

Trailblazer ● Times

October 1, 2021



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Way to go!

Mrs. Morgan's middle schoolers had a great time during their very first Disney Trivia event. We can't wait for our next trivia event.



Disney Trivia Winners!

1st Place: Laila

2nd Place: Luna

3rd Place: Ruth

4th Place: Michelle

5th Place: Jojo

Congratulations and
Thank you for playing!!



Way to go!



Fifth-grade teacher Mrs. Heidorn reached her goal last weekend of completing the Virginia Ten-Miler. This week, her students also reached an important goal by reaching 93% participation on the IXL Snapshot!

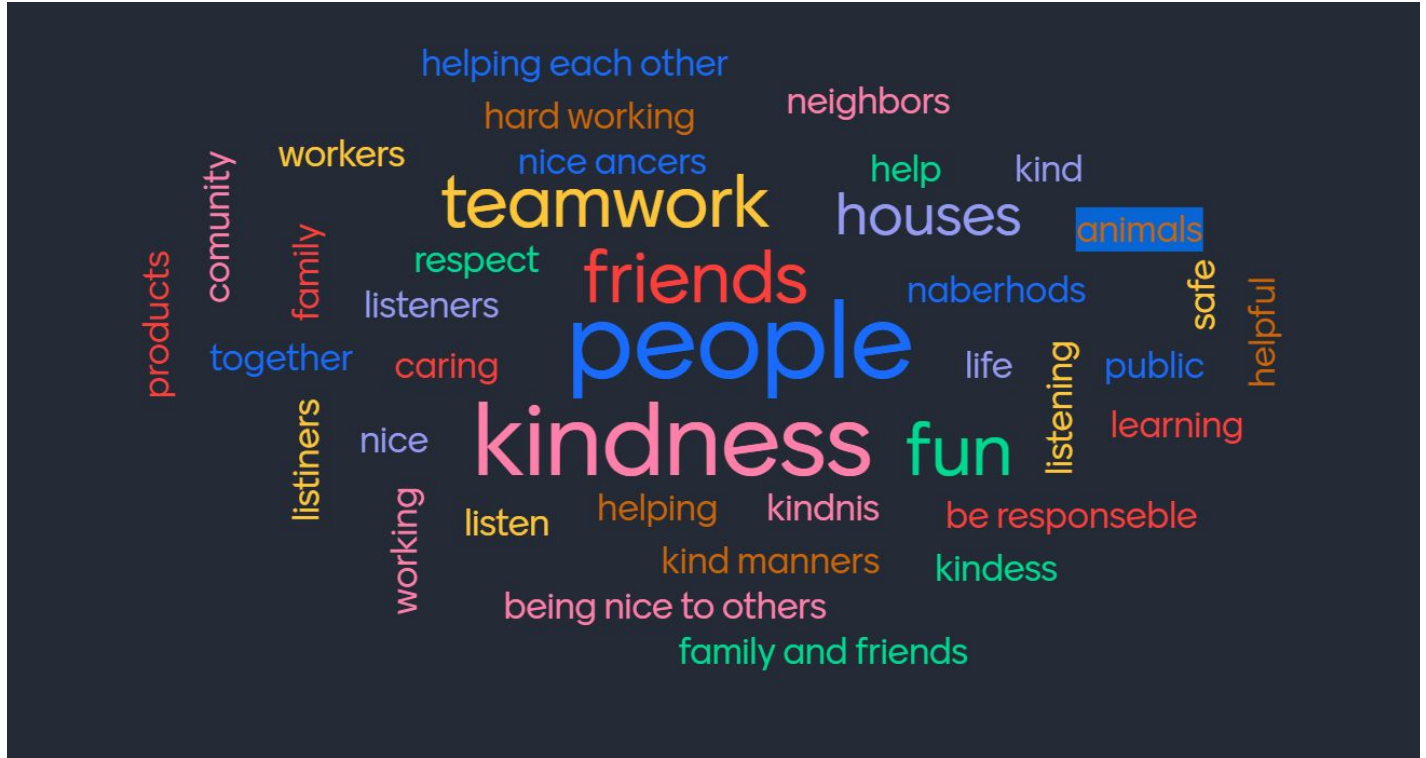


Way to go Virtual Academy 5th grade!



Way to go!

Ms. Crowder asked her fourth grade students to describe community with three words.



Help is on the way!

Attention Middle and High School students! We are now able to provide TUTORING for interested students this fall.

