

The Whippet Weekly

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Whippets Talking Heads

TALKING HEADS



Pink



Blue



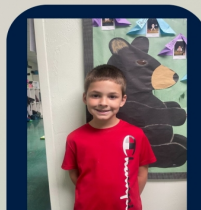
Pink



Green



Green



Blue



Purple



Pink



Blue



Pink & Purple

What's your favorite color, Whippets?

Fun Facts

By Maddyson Marson

Australia is wider than the moon

Headphones can increase the bacteria in your ears.

Scotland chose the unicorn as its national animal

Avocados are not vegetables

You probably eat bugs in your sleep.

The Eiffel Tower gets taller in the summer.

Human teeth are the only part of the body that can't heal themselves.

Switzerland prohibits the ownership of just one guinea pig.

Current Events

By Maddyson Marson

FAST PITCH

11th Paden, JRH/HS @ Home, 4:30pm

12th Hodlenville, HS/JV @ Home, 4:30pm

14th Bowleges, JRH/HS @ Home, 4:30pm

15th New Lima JRH/HS @ Away, 4:30pm

BASEBALL

11th Wellston, JRH @ Home, 4:30pm

11th Stonewall, HS @ Away, 4:30pm

12th Moss, HS @ Away, 4:30pm

14th Calvin, HS @ Home, 5:00pm

14-16th Roff JRH Tournament @ Away, TBA

HIGH SCHOOL EXTRAS

11th School Board Meeting @ Library, 7:00am

14th Focus @ 9:00am

ELEMENTARY EXTRAS

Perfect Attendance Students get to throw a wet sponge @ Mrs. Votaw,



Ms. Smith, 12 years old, for the Newspaper In Education promotion in Poteau Daily News

Affirmations

By Calora Cain

I don't need to be perfect. I'm only human.

It's okay to express my needs to others.

My past does not define my future.

I choose to let go of what I cannot control.

I'm allowed to take up space.

I am not alone.

I can face my fears one step at a time.

I trust myself to take the next best step.

Courage is not the absence of fear. Courage is doing it despite my fear.

I let go of what I can't control and choose joy and vulnerability.

Basketball

By Mvhayv Salceda

Last week I interviewed Head Basketball Coach and High School Principle Jon Hadley about the upcoming basketball season. Coach Hadley has been coaching for 20 years, this year will be his 21st. Hadley believes that it is important when building team unity, that the teammates understand his/her role. Coach Hadley said that his favorite part about coaching basketball is, "Just seeing a player grow through the season, through their career, watching them from where they start and where they finish both as a player and as a person. The wins and the championships



-are just the icing on the cake." He also says, "My favorite warm-up song before a game would be tricky to choose when you've been in it for 20 years, but it would probably have to be, "We Ready." by

-Archie Eversole. Hadley's wife, Amy is also a teacher at Varnum and his two children attend school here. You'll get to know Coach even further as he was also chosen for one of our Staff Bios this week.



Softball

By Faith Cornett

This week I interviewed Kristy Hill. Coach K has been coaching for 5 years. She is the assistant coach for the Varnum softball team. The thing she enjoys most about being a coach is seeing the girls play and get along. Hill also enjoy seeing her players get excited about the sport. Something the team could work on would be communication with one another and teamwork. She says the team's strengths are that they all are familiar with each other and help each other out when it's needed.

This week the softball team was defeated by the Moss Pirates but hopes are high for the Junior High team at the Depew Tournament on Friday.



Elementary Softball Team

E-Sports

By Emma Bruce



Champions Evans Wise with the bracket

On Thursday September 6th, our fellow teacher Mr. Self hosted a smash brothers tournament for our e-sports team to participate in a chance to win a \$20 gift card for Vbucks, for those who don't know, Vbuck is the currency in Fortnite used to unlock a variety of things. There were a total of 14 students and two alumni that attended the event. The two alumni, once active attendees of Varnum, Aliya Harjo and Rylan Knight. Freshmen Evans Wise competed against Devan Jones, Wise winning the gift card and overall competition.



Hardworking Journalists



Staff Bios

By Montana Goad

Coach Jon Marc Hadley is the Principal of the Highschool and Middle school, Head Coach of the Basketball teams, and Athletic Director. Hadley has been an educator for 21 years, he went to college at East Central University and Eastern State. He chose Varnum because of the area and Varnum also enjoys the buildings relationship and interacting with students daily. Here's some fun facts about Coach Hadley, his favorite color is green. His favorite food is froglegs, his favorite college team is OU. His favorite sport is basketball.

Gaylan Parsons is the Leader of the After School and Middle school, Head Program. Parsons has been an educator for 2 years, he went to college at Oklahoma State and Seminole State. He chose Varnum because he needed a job and Varnum seemed like the perfect fit for him. Here's some fun facts about Mr. Parsons, his favorite color is black. His favorite food is steak, his favorite sports team is The Varnum Whippets. His favorite sport is football.



Student of the Month

By Dazia McCulley

Student of the month update

Our elementary kids got to eat with Mrs. Votaw for lunch and got a shirt.

Karsyn and Hailey both got to choose their own pizza for lunch.



Senior Spotlight

By Julieauna Marson

Name
Dazia McCulley

favorite teacher:
Mr. Parson

Favorite subject:
Math

About me
Dazia came to Varnum her sophomore year. After high school McCulley plans on taking a year off and focusing on herself. Her favorite memory was becoming friends with Zoe.

