

Talking Heads

By Jadelan Cartwright



Affirmations

by Calora Cain

Today's plans are tomorrow's success.

Collaboration fuels creativity; I thrive in teamwork.

I actively seek opportunities to empower others.

I contribute something valuable and meaningful through my role; my work matters to others.

Encouragement is my gift to others.

Focus on what I can control; release the rest.

Three priorities, one day. I will get them done.

Flexible, eager, ready for growth; I welcome new challenges with open arms.

My value extends beyond my work; I am whole and complete.

Excellence in every effort.

Doing my best is enough.

Believing in endless possibilities fuels my dreams.

Current Events

By Montana Goad

Jan 11 9:00 AM — 10:00 AM

3rd-6th, 7th/8th vs Strother Jan 11

Jan 12 5:00 PM — 6:00 PM

Homecoming with HS vs Moss to follow at 6:30 Jan 12

Jan 15 All Day

No School Jan 15

Jan 16 6:30 PM — 7:30 PM

HS @ Paden Jan 16

Jan 17 9:00 AM — 10:00 AM

3rd/4th vs Paden Jan 17

Jan 18 — Jan 20 All Day

HS @ Cashion County Line Tournament Jan 18 — Jan 20

Jan 18 12:30 PM — 1:30 PM

FOCUS for Juniors and Seniors Jan 18

Jan 22 All Day

Varnum 7/8 Tournament

Fun Facts

By Emma Bruce

1. It's good manners to slurp your noodles in Japan
2. The traditional Christmas Eve meal is KFC in Japan
3. There's a Rabbit Island in Japan
4. The number four is extremely unlucky in Japan
5. Japanese trains are some of the most punctual in the world
6. The Japanese love wacky flavors like red bean flavored ice cream
7. Japan's capital, Tokyo, is the largest city in the world.
8. Japan consists of over 6,800 islands.
9. Mount Fuji is the country's highest peak.
10. Kyoto was the capital of Japan for over a millennium.

Homecoming Dress Up Days



Basketball

By Myhayv Salceda

Welcome back Whippets! I hope everyone had an amazing break. I had an awesome break because all I did was sleep. I did miss watching basketball though. Most of all, I missed writing. On the last day of winter break the high school teams played against Asher. On January 2, 2024 the Whippets took a trip to Asher. The ladies took the dub 52-38. The boys on the other hand put up a great fight but unfortunately lost 59-48. Now onto the Mulhall Tournament. Mulhall is a very exciting tournament. The teams can range from the #1's in the rankings, and the best teams. These are very hard teams to beat without the right mindset. Every player must be ready mentally and physically. The first night the Lady Whippets got the W against Mulhall Panthers with a score of 69-38. The Whippets took control over their opponent, Shidler, and won 61-39. They completely dominated the first night. The second night the Ladies played Coyle, while taking control of the Lady Blue Jackets 59-36. The boys faced Dover in the second round. The Whippets won 50-36. These 4 wonderful games played advanced them to the championship. The Lady Whippets played against the Dover Lady Tigers, the #1 team in Class B. The Tigers were not giving the Lady Whippets a break. The Lady Whippets did not give up once though. They fought every last second. They unfortunately lost and received a Runner-Up plaque, the score was 72-43. The boys played against Union City. Both teams went back and forth scoring. It was tough, but they pulled it off and won the championship 72-61. Great job to both teams for playing hard. During this championship game, Kylan Mack scored his 1,000th career point for basketball.

On Tuesday he got his formal recognition after playing against Macomb. So now onto more information on games. These games were very sad. The Ladies won 80-24. The boys won 82-56. They both played very well. Thank you for reading this article. Have an awesome snowy Friday!



