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From the Head of School

WORLD FAMOUS PHILOSOPHER and fictional teddy bear Winnie the Pooh once said, “We didn’t realize we were making memories, we just knew we were having fun.” The same could certainly be said for the 2023–24 school year.

Early in the year, our girls’ volleyball program found themselves celebrating at mid-court when they won the VISAA Division IV State Championship. Led by a fantastic coaching staff and two outstanding senior captains, our young ladies always found a way to encourage one another to do their best and to have a blast while doing so! It truly was a special day when we not only watched them win the State Championship in five sets, but also later be sized for rings and to receive them during a special convocation ceremony with our entire student body in attendance. Way to go, Falcons!

The winter months found our school celebrating two of the many amazing teachers that make up our outstanding faculty and staff during Fuqua Day at a Longwood Basketball game. Suzi Davis and Valerie Thomas were asked to step onto the court to receive a special recognition via the Veterans of Foreign Wars for their excellent work in the classroom. It was so heartwarming to see an entire audience rise to their feet to cheer on these two ladies who give so much of themselves to our students and to our entire school community! Bravo, ladies!

The spring would then see the first ever graduating class of the Bridge Builders Community Scholars Program recognized for their outstanding work in partnership with our community collaborators, Prince Edward County Public Schools, the Robert R. Moton Museum, and Longwood University. In presenting each of the students with college scholarships, Mr. Cainan Townsend, Executive Director of the Moton Museum, congratulated each of these incredible young men and women for their dedication to the program and wished them nothing but the best as they help shape the world of tomorrow. Great job, Bridge Builders!

Lastly, the stage was set for the final and most important celebration of the year, graduation. The class of 2024 was offered an incredible \$4.1 million in scholarships collectively from various colleges and universities and were accepted at 49 different institutions of higher learning. With the Bell Tower in



the background, our seniors walked across the stage ready to begin making a difference in the world as leaders and learners, teachers and teammates, citizens and CEO’s; equipped with the tools needed to overcome any obstacle and contribute in big and small ways.

With championship rings on their fingers, smiles on their faces, scholarships earned, and diplomas in hand, our students, staff, faculty, and families made this year one to be remembered for all time!

Go Red! Go Black! Go Falcons!
Paul “Chance” Reynolds, M.P.A., Ed.S.
Head of School

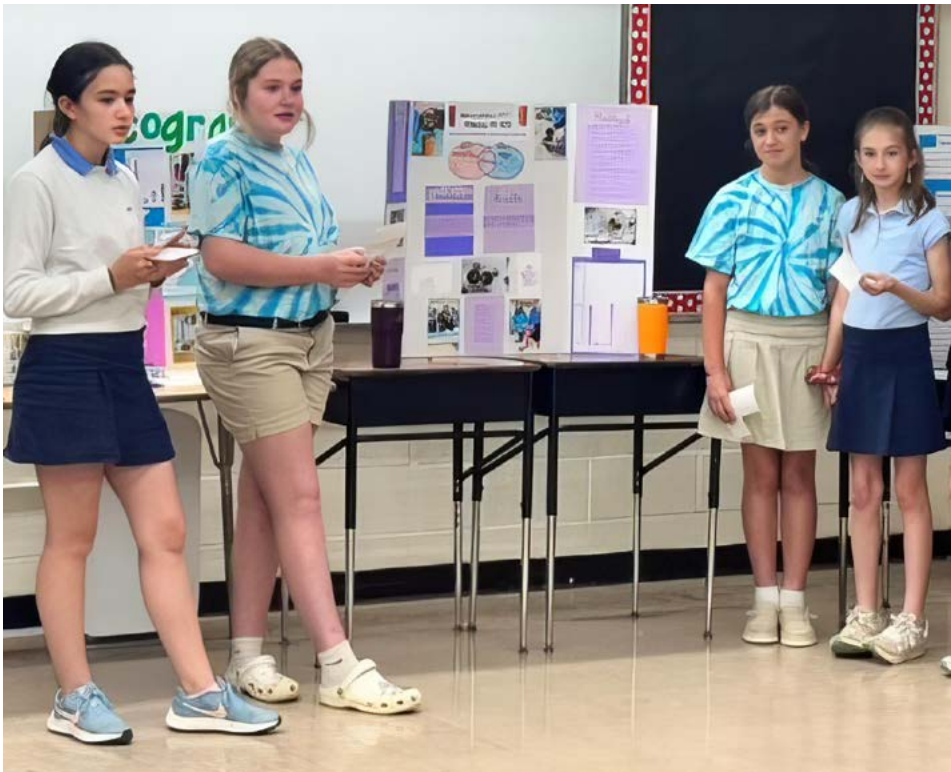




Lower School Science Fair

Science Fair—5th and 6th Grade

THIS YEAR THE SCIENCE FAIR ran simultaneously with the STEAM Night event. Students in 5th and 6th grades teamed up using the Scientific Method to create experiments in topics they were excited about. Some topics that were covered included Yeti versus Stanley, electromagnets, testing varied softball bat producers and effectiveness, orbeez experiments, and how far different sports balls would travel with varied air elements. The students created their own project presentations, presenting to guests and staff members.





Lower School Science Fair





Lower School Food Truck Expo

STUDENTS IN GRADES 2–6 learned about Food Trucks in STEAM class. They created their own business plan that included name, logo, slogan, theme, menu and then designed a truck out of recyclable materials. They used graphic design to create menus and then voted in each grade for their favorite Food Truck in a variety of categories. Local vendors from around Farmville were then invited to our Food Truck Expo to look at each student's truck, give tours of their own Food Trucks and offer students insight on how to run a Food Truck business. The students were allowed to sample some of their food, take tours inside, and talk with the owners.





Lower School Food Truck Expo



Lower School Spanish Project



IN GUATEMALA, there are Easter festivals in which people make beautiful Alfombras (carpets) out of colored sawdust in the streets. The Spanish classes in the Lower School learned about this tradition and worked collaboratively on an Alfombra of their own. Students marked out the design, dyed the rice, and spread it out to create their masterpiece. Students loved coming back at the end of the week to see how it all came together.



Lower School Read Bowl



Malcolm Mitchell's Read Bowl

THE THIRD GRADE CLASS READ 21,378 minutes in total from January–February, participating in Malcom Mitchell's Read Bowl. Malcolm Mitchell, a former NFL Football player, promotes literacy through his annual Read Bowl global

competition. The time frame coincides with the National College Football Championship and culminates on Super Bowl Sunday. The third graders participated in the Big Three conference each week and submitted their total minutes to compete with other third grade classes worldwide.

