Emily Rehm, Olivia Bishop, Jack Balger, Richie Davidson, Mikaela Loh, Atlas Aguirrechu, Sadie Anderson, Hunter Wright



**2<sup>ND</sup> Grade:** Riley Gebauer, Sadie Long, Hudson Gunning, Nico Sajkowski, Dylan Longo, Katerina Noon, Myles Trecker, Casper Kuczkowski



**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** Hayden Overholser, Madelyn Gebhardt, Aarna Warekar, Sam Balger, Jonah Mohlman, Yorel Sample, Evelina Susak, Ava Iannicci

**CONGRATULATIONS!  
VRA STUDENTS ROCK!**

Self-Control  
Excellence  
Honesty  
Courteous  
Responsibility  
Respect

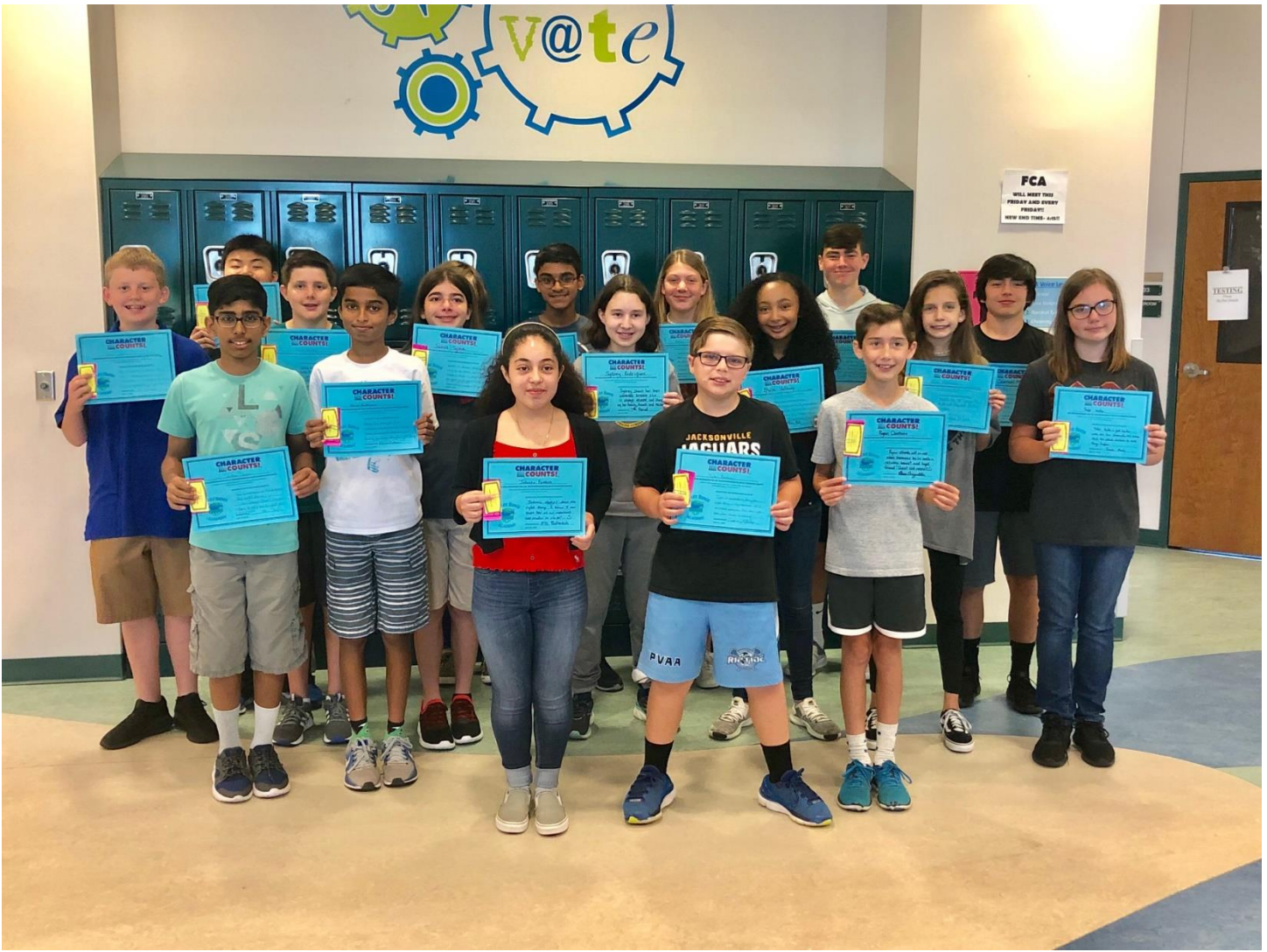


4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Brody Thibault, Skye Searcy, Jack Davis, Ashlyn Terry, Ava Reynolds, Tessa Harry, Ella Dunn



