

# Welcome to Laning Avenue School Back to School Night 2019!



*"Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself."*  
John Dewey

# Laning New Faculty & Staff

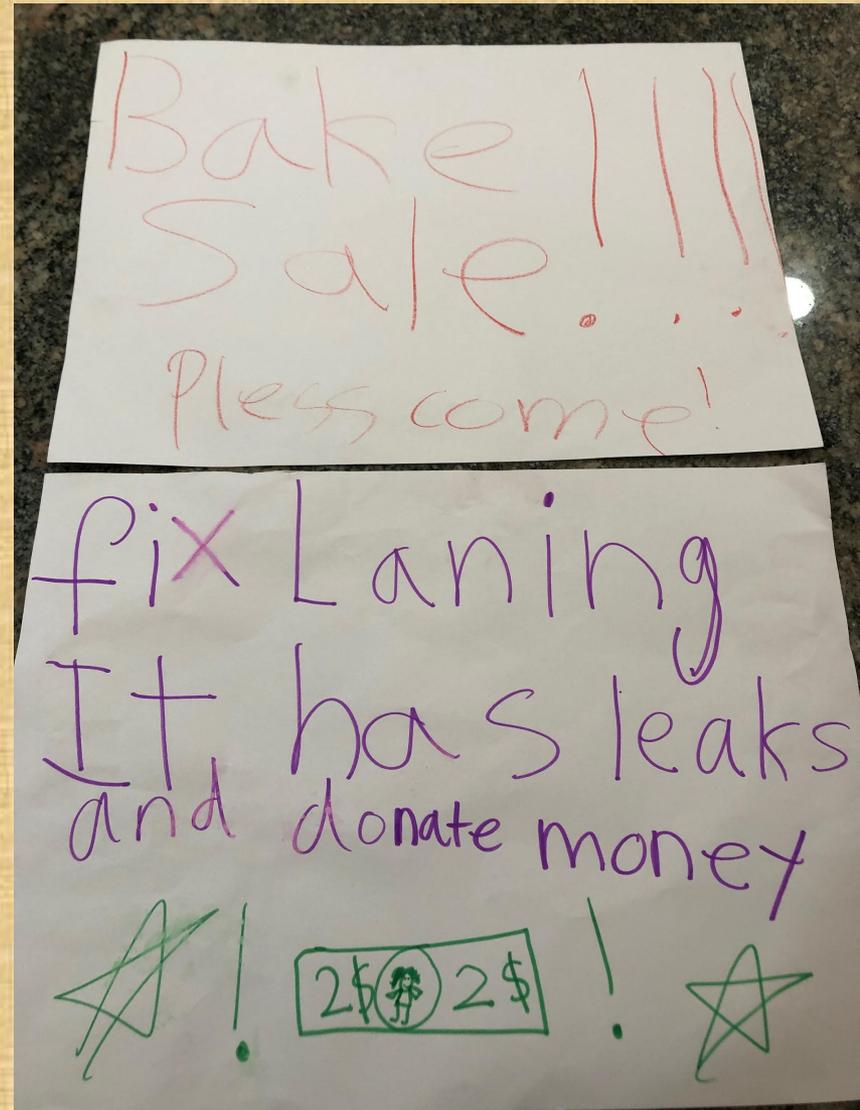
- Ms. King
- Mrs. Majestic
- Mr. Salierno
- Mrs. Weary

# Communication is key to a successful year.

- Websites
  - District
  - School
  - Teacher (homework)
- Email
- District Friday Folder
- School Online Calendar
- Genesis Parent Portal (report card, forms and SCA Program Book)
- School Messenger
- SCA Weekly Newsletter on Mondays
- SCA Facebook

# Facilities Update

- Ceilings in classrooms
- Classroom Walls
- Additional Chromebooks
- Future Plans.....



# Technology

## Chromebooks

Teachers are using Chromebooks and the Google Apps for Education in their classrooms. We now have 150 devices in the school.