Fuqua Band

Annual Spring Concert and Band Awards

ON FRIDAY, MAY 10, THE FUQUA SCHOOL BANDS presented their final concert of the year, the annual Spring Concert and Awards Program. This event featured performances by the 6th Grade Beginning Band, the combined 7/8 Intermediate Band, the Concert Band, and the Jazz Band. The 6th Grade Beginning Band and the 7/8 Intermediate Band performed their three competition pieces.

During the program, many students were recognized for their individual talents, skills, and leadership within the band department.

6th Grade:

Outstanding Section – Trumpets (Virginia McWilliams, Jenna Gray, Serena Lentini, and Rylee Elliott under the direction of section leader Charlotte Frank)

Best New Artist – Riley Tuck

Most Improved Player – Serena Lentini

Unsung Hero – Ryland Scott

Most Valuable Player – Sophie Jamerson

Intermediate Band:

Outstanding Section – Trumpets (Kyle Redford, Charlie Allen, Karson McCoy, Clay Austin, and Thomas Atkins under the direction of section leader Wyatt Tucker)

Best New Artist – Jeffrey Irving

Most Improved Player – Thomas Atkins

Unsung Hero – Megan Allen

Most Valuable Player – Allen Blackman

Concert Band:

Outstanding Section – Saxophones (Kaleb Knott, LottieMae Hazelgrove, Hunter Hodges, Elizabeth Ledger, Colton Reynolds, Emma Grant)

Best New Artist – Nathan Davis

Most Improved Player – Jackson Hicks

Unsung Hero – Taylor Elmore

Outstanding Leadership Award – Emma Grant

Most Valuable Player – Rudee Atkinson

Honorable Mentions:

Ainsley Harris – Tom-tom performance in Into the Storm

Silas Bego – Snare Drum performance in Blue Ridge Saga

Olivia Fortune – Trumpet Performance in Brighton Beach and Solo in Blue Ridge Saga

Flute Section; Aviva Bloom, Mary Phaup, Rebekah Call, and Taylor Elmore under section leader Marina Morris – for their performance in Blue Ridge Saga and Into the Storm.

Low Reeds Section; Blair Pembelton, Elizabeth Ledger, Colton Reynolds, and Emma Grant – For their performance throughout the entire program and Blair's solo in Into the Storm.

VBODA District III Honor Band: Olivia Fortune, Teagan McKinney, and Maddy Morris.



Fuqua Students Shine in VBODA District III Honor Bands Auditions

FUQUA SCHOOL'S BAND had several of its talented students recently audition for a spot in the VBODA District III Honor Bands, and their hard work has paid off. Olivia Fortune secured a position as a trumpet player in the Concert Band, and Colin Jamerson earned a chair as a clarinetist in the Middle School Band. Special recognition also goes to Mary Regan Phaup, who was selected as a flute alternate, and Blair Pembelton, who was chosen as a bass clarinet alternate, both for the Middle School Band.

To earn these placements, the students had to complete a rigorous audition process. Each audition involved a solo performance before a blind judges' panel. The process required the students to play two major scales called at random, a chromatic scale from memory, a prepared etude, and a sight-reading performance of an unseen etude.

"This is a huge undertaking and a big win for these students," remarked Tyler Gage, Fuqua School's band director. Their achievements reflect their dedication, skill, and perseverance, making the school community exceptionally proud.



Fuqua Band

Music Department's Successful Dinner Concert

ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH, the Intermediate and Concert Bands delivered an unforgettable evening in Gilmer Gym, featuring a delightful dinner followed by captivating musical performances. The Intermediate Band enthralled the audience with three beautifully executed pieces, while the Concert Band showcased an impressive repertoire of six selections. The evening's program was further enriched by the musical talents of Cole Milne and Allen Blackman, who graced the stage as piano soloists.

This event marked the Music Department's largest fundraiser of the year, successfully raising over \$12,000 to support transportation costs for upcoming spring competitions.

The evening also served as a showcase for the exceptional talents of our student soloists, who delivered standout performances:

Rudee Atkinson, Clarinet (Concert Band)
Allen Blackman, Flute (Intermediate Band)
Aviva Bloom, Flute (Concert Band)
Collins Easter, Trombone (Intermediate Band)
Olivia Fortune, Trumpet (Concert Band)
Kaleb Knott, Alto Saxophone (Concert Band)
Maddy Morris, Clarinet (Intermediate Band)
Corbin Tinsley, Timpani (Concert Band)

The concert was not only a testament to the students' dedication and talent but also a significant contributor to the continued success of our Music Department.

A Continued Tradition of Excellence

IN MID-APRIL, Fuqua School's Concert Band traveled to Gatlinburg, Tennessee, to compete in a highly anticipated event. The ensemble earned an Excellent rating, the second-highest recognition achievable, which placed them 4th out of 5 ensembles in the Concert Band A class. The competition was fierce, with only the first-place ensemble receiving a Superior rating. Ensembles ranked 2nd through 4th all earned an Excellent, while the 5th ensemble received a Good rating.

Reflecting on the event, Band Director Mr. Tyler Gage remarked, "Throughout the year, our young ensemble has shown remarkable growth. We received several compliments, including praise for our strong rhythmic understanding, excellent music selection, well-executed dynamics, precise articulations, and engaging tempo and dynamic contrast."

Later in April, the combined middle school ensembles took part in the Music in the Parks competition held in Williamsburg, Virginia. The talented group secured an Excellent rating and proudly placed first in their class. After their outstanding performance, the students celebrated their success with a well-deserved day of fun at Busch Gardens.

Both competitions reflect the dedication and hard work of Fuqua School's music students and their commitment to excellence in the arts.



Upper School Marketing and Entrepreneurship



IN THE FALL OF 2023, a new course entitled Marketing and Entrepreneurship made its debut at Fuqua School. Faculty member Farrah Schmidt led a group of upperclassmen as they explored the risks and rewards of an entrepreneurial mindset and learned the key elements required for successful marketing. Mrs. Schmidt, who also teaches Communications, challenged her students to imagine their own stories as future business owners and community leaders, contemplating the decisions they would make.

During the course, local businessman Dave Furlong, father of Sawyer Furlong, Class of '24, took it upon himself to serve as a mentor, generously contributing his time and expertise each week to lead the students in a book study and to share with them his advice about developing financial literacy and business acumen. Schmidt and her students were excited about

the collaboration and interaction with Furlong, and Mrs. Schmidt is incorporating the same text, *Poor Dad, Rich Dad* in her curriculum for 2024–25.

