



The Whippet Weekly



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Talking Heads by Faith Cornett & Mvhayv "Bai" Salceda

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TALKING HEADS
Freshmen
WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT WINTER?

<p>Nehemiah Harjo-Winter Nostalgia</p> 	<p>Zane Cornett-The Cold</p> 	<p>Madison Lewis-Christmas Break</p> 
<p>Nevaeh Hare-Shopping</p> 	<p>Skyler Yott-Christmas</p> 	<p>Daison Hadley-Snow</p> 

Affirmations by Madi Lewis

1-I am healing from my past.

2-I can always make progress in life.

3-Today I will be a ray of sunshine.

4-I can embrace change.

5-I am resilient.

6-Change can be good.

7-Sometimes I need change.

8-I am living without fear.

9-My body is strong.

10- My mind is calm.

Schedule by Mvhayv "Bai" Salceda

9 Monday 2024

- JH BB @ Vanoss @6
- School Board Meeting @7
- Elf Shelf opens!

- Little Whippet Cheer Practice (3:30-5:30)
- Sleeping Beauty Day, get your beauty sleep and wear pajamas to school.

10 Tuesday 2024

- Elementary Christmas Programs
- Fairytale Color Day! 7th- Pink, 8th- Orange, 9th- Green, 10th- Red, 11th- Purple, 12th- Yellow

11 Wednesday 2024

- You've got a friend in me day, twin with your friend!

12 Thursday 2024

- Homecoming @6
- HS BB vs. Bowlegs @6:30
- Little Whippet Cheer Practice (3:30-5:30)
- Homecoming pep assembly @2
- Wear your Homecoming shirt or any Varnum gear to share your school spirit!

13 Friday 2024

- Middle/ High School Semester Tests
- Varnum Alumni BB Game @6 in the New Gym

Fun Facts By Dalia Marquez

Fun Facts about Winter / December

The name for the season, winter, comes from an old Germanic word that means "time of water" referring to the rain and snow.

Earth is the closest to the sun in December.

December 26 is National Candy Cane Day.

The world's largest snowman was 113ft. December is National Pear Month.

December was originally the 10th month.

Basketball was invented to condition athletes during the cold months.

Your shadow is the tallest in winter. Winter is the shortest season.

Winter storms are often as powerful or more so than hurricanes.

Basketball by Raylee Blalock

History Minute By Izabelle Delarosa



LRC MATCHES THIS WEEK

<p>VARNUM VS NEW LIMA</p> <p>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD</p> <p>72-30</p> <p>VARNUM GIRLS VS MACOMB</p> <p>MONDAY, DEC 2ND</p> <p>53-34</p>	<p>VARNUM VS STROTHER</p> <p>THURSDAY, DEC 5TH</p> <p>64-50</p> <p>VARNUM GIRLS VS SASAKWA</p> <p>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH</p> <p>64-32</p>
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LRC CHAMPTIONSHIPS
SATURDAY
GIRLS: 7PM
BOYS: 8:30 PM

Archaeologists have found evidence that Mayan had chocolate as early as 500 BC. To make the chocolate drink, which was served cold, the Maya ground cocoa seeds into a paste and mixed it with water, cornmeal, chilli peppers and other ingredients. They then poured the drink back and forth from a cup to a pot until a thick foam developed. Chocolate was available to all social classes. A Mayan tomb from Rio Azul had vessels with the Mayaglyph for cacao on them with residue of chocolate drink.

Because sugar was yet to come to the Americas, chocolate was said to have an acquired taste. Chocolate was then a drink consisting of a chocolate base flavored with vanilla and other spices that was served cold. The drink tasted spicy and bitter unlike the sweetened modern hot chocolate. Within Mesoamerica many drinks were made from cacao beans, and further enhanced by flowers, like vanilla, to add flavors.