## Makerspace

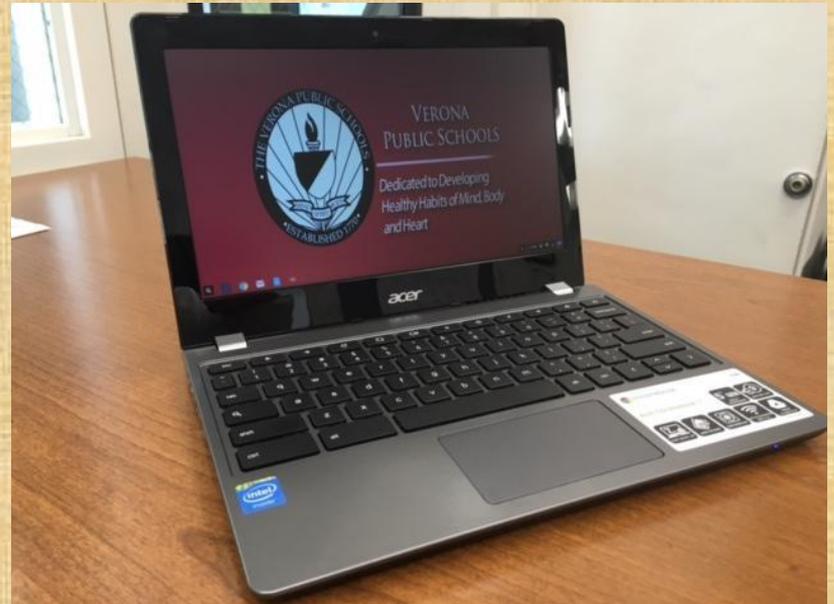
## Interactive White Boards

## Document Cameras

## iPads

## Lightspeed

## Green Screen



# Drop-Off & Pick-Up

## Safety is Our Priority!

- **No child should arrive to school before 8:15AM. This is the time at which staff is available to supervise students.**
- **All K-4 students should enter the building by way of Lanning Road, not Elk Rd. The Elk Road entrance is for pre-school children only.**
- **When possible, walk to school. This will reduce the number of vehicles in front of our school each morning. If you can't walk please consider carpooling.**
- **When dropping off students in the morning, please proceed as far forward as possible in your vehicle. This enables more vehicles to fall into line. Children will enter the building at the canopy entrance. Teachers will be in the hallway at 8:15AM to direct children to their classrooms.**
- **No parking, for any length of time, in spots designated no parking in front of our school.**
- **Please have students prepared at home so they may exit cars (curbside) in a timely fashion. Remember, sometimes up to 125 vehicles drop off children within a ten minute span. We need to make space for these vehicles.**
- **Having students walk in between cars during pick up or drop off in the middle of Lanning Road is an unacceptable and dangerous practice.**
- **If you would like to “see” your child walk in the building, you must park legally and walk your child to the nearest entrance. No parking, for any length of time, in the drop off zone.**
- **All crossing of Lanning Road should only occur at the corner of Elmwood Rd or Otsego Rd.**
- **No vehicles should be entering or leaving the school parking lot on Lanning Road at pick-up or drop-off times.**
- **Children are not permitted to play in and around the side parking lot after dismissal.**

# Security

- Security check-in for visitors (license check)
- Cameras inside and outside the building.
- Drills
  - Fire & Security



# Lunch & Recess

- Nut Tables
  - There are 2 tables reserved in the cafeteria at lunchtime for students who wish to eat food with nuts. Students eating food with nuts must sit at these tables. Friends who want to join them who are not eating nuts are welcome to sit with them.
- Weather
  - Outside whenever possible- be prepared!
  - Music room & Library
- After school

# Enrichment

- Flex Academies
  - After School Enrichment
  - Interest Finder
  - 3 Sessions
- Winter Recess
- Laning Live

# -Standardized Testing-

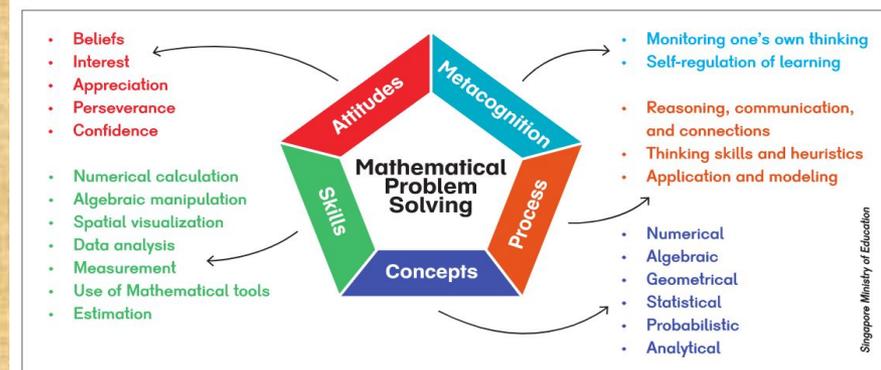
- CogAT
  - Grades 2,3,4
  - Fall 2019- Date TBA
  - 3 days/1 hour per day
- NJSLA
  - Grades 3 & 4
  - April 21-April 30, 2020

# -School Initiatives-

## Elementary Math Curriculum Team

- Throughout the past three years, a team of teachers (4 from Laning) have been looking at approaches to improve mathematics instruction, curriculum and assessment at the elementary level.
- The district has decided on a program called Dimensions Math. This program is based on the math education in Singapore. This year the program is being implemented in the third grade and will be rolled out to the other grades in the next few years.
- 2 Math Nights
  - 10/16 - Brookdale Library, 7pm
  - 10/23 - Laning Library, 7pm

Singapore Mathematics Framework



# -School Initiatives-

## Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation

- Elementary Schools will continue to implement the Conflict Resolution curriculum. The program has been very successful.
- The Peer Mediation program began mid-year during the 17-18 school year. It is about to start up again this year and we will be recruiting a new group of 3rd grade mediators in the coming months..