Students in grades 7 and 9 enjoyed new course offerings in Technology taught by IT Director Michael Davis. In the 7th grade, students completed a rotation of Technology, Spanish, and STEAM electives. Mr. Davis, an alum from the Fuqua class of 2018, wanted to reach all these students as they began their time at the upper school to acquaint them with a better understanding of computer

basics, and an overview of internet safety and digital tools. For his 9th grade class, Mr. Davis delved deeper into how computers function, safe online practices, basic binary language, and an introduction to Python. Students also took a trip to neighboring Hampden-Sydney College to view the new science building and planetarium and created slides for Commencement.

Upper School Bridge Builders



OUR SPRING 2024 AWARDS DAY served as a capstone moment for members of the inaugural cohort of the Bridge Builders Community Scholars program. The ongoing collaboration between Fuqua School, Prince Edward Public Schools, and the Moton Civil Rights Museum requires a two-year commitment to study and service with a goal of creating a better tomorrow for our schools and community. These select students, under the guidance of history faculty member Jennings Custis and instructors at the museum, joined with students from Prince Edward High as they held classes at Moton, took field trips, and heard from guest speakers before completing community service and legacy projects.

Some of the highlights included opportunities to join Virginia's Governor and Attorney General for the unveiling of the "The Barbara Johns Legacy" as well as the chance to interact with former student activists such as Joan Johns Cobb whose case went on to become part of the famous *Brown v. Board* decision. On Awards Day May 16th, Cainan Townsend, Executive Director of the Moton Civil Rights Museum, came to the stage in Gilmer Gym to present each member of the initial cohort with a \$1000 college scholarship. The 2024–25 school year will usher in cohort three of this successful collaboration.

Upper School Senior Slide-In



THE CLASS OF 2024 made a splash as they slid into Senior Year on a 75-foot slip and slide! A new tradition was born as students had some good, clean fun and class bonding time making multiple runs down the hill adjacent to the football field. Sporting their class t-shirts, the group made an initial trip down the slide together and then spent a good half hour sliding, splashing, and laughing until everyone was tired and soaked. Senior students had suggested the new idea to replace the previous tradition of jumping into the pool at the start of senior year. Based on the gleeful expressions of the seniors and the onlookers, their idea was a hit!



Scholarships

W.C. Sprouse Scholarship

FUQUA SCHOOL IS THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE Lyric Eubanks as the first recipient of the prestigious W.C. Sprouse Scholarship for the 2024–2025 academic year. This newly established scholarship, created in memory of William Carrington Sprouse, aims to honor his legacy by supporting incoming students who demonstrate leadership, sportsmanship, and a deep commitment to school spirit.

Lyric Eubanks, an incoming freshman, was selected for her outstanding achievements both on and off the field. In her essay, Lyric shared her experiences as a dedicated soccer player and a member of her middle school’s student council. She highlighted how these roles helped her develop strong leadership skills and a sense of responsibility towards her community. Her passion for sports and commitment to teamwork truly embody the values that W.C. Sprouse championed.

Lyric’s plans for her time at Fuqua School include continuing her participation in soccer and exploring opportunities to join other sports teams. She also expressed a desire to take on leadership roles in student organizations, further enriching the Fuqua School community with her enthusiasm and dedication.

The W.C. Sprouse Scholarship will provide Lyric with \$500 annually, a renewable award as long as she maintains her strong academic performance, continues to participate in sports, and upholds the values that W.C. Sprouse exemplified throughout his life.



The Fuqua School community congratulates Lyric Eubanks on this well-deserved honor and looks forward to seeing her grow and contribute to the school’s legacy.

For more information about the W.C. Sprouse Scholarship, please visit www.fuquaschool.org/financialassistance or contact the school’s admissions office at (434) 392-4131 or admissions@fuquaschool.org.

Future Success:

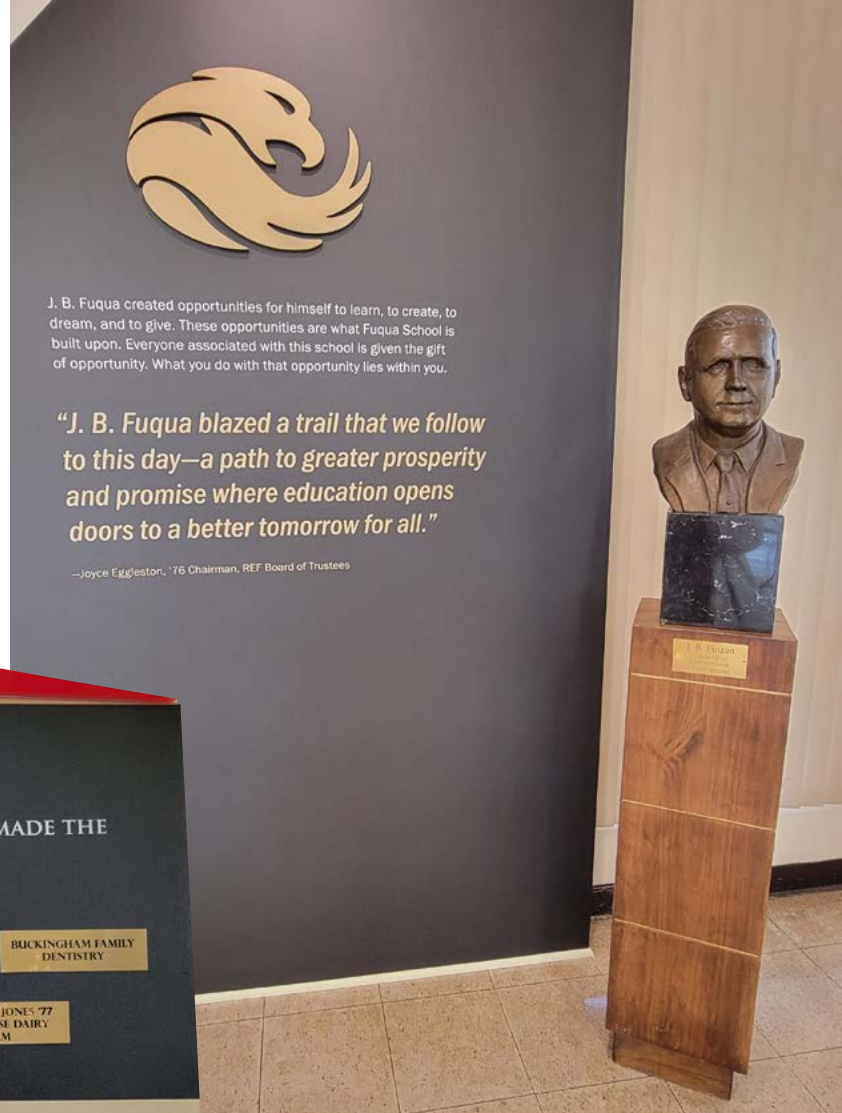
Alumna Supports Fuqua School’s Efforts with Multi-Year Matching Gift

IN 2020, THE JESSIE BALL DUPONT FOUNDATION, in partnership with Fuqua School, established the Scholarship for Future Success to provide financial assistance to African American students from Prince Edward County who wish to pursue a Fuqua School education. Since its inception, 23 individual students have benefitted from the scholarship to date, receiving an average of \$1,500 in aid each year. Additionally, \$48,500 in outside donations have been received to support and increase the scholarship amounts.

