

# Welcome to Laning Avenue School Back to School Night 2021!



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

# Laning New Faculty & Staff

- Mrs. Williamson
- Ms. DeFrance

## Laning At A Glance

- 202 Students K-4
- 23 Preschool
- 64 Staff Members

# 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)
- School Messenger
- SCA Facebook

# Referendum Update

- Communications System
- Playground & Field
- Roof
- Paving
- Doors
- Stage
- Stairs
- \*HVAC

# Technology

## Chromebooks

Teachers are using Chromebooks and the Google Apps for Education in their classrooms.  
We are now 1:1

## Makerspace

## Upgraded Teacher Technology

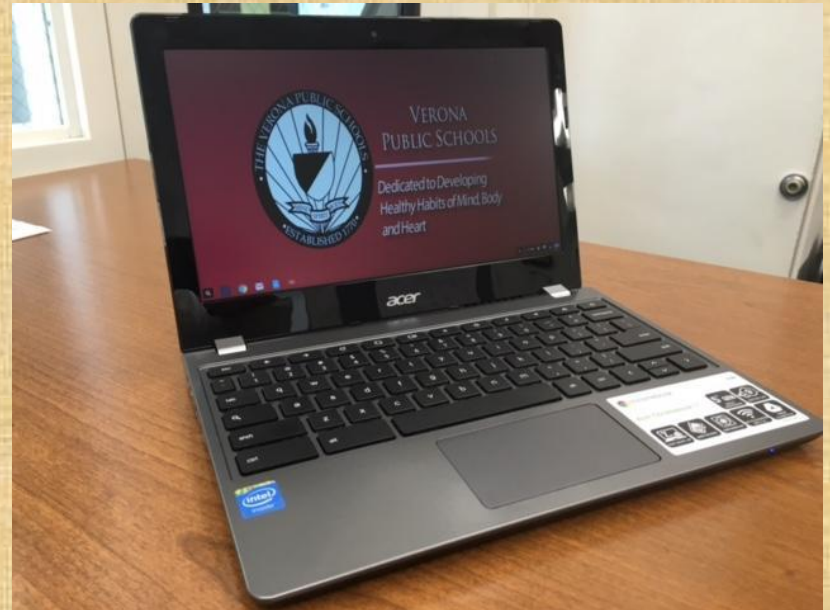
## Interactive White Boards

## 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

- Lunch
    - Pomptonian - October start
    - Nut Free
    - Towels
  - 10:55- 11:15 Grade 1 eats, Grade 2 has recess
  - 5 minutes of transition
  - 11:20- 11:40 Grade 2 eats, Grade 1 has recess
  - 5 minutes of transition
  - 11:45-12:05 Grade 3 eats, Grade 4 has recess
  - 5 minutes of transition
  - 12:10-12:30 Grade 4 eats, Grade 3 has recess
  - 5 minutes of transition
  - 12:35-1:20 - Kindergarten eats & then has recess
- Recess- Students may choose to be unmasked during playtime when using the blacktop and or field areas. The playground will be open however students will be required to wear a mask due to close proximity.

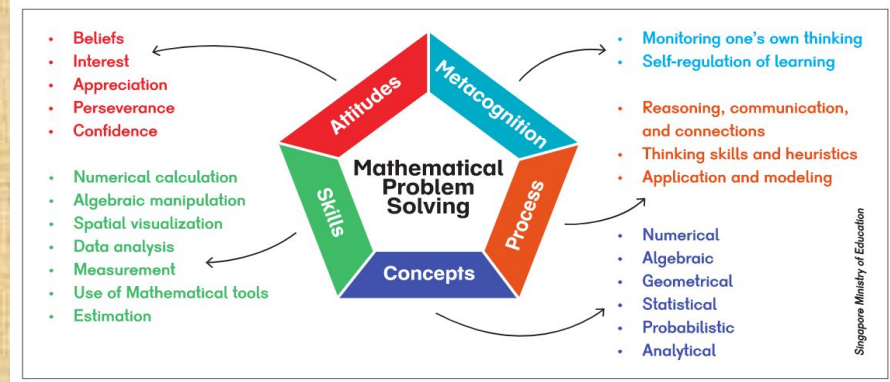


# -School Initiatives-

## Elementary Math Curriculum Team

- Throughout the past five 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.
- Year 3 of the implementation.
  - Grades 1-4

Singapore Mathematics Framework



# Title 1 Funding

- **Title I, Part A of the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)*.**  
Title I is the federal program that allocates funding to local school districts to improve the academic achievement of low performing students in English language arts or mathematics.
- **Process**
- **Screeners**
- **Programming**
- **Parent Tips**