Baby Picture Round-Up

by Faith Cornett & Maddyson Marson-Compton
 Can you match up these little Whippets with their current teacher selves?
 Check back for the answers in the next issue of the Whippet Weekly



Baby 1

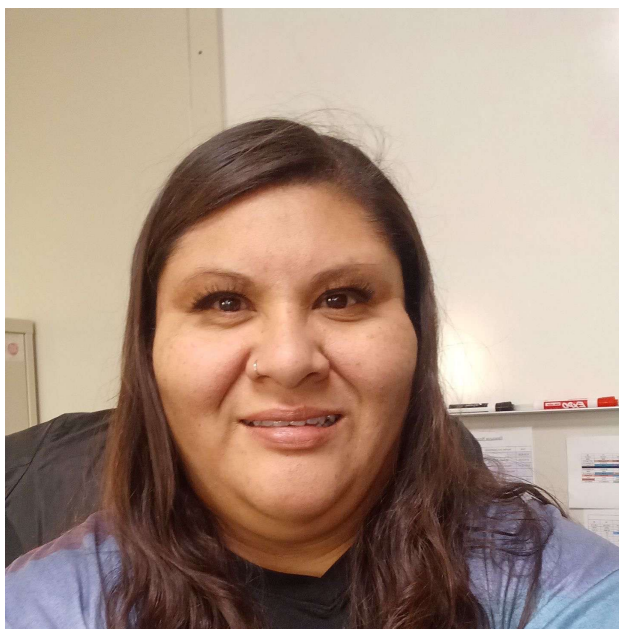


Baby 2

Staff Bios

by Dazia McCulley

For this week's staff bios I interviewed Tara Lena. She became a teacher because when she was little one of her teachers inspired her to become one as well! She loves being Varnum Whippet. Tara's favorite aspect of Varnum is how everybody is like a close knit family! She is a paraprofessional and she drives a bus. Which we love her for! Her academic background consists of graduating from Varnum, graduating college from Haskell Indian Nations University with her bachelors in education. When asked if she would do anything differently for the school she replied with "no I wouldn't". She thinks people view her as calm, sweet, nice, and as if she keeps to herself. I asked how she would describe her discipline style and she replied with "I treat everyone as if they were my own kid, even my own kid doesn't get special privileges". Her motivational words for her students are "If the opportunity comes take it and yolo". I had asked what is one challenge she had to overcome while being part of the school and she said "Everyday is a challenge and you have to learn to take it on and get through them". Tara has two beautiful children, Zayla and Bryson. She has been part of Varnum since 2018. That concludes the interview of Tara Lena thank you all!!!



Senior Spotlight

By Julieauna Marson



Name

Name: Anthony Overbey

Favorite teacher: Mr. Self

Favorite subject: IT

About me

Anthony Overbey came to varnum in 6th grade. After high school Overbey plans on going to college. His favorite memory was the day he met Zay.



Family / accomplishments

Mother: Regena Overbey

Father: TJ Overbey

Congratulations class of 2024!



Two Truths and a Lie

By Faith Cornett & Maddyson Marson-Compton

Can you guess which of these statements about your favorite teachers and staff members are true and which is a lie?



Coach Lash

1. I'm from New Jersey.
2. I was bitten by a monkey in the leg.
2. I rode a bull in a rodeo

Sally Brauning

1. I've got four kids.
2. I have six grand babies.
3. I hate this school



Tooter Brauning

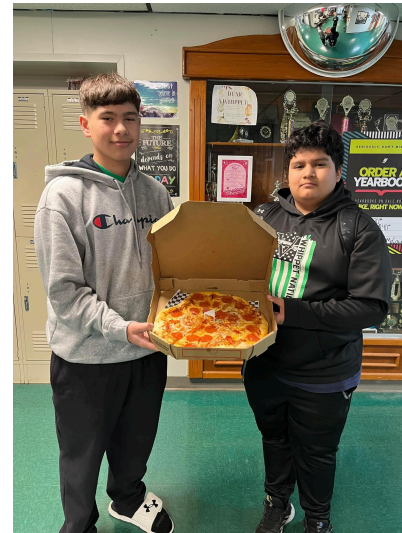
1. I got two kids
2. I'm pregnant
3. I love gossiping