To further the reach of the scholarship and potentially help even more students, an alumna from the Class of 1970 has committed to donating \$10,000 annually for the next five years to Fuqua School’s Scholarship for Future Success. The \$50,000 contribution will be used as a dollar-for-dollar matching gift to encourage other alumni and families to match their generosity and contribute to the Scholarship for Future Success.

“This very generous gift, along with the support from the Jessie Ball duPont Foundation, is a significant step towards increasing the diversity of our student body,” said Chance Reynolds, Head of School at Fuqua School. “The Scholarship for Future Success represents a critical milestone in Fuqua School’s ongoing commitment to fostering an environment of inclusion and diversity. With the combined efforts of our community, we are confident that this scholarship will open doors for many deserving students and help them achieve their academic goals.”

For more information about the Scholarship for Future Success or to make a donation, please contact Fuqua School or visit our website at www.fuquaschool.org/financialassistance.



Donor Event

AS A SPECIAL THANK YOU to our Gee-Price Activity Center renovation donors, to dedicate the J.B. Fuqua Tribute Wall, and to recognize our 2022–2023 Bell Tower Society Members, Fuqua School held a donor event on Thursday, November 2 in the Gee-Price Activity Center. We express gratitude to our generous donors who made the renovations of Gee-Price possible, and to the many donors who contributed gifts of \$1,000 or greater to Fuqua School's Falcon Fund.



Kindergarten Graduation



THIS PAST YEAR, Fuqua School brought back the tradition of Kindergarten Graduation. Our Kindergarten students took graduation pictures in the Spring and were able to walk across the big stage at the Belltower in May. This experience brought so much joy and light as staff reflected on their accomplishments. Kindergarten is a formative year in instruction and we were excited to congratulate them on their hard work and growth. Their parents joined us in a reception following graduation at the Ruritan Shelter, where our Busy Bees celebrated with a Bee cake and a dance party!



Special Events



Five Grand Falcon

THE 2023 FIVE GRAND FALCON “Boots and Bling” fundraiser included live music by The Nashville Nights Band, silent auction, and a chance to win \$5,000. Everyone enjoyed a night of dancing, delicious food, and great company, all to benefit Fuqua School. Congratulations to the reverse draw raffle winners Clarke Gough and Rhodes Martin! Thank you to our event sponsors Joyce Eggleston, Gantt Insurance, Pembelton Forest Products, Tucker

Timber Products, Crewe Tractor, Taylor-Forbes Equipment Company, Hunter and Llewellyn Watson, The Aldrich Family, Easter Design, Davis GMC Truck, and Difficult Creek Lumber and the countless staff members and volunteers who made the 2023 event such a tremendous success. Thank you to everyone who donated items for our silent auction and to the ticket buyers for supporting Fuqua School. We greatly appreciate your generosity!

Furniture Auction

FAMILY, FRIENDS, and community members gathered to raise approximately \$60,000 at Fuqua’s 2024 Furniture Auction held in March. This year’s event was made possible by the generosity of Green Front Furniture. The entire Fuqua School community extends a sincere thank you to Den and Dickie Cralle, as well as numerous Green Front Furniture employees, for making this event possible.

Rotary Teachers of the Year

THE ROTARY CLUB OF FARMVILLE awarded Dawn Tuck (left) the Teacher of the Year award for our Lower School (PK–6). Dawn Tuck started with Fuqua in the 23–24 school year. She came with numerous educational experiences in private and public schools. Dawn has contributed greatly to our school community with monthly service projects, Summer Reading Intensive programs, fantastic instructional skills, and engaging and exciting classroom projects. Her peers greatly respect her teaching ability and sound practices, often consulting her for ideas on various instructional strategies. We are so lucky to have her as a part of our Fuqua Family.



The Farmville Rotary Club recognized English Teacher Juanita Giles (right) as the Upper School Teacher of the Year for 2023–24. Mrs. Giles' commitment to making her classes engaging and bringing literature to life is something that earns her high praise from students, parents, and faculty alike. In her 8th and 10th



grade classes, Mrs. Giles combined both innovative and traditional methods of instruction, having students look up words of the day, hosting funerals for characters, teaching Cornell note-taking methods,

and taking students to the American Shakespeare Center, the Holocaust Museum, and the Virginia Children's Book Festival. Her passion for and expertise in the field of literature are truly remarkable!

Rotary
Club of Farmville



Safety Improvements



Enhancing Fuqua School Safety: New Measures for a Secure Environment

IN OUR CONTINUOUS COMMITMENT to ensuring the safety and well-being of our students, staff, and visitors, this year has seen significant improvements in our campus security. With the addition of a dedicated School Safety Officer, the implementation of advanced communication tools, and enhanced security infrastructure, we are taking proactive steps to create a safer learning environment.

Addition of a School Safety Officer

One of the most significant advancements this year is the appointment of a part-time School Safety Officer. This role is integral to maintaining a secure environment on campus. The officer is responsible for monitoring daily activities, managing emergencies, and serving as a vital link between the school and local law enforcement. Their presence has already made a noticeable difference, with quicker responses to potential issues and a reassuring sense of security for students and staff alike.

Enhanced Communication Tools

In today's digital age, effective communication is essential for safety. To this end, we have introduced a cutting-edge tool: PikMyKid. PikMyKid is a comprehensive dismissal management tool that ensures students are safely and efficiently picked up by authorized guardians, reducing confusion and enhancing safety during peak times. PikMyKid also has a silent alert system that can report emergency information to school admins, faculty, staff and first responders (when needed) using the app on your

phone. It also can be used to inform families of emergency situations with updates and reunification plans.

Upgraded Campus Security Infrastructure

Recognizing the need for a robust security infrastructure, we have also installed additional strobe lights and horns across the campus. These features serve as vital alert systems in case of emergencies, ensuring that everyone on campus is quickly informed of any potential dangers. The lights and horns are strategically placed to maximize their effectiveness, covering all key areas of the school.