The Europeans' first recorded contact with chocolate wasn't until 1502 on Columbus's fourth voyage. The imperial court of Emperor Charles V soon adopted the drink, and chocolate became a fashionable drink popular with the Spanish upper class. Sweet-tasting hot chocolate was then invented, leading hot chocolate to become a luxury item among the Europeans by the 17th century. Even in 1657 when the first Chocolate House was made chocolate was still very expensive. At the time, hot chocolate was mixed with spices for flavor. In the late 17th century, Sir Hans Sloane, visited Jamaica, where he was introduced to cocoa. He found it 'nauseous' but mixed with milk made it more palatable. When Sloane returned to England, he brought the recipe with him, introducing milk chocolate to England. The aristocratic nature of the drink led to chocolate being referred to as "the drink of the gods" in 1797. The Spanish began to tinker with the recipes by using spices such as cinnamon, black pepper, anise, and sesame. Many of these things were used to try to recreate the flavor of the native flowers.

In 1828, Coenraad Johannes Van Houten developed the first cocoa powder producing machine in the Netherlands. The term chocolate then came to mean solid chocolate rather than hot chocolate.

A Day In The Life by Abigail "AJ" Jones

A day in the life of Maddie Schatz

This week we're gonna hear about a day in the life of Sophomore and fellow Whippet Weekly Journalist, Maddie Schatz. Schatz is an accomplished barrel racer and all round wonderful person. "I start my day with a cup of hot tea with a lemon in it. I normally read a little of a book or the Bible. Finally, I start to get ready for the day. I get dropped off at school, I take my little brother, Reese, to his p-3 classroom, and I head to my first hour which is Ms. Smith's. I get through school and I either start my shift here at Varnum's 21st Program or I teach at my own horse riding school, depending on what day of the week it is. Whenever I get off I normally clean my house a little while I wait for dinner. After dinner I start to get ready for bed and do a little homework. After I have finished everything then I finally go to sleep." Thank you so much for sitting down with us Maddie! Check out Maddie's beautiful Staff Bios and Senior Spotlight articles elsewhere in the paper.



E-Sports By Mike McMillan & Kursten Maxwell

This week our E-Sports team is playing on Wednesday and Thursday. I like that we are playing Super Smash Bros. I am hoping that we are going to win this week's games. The high school team plays Super Smash Bros. We won the games. I am thankful that we play games well. I think that we are going to win the next game. I think that the team is one of the best group of gamers I have ever seen. I appreciate that I get to play for the Varnum E-Sports Team. I like to help set up the game and take pictures. I know the middle school team is the second best team at Varnum. I am going to keep you informed of our game days and if we win.



Staff Bios by Maddie Schatz

For this week's Staff Bio's we interviewed Mrs. Macsas, our first grade teacher. She started here when her son was in Kindergarten and this will be her 6th year teaching at Varnum. Her favorite part about teaching first grade is watching them learn how to read. Mrs. Macsas looks forward to watching her students grow into learners at the end of the year compared to the beginning. Her advice to all of her students is to remember that hard work pays off and that we need to treat each other like family at Varnum.

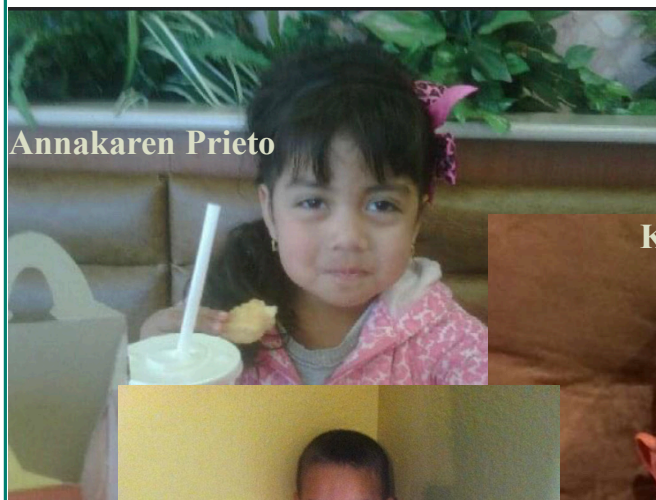
We hope that Mrs. Macsas has a great year teaching her smart first graders. Varnum is lucky to have her!



P.S. Don't forget to be kind and respectful to your staff!

Baby Picture Round Up by Madi Lewis

Did you guess who these Varnum Littles grew up to be?