Student of the Month

By Emma Bruce

December Students of The Month

- P3 Hentee James
- P3 Trett Tate
- P4 Brianna Mutcheu
- K Jenson Haney
- T1 Juan Luna
- 1st Kase Stewart
- 2nd Parker Romines
- 3rd Korbyn Botts
- 4th Wyatt Malone
- 5th Hezekiah Williams
- 6th Cameron Timber Lake
- Junior High- Andreas Luna
- High School- Adrien Vigil



Dear Whippet

Dear Whippet,

Your question was what to do about a crush. The best advice I could give you is to not hold back and be yourself. You should try to start a conversation quite often. Communication is key in a relationship as is honesty. Be yourself and communicate with your crush and let it go from there. You may do other things such as invite them places to hang out and get to know each other more. Don't get too ahead of yourself though; go slow and let time do most of the work. Only time tells, and with that you might be able to see a change. A change within their texts or attitude towards you. When someone likes you it can be pretty easy to see it if you're looking. If you do all of these things and you can tell that they don't feel the same way; don't worry. Always remember you are worthy of that love and you have so much life ahead. Plenty of time to find that person you can just be yourself; who will love and cherish you. I hope this could help you with what to do about a crush. Always remember you are worthy of all kinds of love.

Goodbye,

Dear Whippet.♥

Happy New Year

A bright, shiny new year, empty
neat, pristine,
waiting, ready
for us to get it right.
Another chance
to love and forgive.
Another chance
to make a real effort
to give more than we get.
Another chance
to make a difference.
A good new year.
A happy New Year!

-Anonymous

I Am Running Into A New Year

I am running into a new year
And the old years blow back
Like a wind
That I catch in my hair
Like strong fingers like
All my old promises and
It will be hard to let go
Of what I said to myself
About myself
When I was sixteen and
Twenty Six and thirty six
Even thirty six but
I am running into a new year
And I beg what I love and
I leave to forgive me

-Lucille Clifton

Calliope's Corner

By Calora Cain
This week's corner is all about the New Year!

“Each new year, we have before us a brand new
book containing 365 blank pages.
Let us fill them with all the forgotten things from
last year-the words we forgot to say, the love we
forgot to show, and the charity we forgot to
offer.”

-Peggy Toney Horton

Pieces Come Together

All there is is wonder
Discovery and choice
Expression and realization
And finding your own voice
So many directions
And time is not our friend
We have to make real choices
Before we meet our end

How will they remember
The choices that you make?

Who will reap the benefits
Of the steps that you do take?

Answer these two questions
And become a force for change
The world provide the pieces
For you to now arrange

-Anonymous

A Happy New Year

I can't wait anymore.
Night getting longer forever
more.
Waiting for a new start.
New beginning to play my part.

Resolutions to make.
Promise to never break.
Chance to make make things
right.
Future prosperous and bright.

New year fills my heart with
hope.
Delighted am I for the new leap.
I welcome 2007 the new year.
Wishing you all a happy new
year.

Happy New Year!

-Jibin Joseph

Varnum Vogue: **2024 look book**

As the new year begins, and 2023 fades away, you may be wondering what will change in the coming months. Though no one can tell the future, we sure can guess. Let's take a look at one of the possible trends we might see in the new year.

♥ **Coquette** ♥

Frills, lace, bows, hearts, and ribbons are all apart of the hyperfeminine look. The aesthetic is known to embraces all things flirty and romantic.

Coquette takes lots of inspiration from the Lolita look, being a Japanese subculture of people who enjoy Victorian based fashion. Anything can be coquette if you have the right colors and accessories. Gold jewelry is a staple, as well as pink bows and Anything with pearls. Pink, cream, white, all things girly and delicate. Coquette is a beautiful trend to carry 2024.

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