

H.B. WHITEHORNE

SCA Newsletter

SCA Co-Presidents: Kelli Strlekar and Jen Ghingo

Spring/Summer 2016

SCA President's Message

Another successful year is coming to an end at HBW! A sincere thank you to all the parents who attended meetings, volunteered on committees and donated time and or money to different fundraisers and activities. The support of the HBW families is essential for the success of the SCA and is greatly appreciated.

Through your generosity and the various SCA fundraisers we were able to help support many events this past school year. This included:

School assembly programs.... Author visits and Battle of the Books... Class trips including the 5th grade trip to Fairview Lake and the 8th grade Pocono trip... activities for Jump Rope for Heart and Field Day... Halloween Window Painting... 8th grade t-shirts and farewell dance... and the teacher luncheon.

We also supported the HBW Music Department, HBW School Play, VMAC, VSE-AA, HBW Yearbook, VHS Project Graduation and two Scholarships to Graduating VHS Seniors.

The SCA was also able to help support teacher initiatives by donating to Mandarin Night, the Rube Goldberg contest and the Climate Change Summit team. We also helped purchase additional Google Chromebooks for the school for use by the teachers.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the HBW Executive Board especially our Board members, Barbara Yeates and Ann Jocelyn who are among our graduating parents this year. We thank you for all of your time and dedication to the HBW SCA. As well as the countless committee chairs and volunteers whose hard work and dedication contributes to our success. We wish all of our families that are leaving us this year, the best of luck with all of their future endeavors.

Thank you to the HBW teachers, administration, staff and custodians for their help throughout the school year. We could not have done it without all of you.

Last but not least, we would like to thank our editor-in-chief, Kathy Emanuilidis, for her hard work, time and creativity putting together the HBW Newsletter. We will certainly miss Roger, the Sr. Pet Reporter!

We wish you and your families a safe, happy, fun filled summer!

Kelli and Jen

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Did you know?

*The Verona **SCA** stands for
Verona
School Community Association, a partnership of home
and school that
enriches your child's
educational experience.*

See you in September!

*Key Date:
Tuesday
September 6, 2016*

*1st day of 2016/17
School Year*

Have a great summer!

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From the Principal's Desk...

Ms. Yvette McNeal and Mr. David Galbierczyk



Dear HBW Family:

As the year comes to a close, we would like to thank all SCA parents for their hard work and support this year. We had a wonderful year working together in the new house model which really served our students and our teachers well. And, we'll be spending the summer working together to make sure everything is in place for students' return in September.

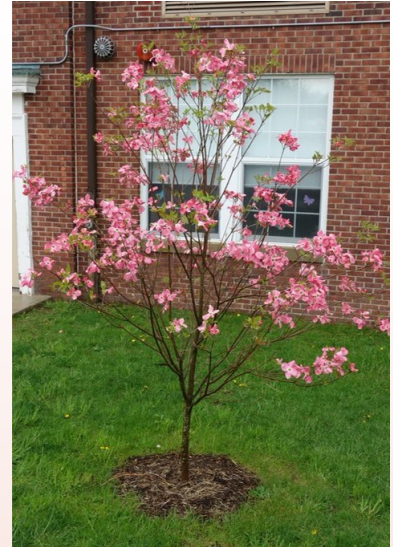
We wish you a happy and safe summer.

Sincerely,

Mrs. McNeal and Mr. Galbierczyk



A Tree Blooms at HBW



This is one of the many trees donated by school parents. This young native Dogwood (*Cornus florida*) was planted last school year (2014-15) and it is now blooming for the first time at HBW!

It can take five to seven years before a Dogwood blooms in earnest. We should all take pride in this beautiful first bloom.

Special thanks to our school parents who donated and to Gloria Machnowski, Beautification Committee Chairperson, for this story and accompanying photo.

Here is to the continued beautification of HBW and the wonderful contributions being made to the Verona environment-at-large!

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Class & Club News

By: Marisa Albano and MaryAnne Halbert



Around the "Home..."



Student Council

This past year the Student Council was very busy planning many events for HBW. They donated signs for school hallways, held donations for the country's troops, planned numerous spirit days, and will be giving another gift to HBW! Now, the year is coming to an end and the Student Council is being rewarded for their hard work toward the improvement of the school!

The Council took a trip to Philadelphia on June 7th of this year. They had an amazing time and learned lots about the start of the country. In past years the Student Council had the same routine of seeing numerous important buildings and seeing a presentation called "We the People". This year, however, the presentation underwent multiple renovations so it was time for a change of plans. Instead of "We the People", the Student Council watched "Headed to the White House" which discussed one's path to presidency in America. In addition, students got to see Congress Hall, Franklin Court, Old City Hall, Christ Church, the President's House, and the Liberty Bell. They came home that evening after an eventful day that was both fun and interesting to experience!