Moreover, we have significantly increased our camera coverage, with new cameras installed in previously uncovered areas. This expanded surveillance network enhances our ability to monitor the campus, deter unwanted behavior, and quickly address any incidents. The high-definition cameras provide clear visuals, allowing for better identification and response in case of any security breaches.

The safety and security of our school community is our top priority. These new measures—the addition of a School Safety Officer, enhanced communication tools, and upgraded security infrastructure—represent our commitment to providing a safe and secure environment where students can learn and grow. We will continue to evaluate and improve our safety protocols to ensure that our school remains a place where everyone feels protected and supported.

John Ellington



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Annual Giving Campaign

'24 - '25 FALCON FUND GOAL

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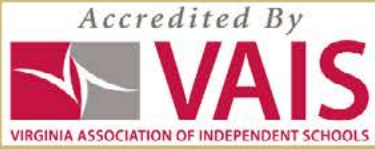
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Native American Visit



ON NOVEMBER 27th at 1:00 pm our 1st through 12th grade students were able to participate in a Native American Assembly featuring the Cheroenhaka (Nottoway) Indian Tribe. Chief Walt "Red Hawk" Brown discussed Native American history specific to Virginia. His interactive presentation had students learning the native language, looking at Virginia tribal territories and reviewing events that shaped his tribe's history. At the end, students were given the opportunity to view artifacts that were over 13,000 years old.

Graduation

Fuqua School Celebrates Class of 2024 Graduation

ON MAY 24, 2024, Fuqua School honored the Class of 2024 with a memorable commencement ceremony. The event recognized the hard work, dedication, and achievements of its graduates.

Top Honors

Valedictorian **Avary Faith Collins** of Vernon Hill led the class, graduating *summa cum laude* and as a member of the Cum Laude Society, recognizing the top 20% of the senior class. Avary was active in leadership roles, including Vice President of the Student Council and Junior Class Vice President, while excelling in sports and community service. She will attend Clemson University to study Psychology.

Jackson West Whaley of Dillwyn earned the title of salutatorian, also graduating *summa cum laude*. Jackson participated in multiple school clubs, served as senior class treasurer, and played on the Falcons' baseball and basketball teams. He plans to pursue a Communications degree at Clemson University.

Giftorian **Matthew "Carter" McCarty Jr.**, son of a Fuqua alumna, graduated



summa cum laude and received the Friends of Fuqua Award for his service to the school. Carter has been active in various clubs and will continue his studies at Washington and Lee University, majoring in language.

Head of School's Message

The Head of School encouraged graduates to become "difference makers," urging them to pursue their passions, give back to their communities, and remember that small actions add up to great accomplishments.

Commencement Speaker

Alumnus **Richard P. Epperson, II**, Class of 1975, delivered the commencement address. Epperson, a former Fuqua Headmaster and community leader, shared insights from his distinguished career in education and reminded students that success is

measured not just by personal achievement but by the positive impact they have on others.

With heartfelt congratulations and inspiring messages, Fuqua School celebrated the future successes of the Class of 2024.





FUQUA SCHOOL

Fuqua Family Members,

I have some very exciting news to share with you!

During the next year, you will begin to see the construction of a new Upper School on the campus of Fuqua School. This landmark of learning will feature state-of-the-art classrooms for grades 7–12, enhanced safety features, administrative offices, and community spaces. This building project is not just a response to our current needs but a pivotal step in our broader vision for the future of Fuqua. The construction of a new facility is a significant milestone, and it is part of a larger, ongoing effort to plan thoughtfully for the future of our school. We are committed to engaging with our entire community—students, parents, faculty, and alumni—as we continue to assess and refine our strategic priorities. This building is a crucial component of our broader mission to prepare our students not only for academic success but also for lives of purpose, character, and impact!

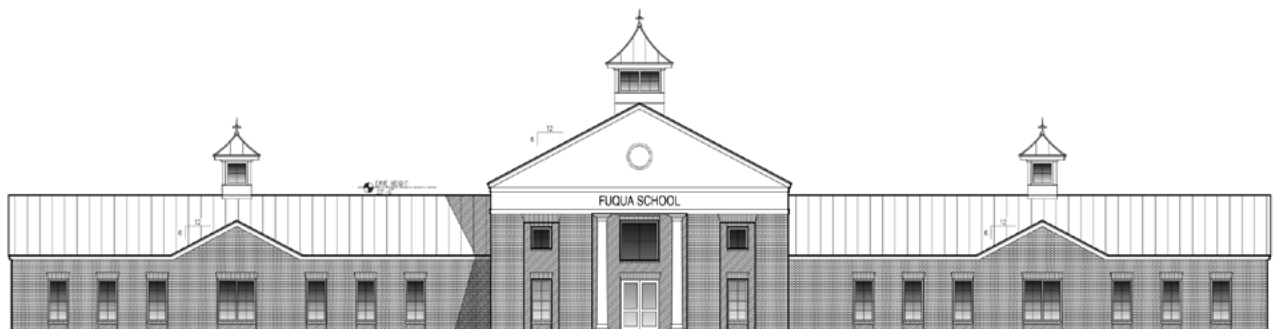
To date, our team has raised close to \$2.5 million in private donations and pledges to make this dream a reality and plans to raise an additional \$3.5 million over the next three years as part of our Building Together, Soaring Beyond Capital Campaign. Of course, this would not be possible without your full support, so please join us! There has never been a better time for you to show your support for our school. We want every member of our extended Fuqua Family to be a part of this effort to provide the most enriching, supportive, and inspiring educational environment possible for our students!

Occasionally in life, we are presented with the opportunity to do great things. The opportunity to change lives and lift others up. The opportunity to make a real impact and leave a legacy for generations to come. The opportunity to take bricks, metal, concrete, and mortar and magically transform them into a building for Fuqua's future that gives our students the opportunity to soar! For our many students, staff, faculty, families and alumni, that opportunity is now!

If you would like to make a gift or to see the proposed floor plan and a rendering of what this amazing building will look like, please visit our webpage at www.fuquaschool.org/capitalcampaign to learn more.

Go Falcons!