5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Abby Morris, Sarah Isaacs, Srija Bhattacharya, Micah Manning, Caroline Camp, Kylee Kennedy, Lily Simmer

# Trustworthiness!



# Congratulations to our “Trusty” Middle School Character Counts Recipients!

Students: Keith Vernon, Reese Heineman, Ryan Centeno, Nash Kersting, Marissa Holgrimson, Katie Townsend, Taylor Willis, Elliot Yew Lim, Tyler Barbour, Graylie Stevens, Hunter Jones, Jovanna Fontein, Bella Holloway, James Syme, Achintya Augustin, Sydney Rodriguez, Anthony Bismi, Gidget Anderson, Samuel Milton, Kavin Sathiyam, Emma Bates, Kamryn Schultz, Ty Gebauer, Malia Davidson



**Congratulations  
to Cast and Crew  
of Disney's Peter  
Pan, Jr. on a  
terrific show!**



**VRA Drama Club  
2018-2019**







Parents... If your child has medication in the clinic you will soon be getting a letter from your nurse with next year's paperwork and the medication pick up instructions. Please remember to pick up your child's medication from the clinic on the LAST DAY of school. We will be in our clinics on **Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> until 11:00 am, at this time all medication will be disposed of according to school district policy.** If you have any questions please contact your child's nurse.



## About Nease Football

Our program mission statement: Through high standards instilled for both players and coaches, the Nease Football Program will work to build a culture that allows for all student-athletes to maximize their potential on the field, in the classroom, and as the move on in life.

The core values of our program: Accountability, Relentless Effort, Self-Discipline, Character, Unity

**HEAR THE PANTHER GROWL? COME CHECK IT OUT!**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup> 7PM**

Nease High School is having a football informational parent meeting for the 2019-20 season.... at the NHS library.

## Good Luck Girls On The Run



**This 2019 spring season was the first time 3rd - 5th grade girls runners joined together from VRA and PVA to complete a practice 5K. Each girl was able to meet the 17 laps as a goal to run 3.12 miles. Thank you so much to the parents that came and ran with us in the pouring rain! The girls are looking forward to their 5K race for the end of the season that will be held is STAR WARS fashion at night on May the 4th....**



**Welcome back Coach Mahaven!**

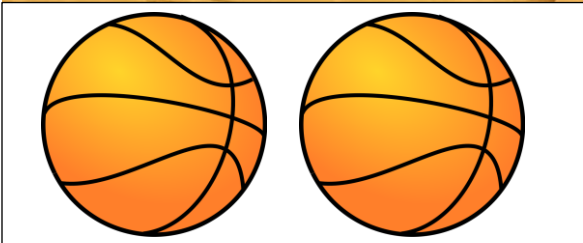
**Look how much fun the first graders have in PE at VRA! Just in case you were wondering they have tons of energetic fun teaming up and learning about so many great things... including learning about the 5 food groups.**