# -School Initiatives-

## Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation

- Elementary Schools will continue to implement Conflict Resolution curriculum .
  - Conflict vs. Bullying
  - Steps to Solving Conflict
  - “I” Messages
  - Managing Anger
  - Cooling Down Techniques
- We will implement the Peer Mediation process
  - Students become trained mediators
  - Students trained in how to use mediators



# Student Assistance Counselor

- The counselor position has been expanded from one half day per week to one full day per week at each elementary school.
- Services: Classroom lessons & group counseling.
- Mrs. Dana Lustig, Student Assistance Counselor



# H.I.B.

- As per the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act (ABR) (P.L.2010, c.122), Verona Public Schools has posted its Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act grades to the school district's HIB webpage, and to each individual school's webpages. Please feel free to contact Bob Merkler, District Anti-Bullying Coordinator if you have any questions.
- Anti-Bullying policies, information and contacts can be found on the anti-bullying tab of the district website.
- All information is provided in the Parent Portal forms section.

# **BUILDING A BETTER VERONA**

VERONA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

REFERENDUM 2019

ELECTION DAY  
NOVEMBER 5, 2019



**PUBLIC REFERENDUM  
PRESENTATIONS**

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

**September 24, 2019**

**VHS Learning Commons @ 7 pm**

**September 28, 2019**

**VHS Auditorium @ 10 am**

**October 12, 2019**

**VHS Auditorium @ 2 pm**

# REFERENDUM QUESTION #1

Roofs\* - Windows - Stage Rigging\* - Paving - Masonry -  
Elementary School Playgrounds & Resurfacing\* - Boiler Repairs  
HBW Track Replacement - School Security Enhancements\* -  
VHS/HBW Locker Rooms & Athletic Trainer Room -  
Flooring/Wall Tile - Gym Floor Replacement -  
HBW Facade/Gutters - Phone Communication System

*(\$14.50 per month or \$174 per year)*

# REFERENDUM QUESTION #2

Air Conditioning\* (excluding annual operating costs)

*(\$3.50 per month or \$43 per year)*

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\*All Schools

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**I. Sept 2019 –  
Nov 2019**

Educate & Inform  
Community

**II. November 5,  
2019**

Vote **Building A  
Better Verona**  
on Election Day



**III. Nov 2019 – Feb  
2020**

Design & Bid  
Capital  
Improvement  
Projects

**IV. Summer  
2020**

Construction

# **TOTAL COST AVERAGE ASSESSED HOME**

**\$ 18 per month**

**or**

**\$ 217 per year**



**LEARN MORE  
BY  
VISITING:**

**<https://tinyurl.com/VeronaReferendum2019>**

**or**

**<https://tinyurl.com/BuildingABetterVerona>**



# Verona Police Department



## Sergeant John Lecreux

\*Parking for drop off or pick up at painted yellow curbs is strictly prohibited. Annually, problems arise with vehicles parking too close to intersections surrounding the schools. New Jersey State Law prohibits parking within an intersection, crosswalk or obstructing a private driveway.

\*Parents and students should ALWAYS use our crossing guards and crosswalks to cross Lanning Road or surrounding streets. Not only are you setting a proper example for students, New Jersey State Law prohibits crossing any roadway at any place other than a marked crosswalk.

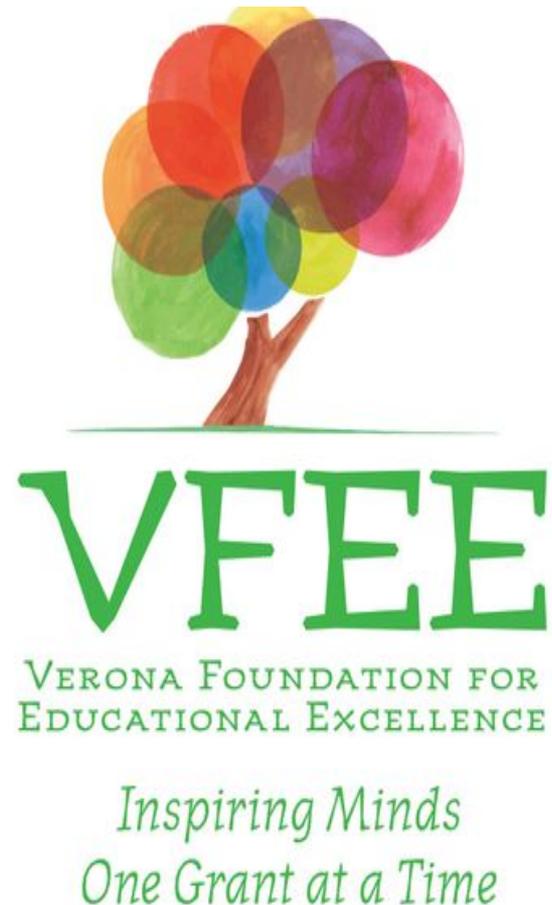
\*If you need to visit the school, please park in designated visitor parking only or on the South side of Lanning Road. Faculty parking areas are designated for faculty whom arrive throughout the school day. Complying with these regulations allows for access by emergency vehicles, if necessary.