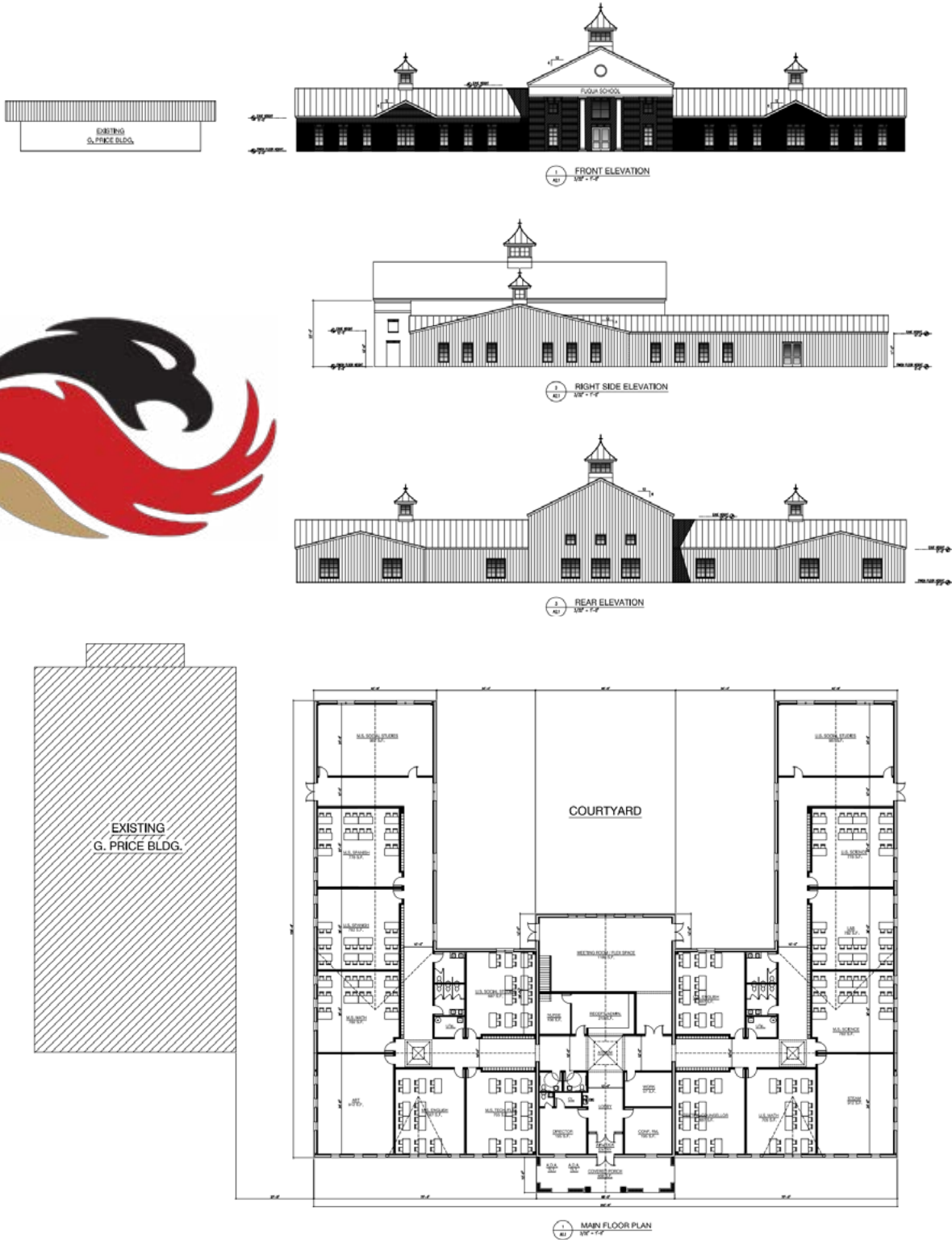
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“BUILDING TOGETHER, SOARING BEYOND”





Black History Month

STUDENTS IN GRADES PREK–12 were able to participate in our Black History month assembly with guest speaker and executive director of the Robert Russa Moton Museum, Cainan Townsend. His enthusiasm and perspective for our local community and rich history was evident in his presentations.

During the lower school presentation, Mr. Townsend highlighted many influential historical figures and events that took place in our local areas and gave important thoughts and ideas for reflection and practice. The students even got to meet and greet Ed, the new mascot for the Moton Museum!

Mr. Townsend's upper school presentation, entitled "Hidden Figures," introduced the students to prominent black individuals from Prince Edward

County who achieved success on the state, national, or even international stage. His subjects included Tazewell Branch, who was born into slavery and later rose to prominence as a legislator in the Virginia House of Delegates. Branch's daughter, Mary E. Branch, also received acclaim for her work as an effective college president in Texas.

The list of notable subjects included a variety of men and women both past and present who illustrated the idea that Prince Edward County has a long and rich history of noteworthy and inspiring figures that students can emulate. Townsend concluded his remarks by inviting rising junior students to apply to the Bridge Builders program, a course focusing on local history and civil rights open to students from both Fuqua and Prince Edward High Schools.



Athletics

Football Transitions to 8-Man

IT WAS A TRANSITION YEAR for the Falcons Football teams as they welcomed Coach Tyler Cristo as the new head coach and the switch was made from 11-man to 8-man football. The main challenge of this first year was just the lack of experience with 8-man football. The team led by 5 seniors finished the 2023 season 1-8 overall. The Falcons continued to show growth in every game

last season. The Falcons are now able to once again compete against the schools' traditional rivals as they moved to 8-man competition.

New Athletic Director Named

THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT welcomed a new Athletic Director last year, Coach Tyler Cristo. He brings a wealth of experience in athletics to Fuqua School.



Stadium Improvements

THE BETH FORE Softball Stadium received a new softball back stop as well as rain drainage around the field, while

the concession stand received fresh paint, new doors, a new roof and an inside makeover. For the first time in years the Athletic Boosters were able to operate concession during spring sports.

Gilmer Field got a much-needed face lift. Late last spring the overgrown cedar trees that were overtaking the fence line at the Ruritan Shelter were removed.

Athletics



Lady Falcons Win VISAA State Tournament

FUQUA SCHOOL'S VARSITY VOLLEYBALL Lady Falcons finished their regular season as co-campions with a 15-5 record. They went on to win the 2023 Virginia Colonial Conference (VCC) Varsity Volleyball Tournament and concluded their season by winning States VISAA Division IV State Volleyball. They finished the season with an overall record of 21-5, going 6-0 in postseason play.



Varsity Golf Experiences a Season of Growth

THE VARSITY GOLF TEAM, coached by Head of School Mr. Chance Reynolds, grew in size this year. The team of 14 practiced three days a week at The Manor golf course and competed against the Virginia Colonial Conference teams once a week. Some of the lady Falcons participated in the VISAA Girls Invitational at Tuscarora Country Club in Danville, VA.