**Thank you to our PE coaches at VRA!!!!**

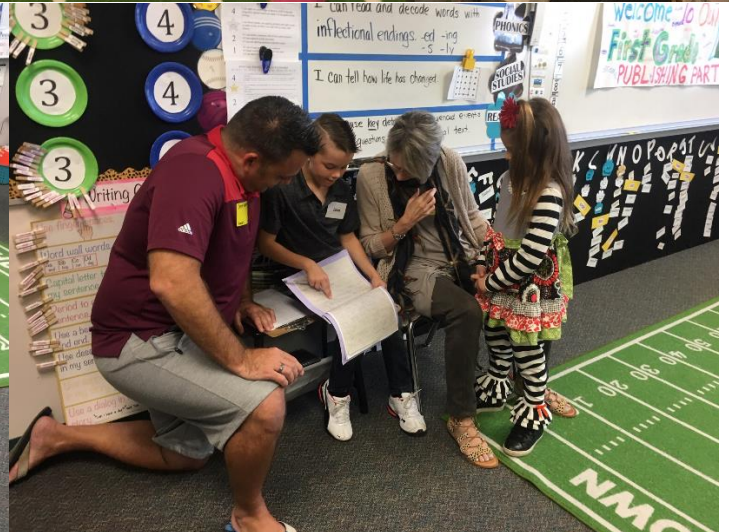
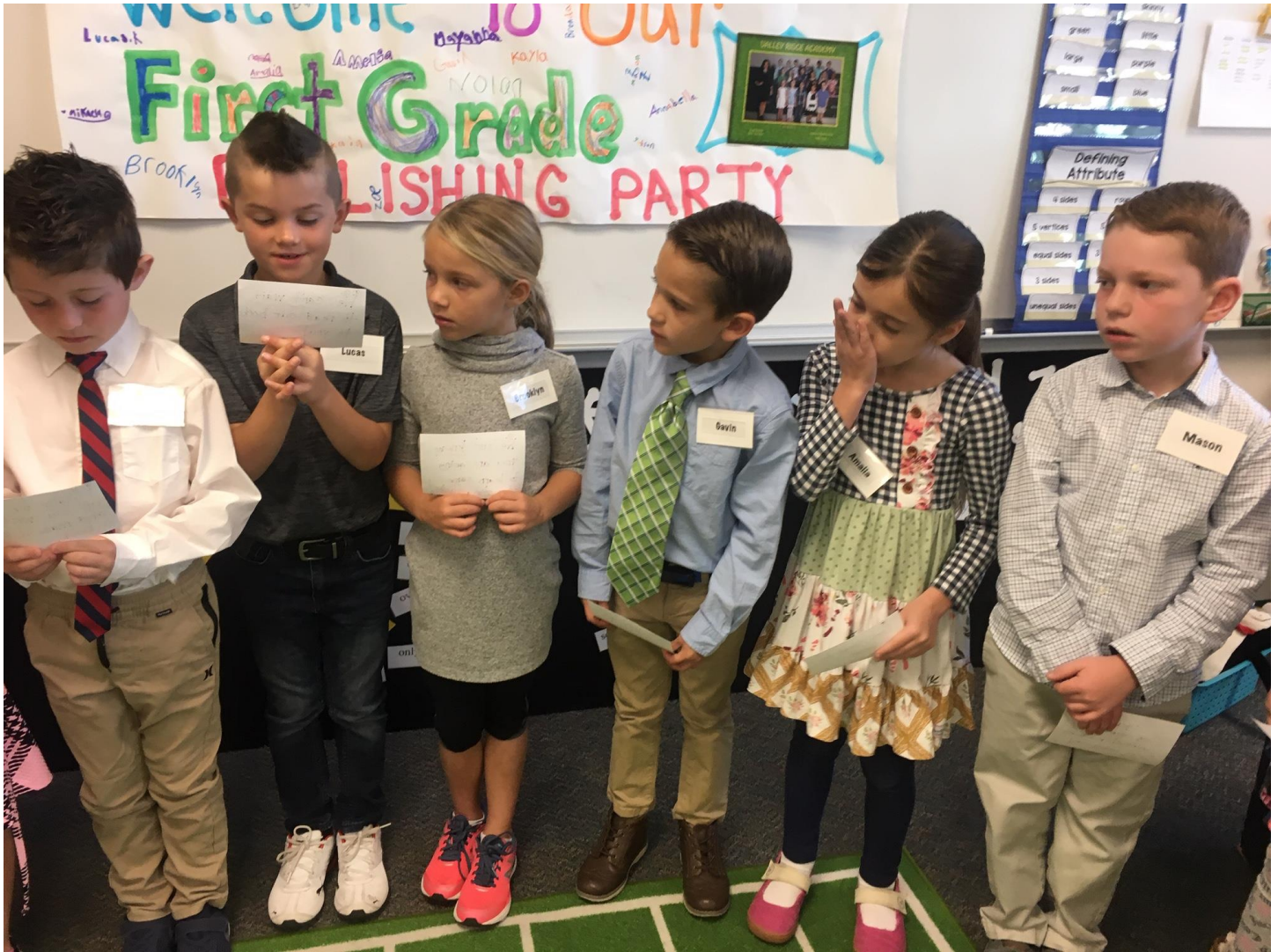