Family/accomplishments
Mother: Mayan Coker
Father: Zac McCulley
Siblings: Leah McCulley and Arcenna Coker
Accomplishments: N/A

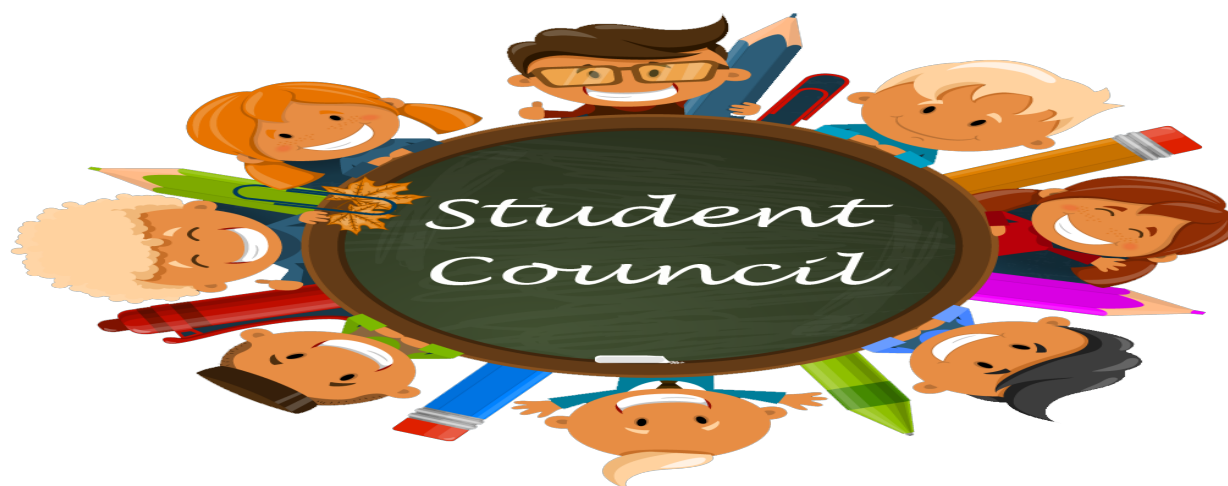
Congratulation class of 2024!



Student Council

By Maddie Schatz

This year's student council is said to be a very kind and responsible group of students. This year's electants are Madison Hinkle, Bella Larney, Micah Eversole, and Annakaren Prieto. Hinkle, who is a Senior, was interviewed first and she gave us some very interesting facts stating that she has been in student council her whole highschool career. Larney, who is a Freshman, was not interviewed due to being sick and absent. Eversole, who is a Junior, says he thinks he'll be good at it and ready to take on his position. Prieto, who is a Sophomore,



-expresses she feels good about her position because she likes being involved with the school.

Chancellor, head of the student council, also high school math teacher, claims he has high

-expectations of the students to get involved and make the school environment a better place.-Chancellor explains that

the students first meeting is this Monday, the 11th of September. He says they will be looking at

-fundraising options and community service projects.

Dear Whippet

Dear Whippet,

Thank you for writing to us, your question was, "What do I do if I'm having problems with the teacher?". I would advise that you talk directly to the teacher you are having trouble with and suggest a conversation to resolve the issue. If you do not want to talk face to face with that teacher, then I recommend typing out your thoughts and feelings into an email. You should try to resolve it one on one with that teacher and then if it continues you should set up a meeting your parent, you, that teacher, and an admin like Principal Hadley. If you don't know how to approach your teacher you could simply ask said teacher to speak in the hallway or after class. Then point out what she/he does to upset you very calmly. We appreciate your question and hope that our advice was helpful, please write again soon.

Dear Whippet,

Thank you for writing us, your question was "how to love yourself",

-before I continue I would like to add that every person, no matter background, race, gender, shape or size a person is a person and their feelings are valid in every way possible and you are having with bullying/ harassment I would suggest you talk to a trusted adult about it. If you feel like you are not worthy of loving yourself remember that everyone can be loved. I know hard it can be to love yourself, especially with the expectations of todays kids, just know that you are not alone, everyone has had some kind of self doubt that they can't love themselves. I would suggest getting to understand your emotions and why you feel this way. Ask yourself, "why don't I love myself." Really comprehend why you are feeling this way. A way to do this would be journaling. "Self love means paying attention to your feelings rather than dismissing or minimizing them," says Jalissa Shelby. (Wondermind.com)

Drama Club

By Hanna Smith.

This Thursday was supposed to be the first meeting of our schools brand new drama club, however due to a death in the family Ms. Smith had to cancel. The meeting will be rescheduled for next Thursday, September 14.

Drama Club is for students interested in the theatre arts such as acting, singing, dancing directing, costume design, set design and construction, screenwriting, prop design, and lighting design who are not available to take Ms. Smith's high school drama class. It is open to Varnum students in the seventh through twelfth grade as well as students from the 21st century program for third grade and up.

Members of the Drama Club are welcome to show off their talents at the Drama Class's end of year showcase but not required to participate. Each student will choose a dramatic piece to act out or design example to showcase to their particular artistic talent.

While the showcase is still several months away Ms. Smith is already ecstatic at the talent that will be demonstrated there and excited to see what the Drama Club will add to it. Families are encouraged to attend the showcase although it's date and time is still to be announced. Smith hopes to have a great turn out at the rescheduled first meeting of the Drama Club next Thursday September 14th

