

# Bulldog News

## VANSTORY HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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March 2019

*Alma Easom and VanStory Hills Parents,*

In an effort to move all middle schools in Cumberland County to the same bell schedule, there is a proposal being considered that will alter the bell schedules in the Terry Sanford and Pine Forest school districts. This change will allow all our middle schools to operate on the same schedule, therefore, eliminating the need for students to miss instruction to travel to participate in athletics. The change will also mean staggered start/end times for Alma Easom and VanStory Hills which will solve the challenge faced by parents who have children attending both schools. We believe this decision is in the best interest of students and will improve academic outcomes, as well as, solve some long-standing issues faced by parents at pick up. The proposed changes are as follows:

<u>Alma Easom</u>	<u>VanStory Hills</u>
Drop off – 8:00	Drop off – 8:15
Tardy Bell – 8:30	Tardy Bell – 8:45
Release – 3:10	Release – 3:25

District leadership and members of the Board of Education would like to hear any thoughts or concerns that may help inform their final decision in March. Please click on/or follow the link below to record your thoughts and concerns for our Central Office staff and our School Board members. Thank you.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BV8YJLV>

Respectfully,

*James A Mask, Jr. and Rebecca McAlister,*  
VanStory Hills Principal and Alma Easom  
Principal

## DR. SEUSS WEEK!

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss! Saturday, March 2 is National Read Across America Day! We will celebrate March 4-8 with special activities each day!

- Monday - Fox in Socks Day - Wear crazy or mismatched socks.
- Tuesday - Cat in the Hat Day - Wear a hat of any kind.
- Wednesday - Wacky Wednesday - Be as wacky as you want to be!
- Thursday - Guest Reader day - Please consider volunteering to read to a classroom here at VSHES!
- Friday - Book Character Dress Up Day - Dress up as your favorite character from ANY book - prizes awarded to the most creative in each grade level and overall!

Come out for a night of theater and support 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students as they present

## “The Mystery of US History”



Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

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Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

We look forward to seeing you there!

VanStory Performing Arts Team  
Brigitte Hardwick & Avery Cameron

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## OUR CUSTOM BOOK!

The very first book all about VanStory Hills Elementary School has been written by author/illustrator Bradd Parton! Mr. Parton recently visited our school to share his unique way of illustrating using only the 26 letters of the alphabet. A special thanks to the PTA for helping to fund this visit!

Our school book, "VanStory Hills: Where We Wag More, Bark Less!" is for sale for \$15 until March 8. This book includes illustrations of special people and places in our school and in our community! You don't want to miss this chance to own this one of a kind keepsake. All of our students and staff members names will be printed in the book and part of the purchase price will stay here at VanStory to purchase learning materials! You received an order form, but classroom teachers and office staff have extra forms if you need them. You also have the opportunity to purchase other books by Bradd Parton (we will earn money for ALL books sold).

Each student that sells one book will be entered into a drawing to receive a custom drawing of their choice by Bradd Parton. The student who sells the most books school wide will automatically receive a custom drawing of their choice by Bradd Parton as well as several autographed copies of his other books.

Thanks for your support!

*Alison Hurley*, Media Coordinator

## DIMES FOR DIPG

The PTA and Staff of VanStory Hills Elementary School would like to thank you for your support of our annual DIPG fundraiser. This year we raised \$1,000 for the Operation Grace White Foundation!

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you VanStory Families! We are truly overwhelmed with your support!

Our sincerest thanks,

*VanStory Hills Elementary PTA and Staff*

## BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

The VanStory Battle of the Books Team will compete Thursday, March 14. These fourth and fifth grade students have been working hard all year to prepare for this quiz bowl type competition based on 15 books. Please wish these fantastic students good luck!

Nora Conlin	Foster Hutchens
Katie Vaughn	Lora Bir
Claire Osborn	Savannah Toman
Kensley Lake	Caridee Orellana
Edison Dill	Sama Yousef
Elizabeth McBrayer	

Thank you,

*Alison Hurley*, Battle of the Books Coach

# Thank You

FROM **VANSTORY HILLS** ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
TO OUR BULLDOG **BUSINESS PARTNER** OF THE MONTH

## David B. Canaday

### Insurance Service Center

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This generous contribution will greatly benefit our children, teachers, & school.

## SPRING CARNIVAL

Join us Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> for an annual Spring Carnival, from 5:30-7pm! Games, food, face painting, and more! Don't miss it!

See you there!,

*Karen Horne*, Carnival Chair

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## GUIDANCE

"March Madness" will be held at VanStory during this month. PBIS will be handing out a "special" March Madness Buck that is orange like a basketball. This buck does not replace our original Bulldog Buck. This buck will be given to students who have behaved in some exceptional way. Students who earn the special buck will write his or her name on the buck and what they did to earn it. The bucks will be displayed in the front hallway. On Fridays during March, students will also be encouraged to wear a favorite team shirt or jersey.

Truck Day will be held on Friday, April 5, 2019. An assortment of trucks used in various occupations will be on display to expose students to a variety of career choices. The classes will rotate around the trucks on a schedule from 8:30 until noon.

Thank you

*Terry Darden*, School Counselor

## SCHOOL PLAY

Programs will be sold at the Community Shows for *The Mystery of US History*. This provides an opportunity for families and businesses to place an ad highlighting their organizations and/or send their performers a "Love Line."

If you or someone you know would like to support our show in this way, please send in a "Print Ready" advertisement, photograph and/or well wishes NO LATER THAN Thursday, March 14th, 2019! Please make checks payable to VanStory Hills PTA.

Program Ad Prices are as Follows:

Business Card Size/Love Line - \$25.00

¼ Page - \$50.00

½ Page - \$75.00

Full Page - \$100.00

Thank you,

*Claire Hedgecoe*

## WE NEED YOU!

Mark your calendar for the upcoming dates! May 14, 15, 16 & 17 we will be administering the EOG tests to our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. We really need your help with proctoring! It would be most helpful if you are able to serve for more than one testing session/day. Be on the lookout for a flyer regarding more detailed information that you will need to complete and return if you are able to be of assistance.

We are so grateful for our volunteer support!

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