Annakaren Prieto



Kaleb Fulghum



Kamell Stewart

Two Truths and A Lie by Nevaeh Hare

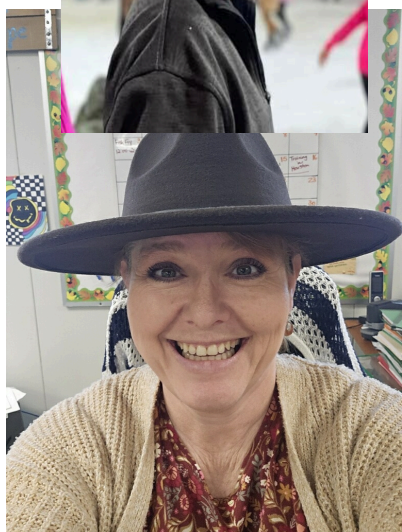
How well do you know these Whippets?
Did you guess the truth from the lies?

Coach Miller
I'm really good at ping pong.
Mr. Self wishes he could beat me at ping pong.

I'm better than Mr. Self at basketball.



Mrs. Lippy
I love spiders.
I have 10 dogs.
I grew up in the country.



Zane Cornett
I don't have an F.
I ran 8 miles this summer.
I'm going hunting today (Friday).



Senior Spotlight by Maddie Schatz

This week we interviewed Kylan Mack for our Senior Spotlight. We asked him a variety of questions about this year and the previous. Kylan explained to us his favorite part about highschool was getting to play basketball with his brother when his brother was a senior and getting to reach the 1000 points club. His favorite school sport is basketball. Kylan has plans of going to college somewhere and helping out his mom and his siblings after highschool.

The most impactful teacher on him is Mr. Chancellor, the highschool math teacher. Some advice that Kylan would like to give to younger students is to live your life to the fullest and to not try and rush yourself out of school because everything will go by super fast.

We are extremely proud of Kylan and the responsible and independent person he is. We also can't wait to see the goals you achieve outside of highschool, we know you will do great things!



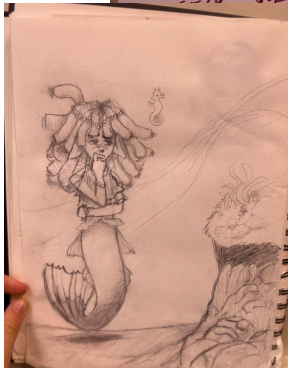
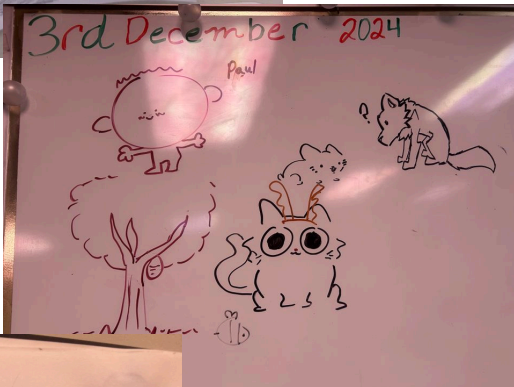
Visual Art by Nevaeh Hare & Abigail "AJ" Jones

Calliope's Corner by Senior Editor Calora Cain

Bunny by Oscary Montesino



Board Doodles by Various



Maid of the Mer by AJ Jones

Calliope's Corner

Snowflakes

Snowflakes spill from heaven's hand
Lovely and chaste like smooth white sand.

A veil of wonder laced in light
falling gently on a winter's night.
Gracefully beauty raining down
Giving magic to the lifeless ground.
Each snowflake like a falling star
Smiling beauty that's spun afar.
Til earth is dressed in a robe of white
Unspoken poem the hush of night.
-Linda A. Copp

This week's corner is all about...winter

"Kindness is like snow. It beautifies everything it covers."
-Kahlil Gibran

"I pray this winter be gentle and kind-
a season of rest from the wheel of the mind."
-John Geddes

Snow kisses

If you go out when it's snowing
And look up at the sky,
You'll feel lots of icy kisses
As the snowflakes flutter by

Blooper Reel

This is a place for the photos we love that don't quite fit anywhere else in the paper.



Varnum Vogue By Maddyson Marson-Compton

VARNUM VOGUE



FREE PEOPLE

Another version of bohemian style but in the 1970s and was very well know and to show that people could dress the way they wanted to.