Alumni — New Employees

Alumni returning to the Fuqua Family

AS WITH EACH NEW school year we welcomed many new smiling faces; among those were Alumni returning to campus: Michael Davis '18 as Director of technology as well as coaching J.V football alongside his brother Nicholas Davis '17; Brittany Malone Davis '19 as lower school PE; Mary Quinn Ferguson '01 as the Head of the Lower School; Kathleen Howard Redford '03 as the school's Support Specialist.



Michael Davis '18

**Director of Technology
7-9 Technology Teacher**

Mr. Davis graduated from Hampden-Sydney College in 2022 with a major in Computer Science. His passion for technology began at a young age and has developed into a way of life.



Brittany Malone '19

**Lower School P.E.
Teacher**

Brittany is excited to be able to return to the school that meant so much to her, and to share the love she feels for our school with the students of today.



Mary Quinn Ferguson '01

Head of Lower School

For over 15 years, Mary Quinn Ferguson '01 has been in the education field working primarily as a special educator in a variety of public and private school settings. She holds an Administration and Supervision endorsement from Longwood University and a Masters in Education (K-12) from the University of Virginia.



Kathleen Redford '03

**Learning Support
Specialist
Substitute Coordinator**

For the past 8 years, Mrs. Redford has worked in school settings providing services and strategies to students with learning differences to help increase their academic success. She is the mother of rising 8th grader Kyle Redford and rising 6th grader Landon Redford.



Welcome

Alumni Guest Speakers



Richard Epperson at Commencement

MR. RICHARD P. EPPERSON, II, Class of '75, was the 2024 Fuqua School Commencement Speaker. Mr. Epperson has deep ties to Fuqua School, he graduated from Prince Edward in 1975 returning shortly to work there. During his years on the hill, he held many positions ranging from Teacher, Coach, Athletic Directory, and the list goes on, but most notably, he served as the Headmaster of Fuqua School from 1992 to 1997, leaving a lasting legacy.

Recognized for his outstanding contributions, Epperson has been honored with induction into our Athletic Hall of Fame and received the 2011 Alumni Recognition Award.

As the 2024 Fuqua School Commencement Speaker, Mr. Epperson brought a wealth of experience, wisdom, and inspiration, the spirit of lifelong learning. Mr. Epperson spoke of his time on the hill, saying to the Class of 2024, "Personal Relationships are among life's greatest gifts." In closing he suggested, "we all consider listening more than talking. With that in let me close with a verse from a that goes something like this: "It's not how we die, rather how we live. It isn't what we take for life, it's what we give."



Hunter Gilliam at Honors Assembly

HUNTER GILLIAM, Class of '18, was the featured speaker at the Upper School Academic Honors Assembly. Hunter is the son of Cameron Gilliam class of '89. He was a standout on a championship-winning baseball team while at Fuqua and went on to be a star player at both Longwood University and the University of Kentucky, winning accolades for his defensive play at first base and for being a home run leader. Hunter spoke of his time on the hill and the challenges he faced and support he felt from his Fuqua Family.

His primary message to the students was that you can achieve your dreams through goal setting, hard work, and persistence.

Alumni — Calling All Alumni Classes

Wolverine or Falcon — Let's Talk Reunion!

THERE WERE MANY class gatherings held during the year ranging from large class gatherings to smaller lunch meetings to reminisce. Gather some classmates and plan your next reunion.

The Office of Alumni Affairs wants to reminisce with all of you, hear your stories, and celebrate your coming together after all these years. If you need help planning your class reunion, connecting with classmates, or just brainstorming ideas about getting your

class together, the Alumni office is here to help. Please note that the Gee Price building is available to classes for use, free of charge if an event is not booked for your chosen date. Contact Tammy at franktm@fuquaschool.org.



Right, Class of 1963
60th Class Reunion

Below, Class of 1978
45th Class Reunion





Alumni — Calling All Alumni Classes



Top, Class of 1983
40th Class Reunion

Above, Class of 1987
35th Class Reunion

Right, Class of 2003
20th Class Reunion



Alumni — Golf Tournament

“Skeeter” Fore Memorial Golf Tournament

THE “SKEETER” FORE MEMORIAL Golf Tournament was held in June. There was a huge turnout with 21 teams gathering to enjoy a beautiful day and share memories. This year’s tournament was won by Coach Fore’s honorary team led by Buster Jackson ’61 and Johnny LeSueur ’96. Our youngest alumni team representing the Class of 2023 took second place. Team ’23 consisted of Matthew Pembleton ’23; Grayson Newcomb ’23, son of Ashley Webb Newcomb ’94 and grandson of Hugh Webb ’65; Evan Nichols ’05, son of Katherine Agee Nichols ’91 and Ricky Nichols ’90; and the foursome was rounded out by Jordan Ledger ’05, son of Shawn Johnson Ledger ’90 and the grandson of Linda Stokes Johnson ’64 and the late Robert Johnson ’63. Please be on the lookout for information on the 2025 “Skeeter” Fore Memorial Golf Tournament so you can join the fun.



Team '23 Matthew Pembleton, Evan Nichols, Grayson Newcomb, Jordan Ledger



This year’s Tournament winners Greg Mayberry, William “Buster” Jackson ’61, Kevin Morris ’84, Johnny LeSueur ’96



Coach Fore’s team from the 2021 Tournament “Skeeter” Fore Alumni Tournament. Coach Lewis “Skeeter” Fore ’61, William “Buster” Jackson, Greg Mayberry, Johnny LeSueur ’96



Alumni — Golf Tournament

Top left, Davis Cyrus '13, Zach Perkins, G.R. Cyrus, Tanner Cyrus '19

Top right, Brad Watson '83, Toby Towler '96, Gene Watson '71, Noel Encarnacion

Right, Kim Yeatts '73, Sandy Yeatts '88, Robert Agee '75, John Nixon '80

Below, Bobby Jacobs '81, J. Fulton '80, George Moore '80, Raymond Anderson '80





Randy Reynolds '94, Danny LeSueur '84, Scot McCormick '83, and Daniel McCormick '87



Blake Adams, Collin Stokes '98, Charlie Wilson '70, and Cary Stokes '70

Alumni — Golf Tournament



Josh Frank, Andrew Cook '05, Harry Dixon '05, and Jordan Vick '05



Team '76, Bobby Smith '76, Guy Carrington '76, Chuck Elinsky '76, and Rob Lane '76

THE PASSION of the Fuqua School PTSA is to provide opportunities for students, families, and faculty to have the resources and experiences that create quality within their lives. All proceeds from the PTSA are directly invested into the Fuqua School community.

The PTSA contributed gifts in kind with various donations, hosted events to bring the community together, sponsored educational events and contributed to enhancing the safety of the school during the 2023–2024 academic year.