If you are interested, please reach out to Mrs. Edmondson at edmondsonkn@lcsedu.net





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FAFSA Night

**Need help completing
your Free Application for
Federal Student Aid?**

FAFSA
It's really not that hard!

The Lynchburg Beacon of Hope is hosting three virtual FAFSA Night events on Tuesdays in October. All events begin at 5:30 p.m. Register at the link below.

[CLICK HERE](#)

To complete a FAFSA, a student will need the following:

- 2020 household tax information
- 1 parent's date of birth, social security number, and phone or email access
- the student's date of birth, social security number, and phone or personal email access



Attendance for Virtual Virginia (grades 6-12 only)

If your student takes a course in Virtual Virginia, please be sure to review the updated attendance requirements that were sent to your parent email on record. Updates include:

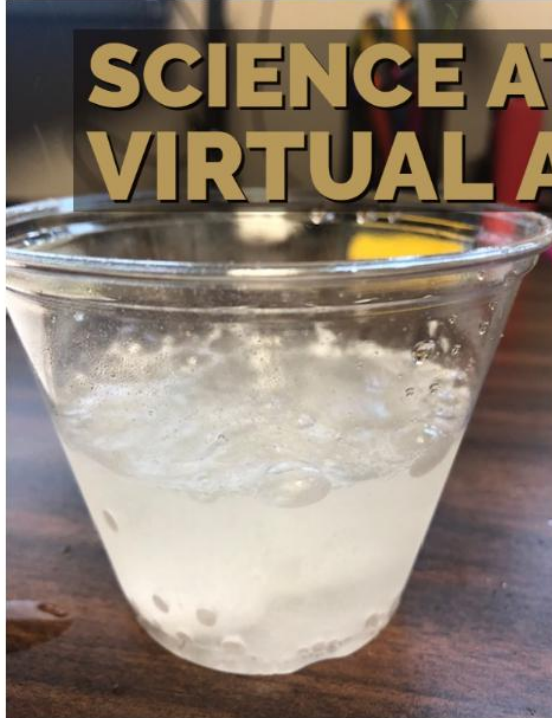
- Students are required to access their asynchronous content Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.
- Students are required to attend synchronous instruction settings or, if unable to attend the synchronous session, watch the session in the Course Video Library.
- If a student does not log into their Virtual Virginia account for four consecutive instructional days, they will receive a “no login or activity” warning message.
- After a second period of 4 consecutive instructional days of no activity, the student will be withdrawn from the course.

Please note: This is a Virtual Virginia update. Student attendance is still taken separately through the Virtual Academy processes that we have been using, including the daily check-in link for high school students and the daily attendance in homeroom for middle school students.

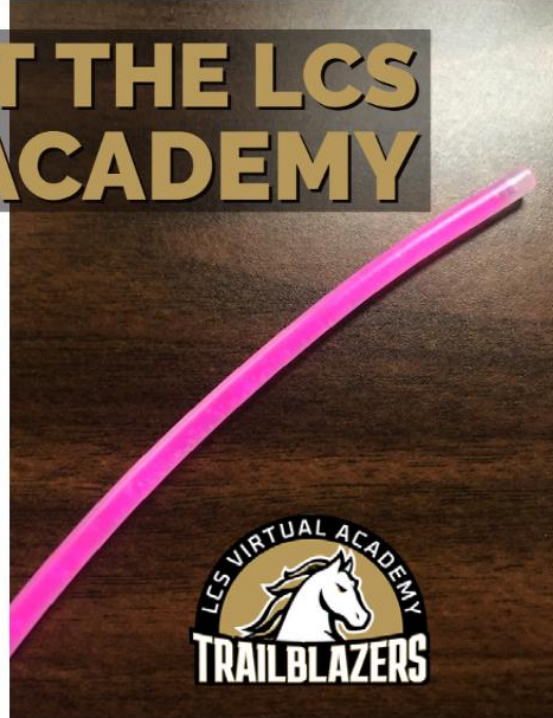


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Science at the Virtual Academy



**SCIENCE AT THE LCS
VIRTUAL ACADEMY**



In 7th Grade, our Physical Science students are learning about the difference in physical and chemical changes, so why not see a bunch of chemical reactions?! Vinegar and baking soda, Alka-seltzer, slime, glo-sticks -- chemical reactions are all around us! Science teacher Mrs. Delo put together kits for students so that they can do an experiment at home to compare to the in-class demonstration. Very soon, we'll be analyzing our results as a group.
#ScienceatLVA
#LVAonthemove



Virtual Academy In-Person Activity

One goal of the Virtual Academy this school year is to gather together by grade level at least one time per month.