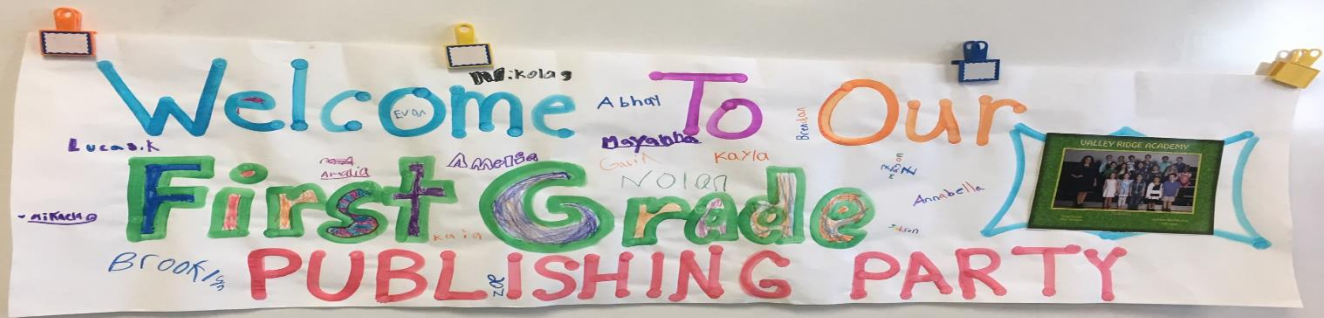
**Congrats to Coach Mora and her amazing Basketball team! What an energized exciting game at VRA! It's a great feeling to see so many teachers, staff, parents and students come together to show their HAWK PRIDE!**

**GO HAWKS!!!!**



Thank you to all of the first grade families and parents that were able to attend our 1st grade publishing party. Each first grader was able to write a Non-Fiction story and publish it.





# APRIL IS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

The VRA ESE team joined forces with the Autism Society by proclaiming April as National Autism Awareness Month. **Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)** is a developmental disability that can cause significant social, communication and behavioral challenges.

Reference: [www.ihs.gov/newsroom/announcements/2018-announcements/april-is-autism-awareness-month/](http://www.ihs.gov/newsroom/announcements/2018-announcements/april-is-autism-awareness-month/)

The aim of this month is educate the public about autism. The ESE focus message is: “In a World Where You Can Be Anything, Be Kind.”



# Dance Party VRA Style!

K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade saved up their Hawk Bucks earned for positive behaviors to spend on the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Dance Party reward. The students had a fun time showing off their dance moves, cooling down with an ice pop, and dancing with glow bracelets. Thank you to DJ Lockwood for playing our dance music and to all the kindergarten, second and first grade teachers that volunteered their time to dance with us!









# Welcome to new students and welcome back to VRA for 2019-2020!

**KG Registrations** - Beginning on March 1, 2019, you will be able to go online to Pre-register your Kindergarten (KG) student. There will not be any on-site registration dates. All KG registrations and required documents must be completed and uploaded via the Online Registration system. Please visit the Valley Ridge Academy website and go to the Registration Tab for detailed instructions.