Ms. Kunkel and Mrs. Albano did a lot for the school this year and helped so much. The Student Council was amazing and productive and couldn't have done it without them. The 2016 school year was amazing thanks to everyone on the Student Council and HBW is looking forward to seeing what will come next year.

8th Grade Ancient History Museum

The 8th grade Museum of Ancient History was held the week of June 1st in the HBW auditorium. The students saw a variety of displays and enjoyed the time spent visiting. Thank you to Ms. Castiglione and Mr. Kratzman for this worthwhile learning experience.



Yearbook

If you did not purchase a 2015-16 yearbook and would like to do so, Ms. Heckel still has a few for sale. Please contact her at aheckel@veronaschools.org for more info. Starting in July, the 2016-17 yearbooks and parent ads will be available for sale at www.yearbookforever.com.

Around the "Horne..."

8th Grade Science

For the past month, Ms. Heckel's science classes have been researching drones and their potential future applications in all areas of society - recreation, commercial, military and government, and sciences uses, just to name a few. To culminate our project, Mr. Ed Gruskin came in and spoke with Ms. Heckel's classes about his job working with Verizon's Innovation Program and his and Verizon's work with drones. There were many excited "that's cool!" and "I want to do that!" remarks coming from the kids. Ms. Heckel and her classes would like to thank Mr. Gruskin for sharing all of his insider knowledge with them!

6th Grade

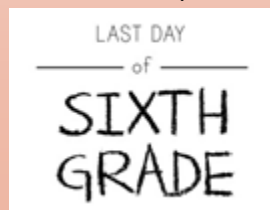
It is hard to believe that 6th grade is coming to an end. This year the sixth grade worked extremely hard.

In literacy, the students finished a unit on Folklore. Students learned how folklore originated. The students studied a variety of folktales while connecting to the country they originated. This unit lends itself to a springboard for their 7th grade social studies world culture curriculum.

Additionally, classes were very busy taking part in activities and lessons that would strengthen their overall reading and writing skills. For example, classes learned the structure of five paragraph essays and wrote different types of essays including argumentative and expository. Students spent time reviewing how to answer reading questions and citing evidence to support their response. Children continued reading independently in class and with Battle Books.

All of the sixth grade students completed reading the novel *Maniac Magee*. Through this novel, the students enhanced their knowledge of reading strategies and figurative language. This novel helped students to understand social problems and how they affect society. Students were actively engaged in this novel, and really enjoyed it.

Finally, the 6th grade will be going on our annual field trip to the Museum of Natural History. This field trip will take place on Monday, June 13th. The students will be engaged in a scavenger hunt activity and experience the feature movie presentation at the museum.



Around the "Horne..."

Media News

On May 23, Mrs. Kleinknecht welcomed award-winning author Eliot Schrefer who talked about his time studying bonobos in the Congo for his book *Endangered*. "Eliot Schrefer was amazing! The students were on the edge of their seats!" exclaimed Mrs. Kleinknecht. Sixth and seventh graders attended the assembly, which was sponsored by Watchung Booksellers.

Clad in their "Reading on a Chair" t-shirts, Mrs. Kleinknecht and the champion Battle of the Books teams in sixth, seventh, and eighth grade traveled to Kawameeh Middle School in Union for an interscholastic competition. The sixth graders won first place in their division, and so did the seventh graders! Congratulations to the Neglected Narwhal Ninjas and the Potter Puppet Pal Readers! Everyone received a trophy. Mrs. Kleinknecht would like to thank the SCA for their support of Battle of the Books!

Music News

On Friday, May 23rd Music Students competed in the annual Music in the Parks Competition. Although the weather did not cooperate, HBW students still achieved amazing results. The Music department would like to thank all the staff and parents that assisted for Music in the Parks.



Summer Reading Suggestions

Did you know that children who don't read during the summer can lose up to three months of reading progress? That's why summer reading is so important! Mrs. Kleinknecht and the Language Arts teachers have been working with students in grades 5-7 to choose appealing books for summer reading.



A recommended list of books can be found on the media center web page. The Verona Public Library has several copies of recommended books, too. Please encourage your child to choose a book that captures his or her inspiration and instills the love of reading.

Adding It Up Around the "Horne..."

Math Club

The Results are in for the Mathematical Olympiads for Elementary and Middle School. Member schools are located in all 50 states, 13 American territories, and 31 foreign countries. The results listed below are based on over 120,000 participants.