- Students in grades K-2: Tuesday, October 26, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Students in grades 3-5: Wednesday, October 27, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Students in grades 6-8: Thursday, October 28, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Each grade level above will meet on the designated days **at 601 12th Street** to work on fun, engaging activities with their teachers and classmates.



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Community News

Randolph College Science + Art Saturdays



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Randolph College would like to invite any and all high school students to our campus on Saturdays throughout the fall starting October 2. The first Saturday of October, November, and December are Art Saturday events in our Maier Museum of Art, and the rest of the Saturdays through December 11 are Science Saturdays held in the Martin Science Building.

If you (a high school student) attend at least 4 Science Saturdays, you will get a certificate designating you a Randolph College Science Scholar; if you attend three Art Saturdays, you will get a certificate designating you a Randolph College Art Scholar.

For topics, descriptions, and registration.

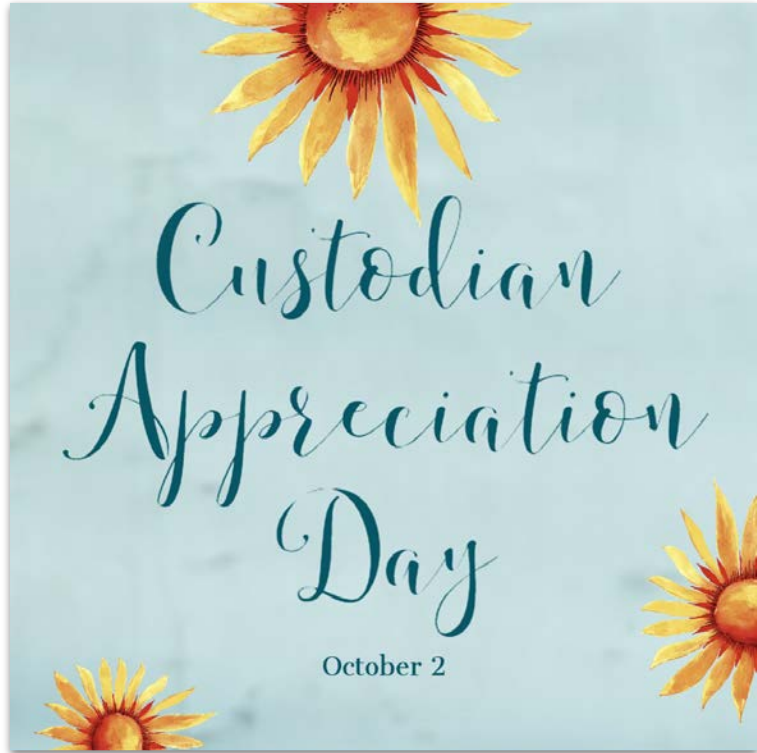
Space is limited, so pre-registration for these free events is required.

Questions? Please contact

sciencesaturdays@randolphcollege.edu.



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October 2nd is Custodian Appreciation Day, and here at the Virtual Academy, we are so fortunate to have some really special attention! While we do not yet have a full-time custodian, we have the wonderful support of the LCS field coordinator Shirley Rucker, who, from day one of our opening has exemplified what it means to go above and beyond! She has ensured we have had someone here each day, made many adjustments to accommodate our moving in, and ensured that we felt at home in our new building. Our Virtual Academy staff thanks you Ms. Rucker for helping us SHINE!



Among our substitute custodians, we have enjoyed the friendly and professional help from Ms. Bateman. We truly appreciate the effort that goes into keeping our building clean, safe, and healthy. Our custodial team is so important to our success. Thank you!



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Want to stump a Virtual Academy teacher?
Watch Episode 2 of Stump the Teacher.

[CLICK HERE](#)

If you missed episode 1, watch it on the [Virtual Academy YouTube channel!](#)



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No School October 8 & 11

October 8th is a Planning and Professional Development day--students do not need to log in to their LCS classes.

October 11th is a Break Day--students do not need to log in to their LCS classes.

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[Click here for the full LCS calendar](#)

If you are taking Virtual Virginia classes, you should follow the Virtual Virginia calendar.