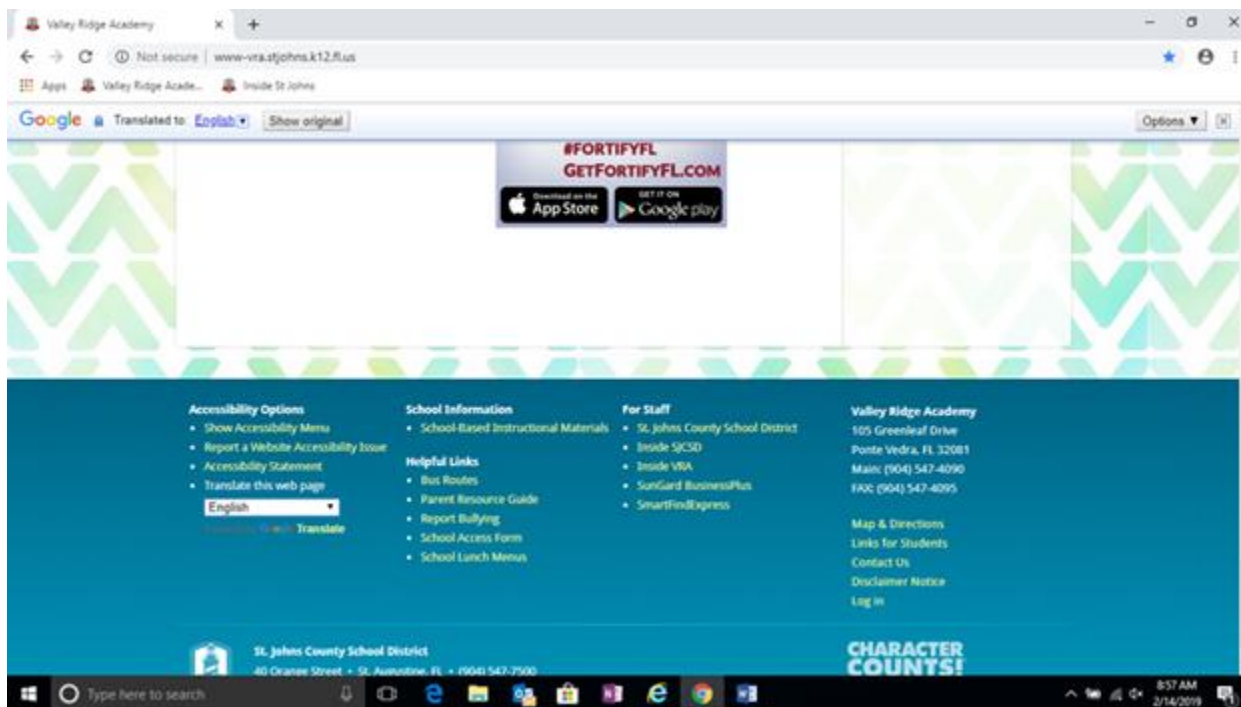
**Attention All 6<sup>th</sup> Graders** - The Tdap immunization shot is required for all 7<sup>th</sup> graders and must be recorded on a Florida 680 form. As soon as your student receives this shot, the form can be brought to the front office, faxed (904-547-4095) or emailed (to [paige.lange@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:paige.lange@stjohns.k12.fl.us)) even if the student is still in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Per district policy, all 7<sup>th</sup> grade students that do not have this shot will not be allowed to start school the year they are entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Please contact Paige Lange, Registrar at 904-547-4096 with any questions.

**Rising 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Graders** - In preparation for middle and high school registrations, all rising 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will be required to update their residency items. This will be facilitated through VRA's Online Registration system by uploading your residency documents. Information regarding this process will be sent out in the next few weeks. Here is a list of the items that will be required:

1. Mortgage Statement/Property Deed/HUD or Lease
2. Utility bill (FPL, JEA, TECO, Internet)
3. One more bill (Additional utility, cellphone statement, vehicle registration, insurance documents).
- 4.

There are 3 total items required and the bills must be dated within the last 30 days. All items must show bill date, name, and address. For any questions regarding this process, please contact Ashley Schaefer at [ashley.schaefer@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:ashley.schaefer@stjohns.k12.fl.us).

# Would you like to read the VRA website in your language of preference? Now you can!



## VRA Pagina/ VRA página da web/ VRA ウェブページ/ VRA ওয়েবপেজ

Visit the main page of the VRA website, scroll to the bottom, and enter the language you want the page to be translated into. Voila! It is that simple.

You may need to use **Google Chrome** for the page to be translated.