\*The area immediately in front of the school on Lanning Road is a designated drop off zone. Please do not exit your vehicle to assist children from your car, this delays and impedes the flow of morning drop off.

# Verona Foundation for Educational Excellence

501(c) 3 foundation formed in 2006

Our Goal: to enrich the classroom  
experience beyond the curriculum



# 2018-2019 Grants & Community Events

11 Grants awarded

- VHS - 5 grants
- HBW - 4 grants
- Elementary - 2 grants

TOTAL \$31,637

Teacher Toast \$3,073

Mini-Golf \$920

Summer Book Fair \$729

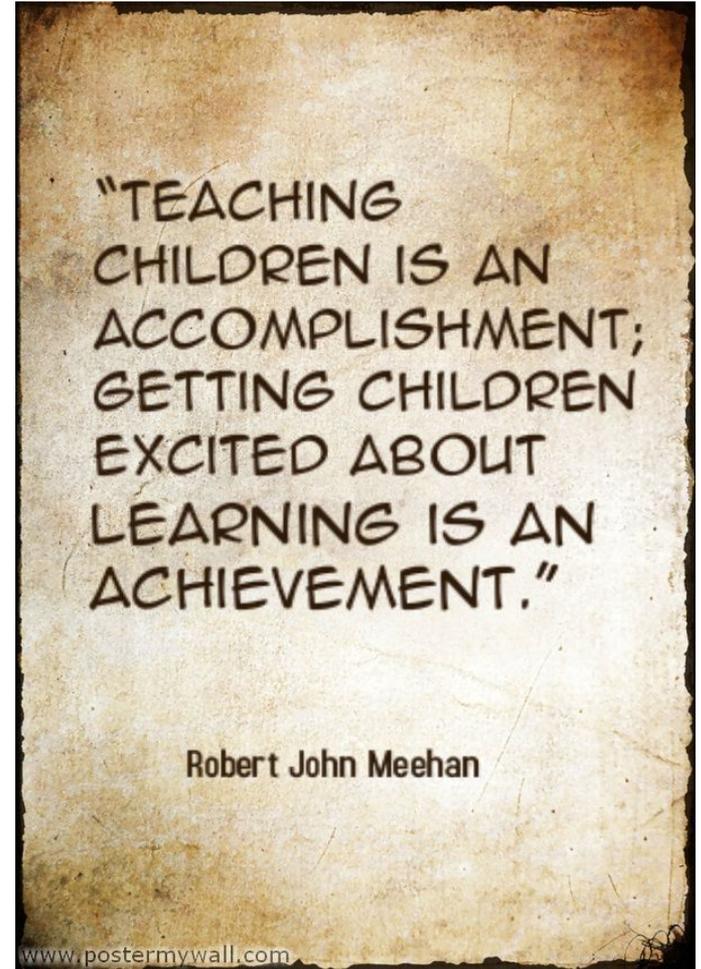
Fair in the Square \$100

TOTAL \$4,822

# So where does the majority of our funding come from?

## Individual Donations

- 144 families/individuals donated \$13,410
- Average a little more than \$90 per donation
- Over 600 families in the Elementary school



# Phones Out, Please!

## Follow us on Social Media

Facebook: @vfeenj or search “Verona Foundation for Educational Excellence”

Instagram: @vfee.nj

Twitter: @njvfee

## Interested in joining the VFEE Board?

Susan Frizzi [sfrizzi@vfee.org](mailto:sfrizzi@vfee.org) or Edith Ries [eries@vfee.org](mailto:eries@vfee.org)

# Laning SCA

- Co-Presidents - Kristina Oliver & Carrie Shafer
- VP of Program- Maria Kennedy
- VP of Membership – Kristin Venezia
- Treasure – Daria Marrero
- Secretary – Meg Garcia
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## Meeting Dates

9/25\*, 1/6, 3/23, 6/1

\*At VHS- Referendum Presentation by Dr. Dionisio

**TRICKY TRAY!**  
**PEACE, LOVE + ART**  
**MARCH 18, 2020**

# Have A Great Night!

Thanks for joining us tonight and for all your support throughout the year!!