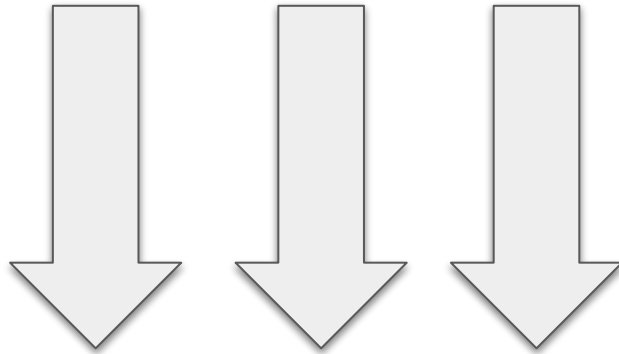
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●: Reminders



Attention ALL Middle School Families!

Starting October 12th, all middle school students will operate on an A/B schedule.

Classes will increase in length from 30 to 60 minutes. Students will still have homeroom from 8:15-8:30 each morning.

There will be no change to Fridays.

A message will be sent out next week with more details. Stay tuned!



Want to be on Trailblazer TV?

The Virtual Academy will be starting our own weekly news broadcast on Fridays, and we are looking for **student reporters**.

Please click on this link to sign up!

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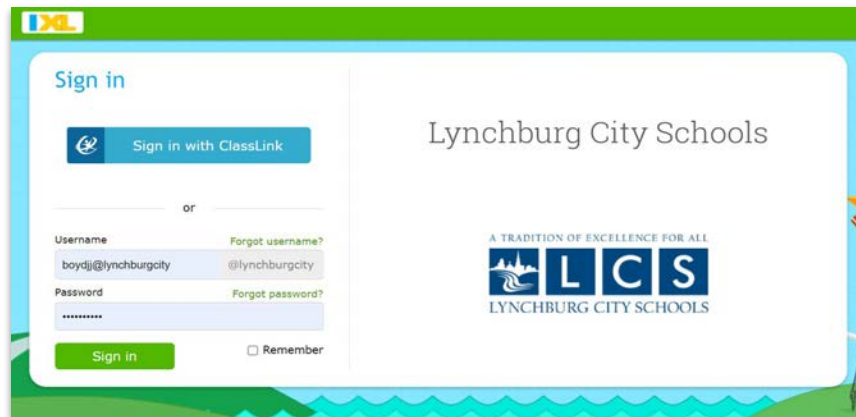


The Virtual Academy has set a goal to see if students can reach proficiency (score of 80) on 2 skills per week in Math and English.

Goal: Proficiency in 2 skills per week in Math and English!

We believe that all of our students will meet their IXL goals this school year!

Who's got skills?



[CLICK HERE](#)

Click here to access IXL

Students who meet their goals will be eligible for rewards! Start working today!



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Trailblazer Talks



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Who: All Virtual Academy
Parents & Guardians

What: Trailblazer Talks

When: 4th Friday of every month.

Our next meeting will be on
*Friday, October 22nd from
9:00-10:00 AM.*

Where: Due to COVID-19
protocols, meetings will need to
be virtual until further notice.

Why: An opportunity for parents
to meet with our principal, Mr.
Boyd, and discuss how the
school year is going.



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MIDDLE SCHOOL TEXTBOOK AND NOVEL PICKUP

**6th grade
Advanced English:**
Wonder

7th grade History:
Our America

7th grade English:
Wrinkle in Time

**7th grade
Advanced English:**
The Giver

6th grade English:
Hatchet

All 8th grade:
Green Glass
House

All middle school:
Intro Literature
Big Ideas Math

If you do not already have these books, you can pick these up at our office at 701 Thomas Road, Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Call us at 515-5550 if you have any questions!



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HIGH SCHOOL TEXTBOOK & NOVEL PICKUP

9th-grade English:

The Great Gatsby
Brown Girl Dreaming
American Born Chinese
Eats, Shoots, and
Leaves

10th-grade English:

Lord of the Flies
Fahrenheit 451
Julius Caesar
Antigone

11th-grade English:

A Good Man is Hard
to Find
Of Mice and Men
A Raisin in the Sun

12th-grade English:

Hamlet
Frankenstein
Beowulf

AP English Literature and Composition:

Hamlet by William
Shakespeare
Beowulf

AP US Government
AP US History
AP World History
Geometry
Trigonometry

Also, you can access
the following online:

[A Worn Path](#)
[The Jilting of Granny](#)
[Weatherall](#)
[Soldiers Home](#)

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Thank you for viewing this week's



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