# Congratulations to the VRA students who were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society!



## INDUCTEES

SHELBY ALESSANDRIA	AVA THOMAS	KATE PERRY
GABRIELA ARISTIGUIETA	KATHERINE TOWNSEND	EMILY PICKEE
-SALCEDO	DYLAN WARREN	SAVANNAH PREIK
DONAVON BEATTY	TAYLOR WILLIS	ADHYKAA RADHAMU-GUNDAN
ISABEL BOSTIC	SAMANTHA AKERS	SEBASTIAN SANTINHO
MATTHEW COLA	ELLISON ANTALOCY	JAMES SANTIVENERE
JANE DAVIS	JOSHITHA BALAMURUGAN	ALEXIS SCHILLING
LUKE DOROW	BRENNA BEAULIEU	MATTHEW SCHWARZ
SOFIA DURANTE	JOSHUA BECKER	AASHNA SHAH
DEVIN FUGIEL	TRISTAN BIRELEY	KAYLA SHREVE
AVA GARRETT	MORGAN BOOTH	AVA SMITH
ABHINAV GOTTPATI	COLLIN CHACK	RAHUL SUNKARA
GRAYDON GUNNING	NIKHIL CHAINANI	CAROLINE TRIPLETT
ISLA HALMAN	ANDREW DAVELINE	SYDNEY VALDIVIA
NOAH HICKS	CARTER DEMOVILLE	ABIGAIL VERNACOTOLA
LAUREN HUGHES	JULIA DEVINCENTIS	ROBERT VOHS
BRYNNA INGLE	RYAN FARISCHON	WYNTER WHITEHEAD
MAYA JOHNSON	JOVANNA FONTEIN	CAROLINE WHYTE
EMMA KELLY	BRYCE FRICK	KEELEY WILLIAMS
COLE NASH KERSTING	SAJAN CAJARAWALA	ARYAMAN BANSAL
BELLA KIMBALL	PETER GRAY	ANTHONY BISMIL
PRANAY KOLUKULURI	JOHN GUSTAVSON	KAYLA BOYCE
CHLOEE LEWIS	DANIEL HANCOCK	MARSHALL CASTO
ANNA KATERINE LONG	GABRIELLE HOHBACH	SAKETH CHALLAGULLA
ARIANIS LOPEZ-ESTEBAN	SADIE JOSEPH	SANKETH CHALLAGULLA
DANIEL LUSHINJA	CLAIRE KNOBLAUCH	JAKE DOROW
CHLOE MCCONNELL	SKYLAR KURTZ	ALYSSA DUNN
JACKSON MCCONNELL	CALEB LAGUENS	LAURYN EDEL
SAMUEL MCCONNELL	AURELIENNE LOVE	NICOLE HUNTER
ELLISON MODANSKY	EVA LUKE	PEYTON LEONARD
ANATOLI MONSALVE	SHUBHANGI MATTRA	SAMUEL MYERS
ANA MYERS	SKYE MILLS	BROOKLYN PECKICONIS
RYAN OGDEN	NATHAN MIRIELLO	AMELIA ROBERTS
JESSICA PANDEY	EVAN MIRIELLO	SEBASTIAN ROEDERER
JULIA PROCACCI	PENELOPE MIRZAI	DIEGO SOLIS
ADELINE SCAFF	DIEGO MOLINA	RYEN THEISEN
SUMMER SCHMUTZ	NICOL MURPHY	WALTER DAVID ULMER
THILOSHANTH	TESS MURPHY	
SIVAPRAKASAM	SOFIE NGUYEN	
MACKENZIE SWINDELL		

**OVERVIEW OF STRATEGIES FOR  
STUDENTS WITH SENSORY  
RELATED NEEDS**

*Presented by: Marlena Jenkins, M.S., BCaBA*

*Tuesday, April 16th*

*10:30A — 11:30A*

*(Eastern time — US & Canada)*

**CARD**

This presentation reviews common sensory related concerns that arise within the educational setting. In addition, it will provide participants with an overview of the common sensory related behaviors in students with, and without disabilities. Participants will leave with strategies to enhance engagement and on-task behavior, while meeting the sensory needs of their students.

For more information, contact [marlena.jenkins@jax.ufl.edu](mailto:marlena.jenkins@jax.ufl.edu)

Upon registering online, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://UFHJax.zoom.us/join/register/0c4da895957b7bffcde7dc3c8da9331e>





# "Hacking STEM" Summer Camp

## Summer, 2019

Campers will be mentored by UNF Students participating in Intercollegiate, collaborative, and authentic STEM projects. Campers will have the opportunity to learn coding, hacking, and making skills in computer science, engineering, and advanced applied mathematics while building STEM tools to participate in grade-level-specific projects related to our STEP Lab Social Justice projects.

**JUNE 3-7, 2019:**

(Grades 3-6)

**HACKING  
AGRICULTURAL  
RESOURCES**

Elementary School students will be engaged in Hacking Stem Lessons, Minecraft Edu., and Lego Robotic lessons that will integrate STEM curriculum. Students will build trundle wheels, learn to interpret streaming data, and learn to build and interpret 3D models of drone photographic data. Students will construct actual organic gardens, thereby learning the math, science and technology associated with this task. We will give consideration for equitable food distribution and production in rural communities.