Sebastian So Top 2%
Anders Heyniger Top 10%
Dennis Liu Top 10%
Phil Konrad-Paris Top 10%
Peter Popowich Top 20%
Hamza El-Hawwat Top 25%
Amelia Wong Top 30%

Congratulations to all and thank you for a great year!

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Dreamin' Around the "Home..."

Dream Team

In April, the DREAM TEAM and the BEST CLUB took an after school trip to the Verona Ropes Course at the Verona Community Center. The trip was sponsored by VMAC with the goal of promoting a team bonding experience. The students enjoyed the course and working together as a TEAM.

April showers brought May flowers **and** the DREAM TEAM's annual Mother's Day Plant sale. Despite the fact that the plants were sold close to cost, making them affordable for the students to purchase for Mom and other special people in their lives--with the profits the DREAM TEAM was able to make a \$183.00 donation to the Verona Rescue Squad.

Also in May, courtesy of VMAC the DREAM TEAM members were treated to a pizza party celebrating a rewarding and successful year. Mrs. Marsano and Mrs. Halbert would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all the members of the club for their dedication and hard work.

Throughout the year HBW homerooms participated in a school-wide competition by collecting Box-Tops for the national Box-Tops for Education Campaign. The top 3 homerooms who collected the most box-tops were treated to breakfast courtesy of the DREAM TEAM. This year's winners were: Mrs. Chamma's, Mrs. Smith's and Ms. Heckel's homerooms. Monies raised through the Box-Top Program are used to purchase school supplies and materials. This year, with last year's earnings the DREAM TEAM was able to purchase 8 document cameras for the school. We hope to be able to continue support our school with this worthwhile community supported fundraiser. Thank you to all who supported our Box-Tops for Education Campaign.

Finally, during the last full week of school the DREAM TEAM sponsored their last fundraising campaign by raising money for the Progeria Foundation and supporting Verona's own Zoey Penny. Donations were collected in homerooms culminating with the "Hats On For Progeria Day" on Friday, June 10th.

Mrs. Marsano and Mrs. Halbert would like to thank all the students, staff, parents and community members who supported all of our year-long fundraisers and campaigns which helped us touch so many lives in so many different ways - which is what **D.R.E.A.M** TEAM stands for: **D**aring to **R**each out to **E**ach other **A**nd **M**ake a difference. **THANK YOU !**

Winning Around the "Home..."

Climate Change Team Wins NJ Competition!

Since December, a group of eighth graders has been working on a movie about what Verona is doing, as a town, to become more sustainable. They began by attending a Teen Climate Change Summit at Rutgers on December 15 and the project culminated on June 8 when they returned to Rutgers to present their movie at a movie festival and sustainability day. In addition to showing their movie, the students were able to tour Rutgers' solar farm and the Marine and Coastal Sciences Institute where they learned about the research scientists are doing regarding climate change. While at Rutgers, the students were thrilled to learn that they had been chosen as the winners of the statewide competition, which was a huge accomplishment considering they were one of only two middle schools involved. The remainder of the schools were high schools. You can view their movie at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BdxkfSTymmcc>

Additionally, this same group of students put together their own booth for Verona's second annual Green Fair! With the generous support of the SCA, they were able to give out prizes to the people who played their two games dealing with climate change and sustainability. The kids were very excited to teach their fellow Veronians about sustainability!



HBW Pet Causes are a Hit!

Harlem Wizards and Jump Rope for Heart: Huge Successes!



Sr. Pet Reporter
Roger Emanuilidis



Thank you to everyone who helped or attended and made this such a great event. Once again raising over \$10,000 which will benefit our school libraries and literacy efforts. We would especially like to thank Mr. Galbierczyk, Mr. Rossi, and Mrs. Kleinknecht for playing, Ms. Harth for her help with souvenirs, and Mrs. Boutcher and Mrs. Caplan-Carroll for spearheading the concession stand.



Heartfelt thanks to all that helped with making Jump Rope for Heart a huge success yet again this year! Special thanks to Heroes for Cool Kids for helping run the jump! Plus, a "super" thanks to our own HBW "teacher-heroes!"

Harlem Wizards Summer Camp



CO-ED CAMP AGES 7-14



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*Congratulations to the
189 HBW MIDDLE SCHOOL -
Class of 2016 Graduates.*

*The Officers and Members of the HBW School
Community Association would like to thank our
graduating students and their parents.*

*We extend our heartfelt thanks and sincere best
wishes for continued success and much happiness.*



Go Hillbillies!

Postscript:

It has been an absolute pleasure working on the HBW Newsletter—thank you to all that have helped, contributed and supported! If you would like to reach me, email Kathy Emanuilidis at hbwnewsletter@gmail.com. Best of luck to all!

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