# -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..



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## 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



# School Counselor

## Dana Lustig, LSW



- Elementary Social Worker
- Classroom SEL lessons (Peekapak)
- Support for students referred through the Intervention & Referral Service Team
- Drop-in, short term support for non-referred students
- Referral and coordination of care for students who need additional, outside therapy
- HIB Specialist
- Crises screenings



# 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.

# Laning SCA

- Co-Presidents - Kristina Oliver & Carrie Shafer
- Executive Vice President - Joanna Gaggis
- VP of Program- Maria Kennedy
- VP of Membership – Kristin Venezia
- Treasure – Daria Marrero
- Secretary – Meg Garcia

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## What is VFEE (vee-fee)?

VFEE's mission is to enhance the education of Verona students by awarding grants to teachers for programs that broaden the classroom experience.

## How does VFEE work?

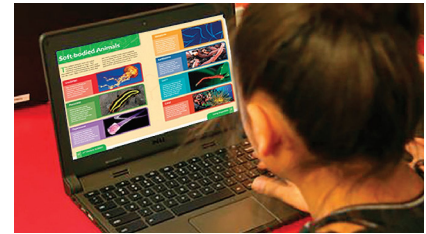
- 1 We fundraise money from the Verona community
- 2 Teachers come to us with grant requests for curriculum enhancing ideas
- 3 We review these grants and fund many of the requests
- 4 Our Verona children thrive and grow from these innovative programs!

# Since its inception VFEE has donated nearly \$400,000 in grants to inspire our students!

One example of a recent elementary school grant is....

## **Lightbox for Remote Learning and Beyond**

**Brookdale Avenue, F.N. Brown, Forest Avenue, Laning Avenue Schools**



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*“Lightbox gave us the ability to see remote learning in a whole new light! It brightened our days and made us excited to explore books in a meaningful and fun way.”*

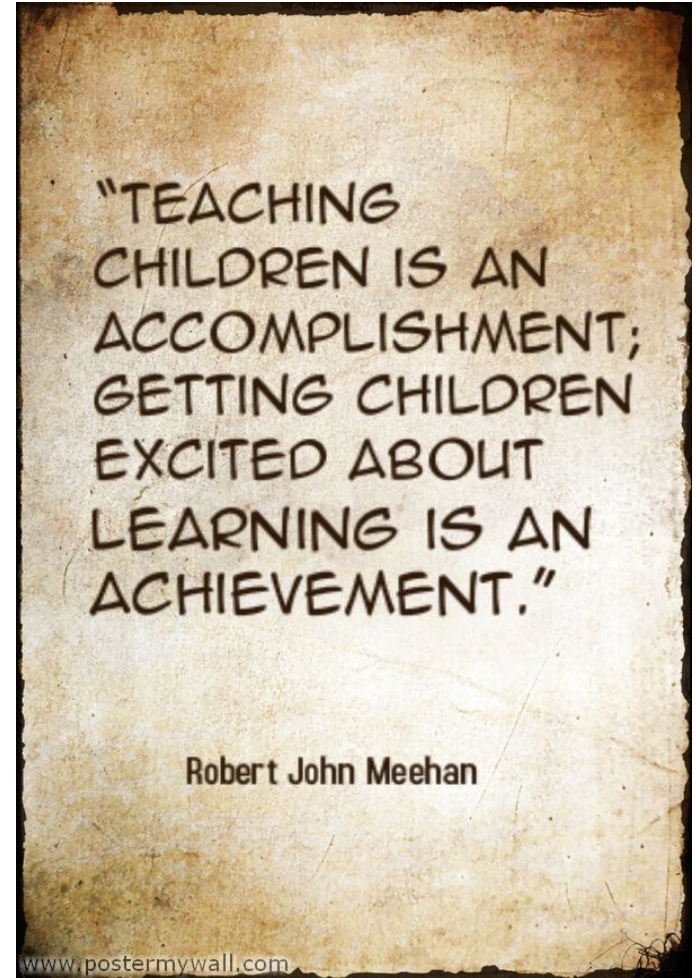
**ELISSA FREDA**  
MEDIA SPECIALIST  
FOREST AND LANING AVENUE SCHOOLS

# So where does the majority of VFEE's 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 schools

Please consider donating  
at:  
[vfee.org/donate](http://vfee.org/donate)



# Phones Out!

Please like VFEE on social media



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For information on joining the VFEE Board please contact

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***Thank You and Have A Great School Year!***



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# Have A Great Night!

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