**JUNE 10- 14, 2019:**

(Grades 6-9)

**HACKING  
WATER  
RESOURCES**

Middle school students will be engaged in Hacking Stem Lessons, Minecraft Edu., and Lego Robotics, along with WozU drone and integrated STEM lessons. Students will build dissolved oxygen sensors and sonar equipment. They will learn to 3D model waterways and river bottoms- essentially conducting civil engineering projects.

**JUNE 17-21 & 24-28:**

(Grades 9-12)

**HACKING  
MEDICAL  
RESOURCES**

High School students will be engaged in Hacking STEM Lessons, and robotics-integrated STEM lessons. Students will build robotic hands, 3D- printed hands, and invent robotic 3D-printed assistive technology for specified individuals from our community.



QR code leads to  
[NEFSTEM.org](http://NEFSTEM.org)  
Camp News

More information and  
Applications can be found at  
[NEFSTEM.org](http://NEFSTEM.org)  
Email: [NEFSTEM@UNF.edu](mailto:NEFSTEM@UNF.edu)



# Dance Auditions

8th graders interested in trying out for the Nease Dance Team registration packets are in the front office! Or go to [Neasedance.com](http://Neasedance.com)

Not sure if you want to try-out?

Technique clinics are on Wednesdays, March 6, March 20, March 27th, April 3rd, April 10th.

Clinics are \$5 each or \$20 for all 5. If you miss the first, or any, that's ok they are not mandatory.

Try-outs are April 15-April 18th

Packets are due by April 11th



## **SUMMER MARINE SCIENCE PROGRAM**

**SPOTS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!**

**Parents,**

**The Summer Marine Science Program has extended the application process, as we still have some open sessions available! Calling all current fifth through seventh graders who love to be outdoors!**

**Applications can still be downloaded at any time from the website prior to April 19<sup>th</sup> at <http://www-grms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/marinescience/> .The link also will have a complete day by day curriculum for each grade level, parent information, and a video from last year's program.**

**Return the completed pre application to your child's science teacher who will turn it into the program. Once accepted, a final application will be mailed home within two weeks. Upon payment deposit and final application returned a confirmation of session letter will be mailed.**

**We currently ONLY have spots available in our third session, June 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, July 1, 2, 3. This is a perfect session to finish just before the Independence Day holiday. Small classes of 12-14 students are separated by grade level. All instructors in the program are St. Johns County School District teachers.**

**The Marine Science Program is a carefully designed experience for responsible students who are interested in learning about our local marine environments. Learning is "hands on" in the field with students kayaking, canoeing, boating, hiking, snorkeling, sailing, windsurfing, surfing, SUP, (stand up paddleboarding), etc.**

**More information about the program can be had by emailing [marinescienceprogram@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:marinescienceprogram@stjohns.k12.fl.us) .**

<b>April</b>			
<b>Event</b>	<b>Grade Levels</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Cost (Hawk Bucks)</b>
Cookie Day (Cafeteria)	K-2	Monday, April 8	\$2
Eat Lunch Outside	6-8	Friday, April 12	\$2
Cookie Day (Cafeteria)	6-8	Monday, April 15	\$2
Hawk Store	1	Monday, April 22	--
Hawk Store	2-3	Tuesday, April 23	--
Hawk Store	4-5	Wednesday, April 24	--
Hawk Store	6-8	Thursday, April 25	--
<b>*Movie and Popcorn (After School)</b>	6-8	Friday, April 26	<b>\$10</b>
Hawk Store	K	Friday, April 26	--
Eat Lunch Outside	6-8	Friday, April 26	\$2
Cookie Day (Cafeteria)	3-5	Monday, April 29	\$2

<b>May</b>			
<b>Event</b>	<b>Grade Levels</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Cost (Hawk Bucks)</b>
Ice Cream Day (Cafeteria)	K-2	Monday, May 6	\$2
Eat Lunch Outside	6-8	Friday, May 10	\$2
Cookie Day (Cafeteria)	6-8	Monday, May 13	\$2
Hawk Store	1	Monday, May 13	--
Hawk Store	2-3	Tuesday, May 14	--
Hawk Store	4-5	Wednesday, May 15	--
<b>*Extra Recess</b>	4	Wednesday, May 15	<b>\$25</b>
Hawk Store	6-8	Thursday, May 16	--
<b>*Cook Out/Lunch Outside</b>	6-8	Thursday, May 16	<b>\$10</b>
Hawk Store	K	Friday, May 17	--
Ice Cream Day (Cafeteria)	3-5	Monday, May 20	\$2
<b>*In-House Field Trip</b>	K-2	Monday, May 20	<b>\$25</b>

# Reminders from the Dean's Office:

## SJCSD Student Dress Code

*(2018-19 SJCSD Student Code of Conduct, pages 13-14)*

The dress and grooming of St. Johns County Public Schools students shall contribute to the health and safety of the individual promote a positive educational environment and not disrupt the educational activities and processes of the school. Because inappropriate clothing worn by a student is detrimental to the school program, the wearing of garments suitable for school shall be encouraged. All faculty and administrative staff shall be on the alert to give positive guidance in these matters, without embarrassment to the student.

These rules on personal appearance of students are intended to enable the students of St. Johns County Public Schools to dress casually but reasonably. However, the school principal is the final authority with regard to the appropriateness of student dress. **Nothing in these rules shall be construed to pre-empt the principal's authority** to act in specific cases when, in the principal's judgment and discretion a student's dress threatens to disrupt the educational process or the good order and discipline of the school, or is otherwise inappropriate.

### All Students

- Personal attire may be in the style of the day, but clothing that is immodest, revealing, or distracting in character is unacceptable. Clothing, piercings and accessories shall not be worn if they display profanity, violence, discriminatory messages, sexually suggestive phrases, advertisements, phrases or symbols of alcohol, tobacco or drugs or create a safety issue within the learning environment.
- Students are prohibited from wearing clothing that exposes underwear or that exposes body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner.
- Head coverings, including but not limited to, caps, hats, bandannas, and/or sunglasses, shall not be worn on campus unless required by a physician or authorized by school administration.
- Students must wear shoes that are safe and appropriate for the learning environment. Middle school and elementary school students must wear shoes that have a back or strap on the heel.
- Skirts, dresses, shorts, baggies, no shorter than four inches (4") above the top of the knee, are acceptable. Skirts shorter than four inches (4") above the top of the knee worn with tights are not acceptable.
- Leggings and yoga pants are acceptable but must worn with a shirt, dress or skirt that reaches fingertip length.
- Graffiti (i.e. profanity, violent or discriminatory images, sexually suggestive phrases or symbols, or symbols of alcohol, tobacco or drugs) will not be drawn or worn on backpacks, notebooks, folders, yearbooks, papers, clothing or any other object or on the body of any student or person on school property.
- Sleeveless shirts and tank tops are not acceptable.

### **Standards: Boys**

- Boy's pants/slacks must be worn at the waist. No boxer shorts or underwear may be visible.
- Shirts must cover the entire shoulder.

### **Standards: Girls**

- Tops and shirts must cover the entire shoulder and may not be revealing or distracting. Midriff or "cut-out" dresses and "cut out" tops may not be worn. Skirts must be no shorter than four inches (4") above the top of the knee. Revealing clothing, pajamas and lingerie are not acceptable. Undergarments must not be exposed.
- Girls' pants/slacks must be worn at the waist. No underwear may be exposed.

## **Cell Phones and Electronic Devices**

The use of electronic devices, such as cell phones, electronic readers, hand-held video games, etc. is prohibited during school hours.

- If such items are brought to school, they must be placed in the student's locker, backpack or purse during the normal school hours. Items are to be **turned off**.
- Students may not use cell phones to make phone calls or text message during school hours. This includes during classes, between classes and/or lunch. Students found using their cell phones during school hours will have their phone confiscated. Repeated failure to comply will be considered defiance of school rules.
- **If a phone call must be made, phones are available in the main office.**
- Students may not use their cell phones as entertainment during the school day. This includes playing games, going online, checking time, etc.
- Students are not permitted to use camera phones for the purpose of taking pictures in school or on buses.

### **Cheating:**

- If a student is caught using a cell phone or other form of technology to aid them in cheating, he/she will have the appropriate penalties for both cheating and cell phone use applied to them.
- Texting or checking texts during a test/exam will result in the student receiving a zero for the test/exam.

***\*Valley Ridge Academy is not responsible for theft or damage of electronic devices brought onto school district property.***



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