Gifts in Kind & Donations:

- Ten picnic tables for the Lower School
- Security Cameras for the Upper School
- The 6th grade tree – October Glory Maple
- Donated the Divas and Dudes Basket to the Boots and Bling event
- Fabulous Falcon Scholarship
- Supporting Club Lunches
- Spring Fling
- After Prom
- Upper School Art Department
- Lower School Art Department
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Fuqua Falcon Entry Mat at Lower School Commons Building

Hosted Events:

- September family and community movie night
- Pumpkin Lighting Festival in October
- Photos with Santa Event featuring Overstreet Photography
- Co-sponsored Basket Bingo
- Sweetheart Ball

Fundraisers Held:

- Original Works Fundraiser
- MUMs the Word Fundraiser
- Concessions at Fall and Winter sports games
- Falcon Threads clothing store

Sponsored in Full:

- The Nottoway Indian Tribe Assembly
- PikMyKid security software

You'll see the PTSA communicating with



teachers, administrators, and families regarding events, opportunities, and volunteer experiences.

The PTSA membership allows the Falcon community to come together— building relationships, cultivating experiences,

and capturing memories. Membership is *free*— you're welcome to explore and join our community.

Find us at Fuqua School PTSA on Facebook and via email at PTSA@fuquaschool.org.

Campus Happenings

Senior Breakfast

TRADITIONALLY, SENIOR BREAKFAST is held the morning of the first day of school. Aiden Clements' family hosted this year's breakfast and offered a variety of foods. "Biscuits and gravy were my favorite foods at the breakfast, and I enjoyed seeing everyone after not seeing them all summer," said Jackson Whaley. One of the senior sponsors and Upper School Dean, Ms. Diane Stubbins also went to the breakfast. "It was special for me to see the parents and students excited about the first day," said Ms. Stubbins.





Campus Happenings



Convocation

A NEW FUQUA SCHOOL tradition was introduced this year, a monthly Convocation, where all students, from PK to 12th grade, gather in Gilmer Gym to kick off

the upcoming month with exciting pep rallies. The lively events featured music from the Marching Falcons Pep Band, routines by our cheerleaders, announcements from our lower and upper school Student Council Associations, games, and special recognitions.



Campus Happenings



A Trip Back in Time

IN CONJUNCTION with Virginia History studies, the fourth grade class enjoyed a beautiful day in Williamsburg in October. Among all the sights, they got to see the blacksmiths in action, muskets, interpreters, horse drawn carriages, artifacts and more. "My favorite thing was getting to experience everything with all of my friends because we're really close, all of us," said Jack Eggleston.





Luck Stone Rock Quarry

IN OCTOBER, after the 5th graders studied rocks and the rock cycle, they took a local field trip to Luck Stone’s P.E. quarry. They learned about granite rocks in Prince Edward County (Igneous), how Luck Stone produces rocks for construction, and the many uses for them. Students also got to see a variety of sizes of granite rocks, including driving down to see the quarry. “My favorite part of the trip was when we got to climb and look at the big excavators,” said Lane Cristo.

Campus Happenings

Watch Our Tree Grow

THE PLANTING of the 6th grade tree is just one of the many Fuqua traditions that students look forward to each school year. In October, the Class of 2030 planted a red maple tree across from the baseball field. “I love that the children can plant the tree and watch it grow all of their years at Fuqua School. Senior year they can look back and see how much it has grown just like they have,” said Mrs. Thomas.



Campus Happenings



All Around the Tree

AS PART OF OUR “Buddy Program,” fourth and tenth grade students got into the holiday spirit by decorating their “Candy Cane” Christmas tree for the holiday programs. Music was playing in the background and spirits were merry.





Campus Happenings

Feeling Bejeweled

ON DECEMBER 7th, members of the Class of 2025 received their class rings at the Junior Ring Ceremony, which was held in the upper school media center. Before Mr. Salmon from Herff Jones

presented the juniors with the rings they designed, he explained the significance of the class ring tradition. The ceremony ended with juniors asking their classmates to turn their rings 25 times for good luck.

“I chose Luke Royal to turn my ring. I chose him because we have been close for a long time,” Josh Mulligan commented.



Campus Happenings

100 Days Stronger

PRE-K THROUGH SECOND GRADE celebrated the 100th day of school in many ways, including counting 100 gumballs, making crowns to show they are 100 days smarter, and creating crafts with 100 objects. And, some students even dressed up as what they thought they'd look like in 100 years.





Art with Examples

UPPER SCHOOL ART STUDENTS collaborated with Professor Rice's Intermediate Painting class at Longwood University in January. The Fuqua students followed the same project prompt as the college students, and then attended the college students' critique. The students also had the opportunity to present their work and receive feedback on their pieces.



Campus Happenings



Blast Off

TO SPARK an interest in STEAM and aviation careers, upper school students built model rockets in STEAM class. Students gained confidence with each successful launch, and even experimented with rocket modifications, giving students a better understanding of the forces of flight.

Campus Happenings

Hoppin' Around School

FUQUA WELCOMED a new member to campus in March, a BUNNY. During Convocation, the entire student body voted by volume on the bunny's name, Megatron. The rabbit is a mix between New Zealand and Flemish Giant breeds, and he currently resides in Mrs. Womack's upper school science room in a 30x36 enclosure. Megatron enjoys his hiding hut; his favorite snack is spinach; and he is learning to use a litter box and walk on a leash.



A Walk to Remember

MRS. THOMAS' 6th grade class enjoyed a trip to High Bridge Trail State Park in March for a walk across the historic High Bridge. High Bridge is a former railroad bridge across the Appomattox River. The

students visited the bridge in support of their literature study of nonfiction. By visiting High Bridge, they were able to experience and have a first-hand visual of the author's purpose, and they were able to think critically in relation to the anecdote they read.



Yak Attack

FUQUA SCHOOL'S 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students took several field trips to Yak Attack, a local manufacturing business that specializes in fishing equipment for kayaks. Students had the opportunity to see what they had been learning in STEAM classes come to life, where the design process, CAD, 3D printing, programming and robotics work together to produce marketable products. They also learned about different careers in design and engineering, and how important each step is to subsequent steps in product design. The field trips have already inspired current and future student design lessons.



Campus Happenings



Dia de los Muertos

MRS. PRICE'S & Mrs. Shaver's Spanish students celebrated El Día de Los Muertos in November. Students made and decorated sugar skulls and calavera cookies. They also enjoyed traditional tamales, Jarritos, pan de muerto, and other treats. Calaveras, papel picado and Cempasúchils were used as decorations.



Yearbook Conference

THE PEREGRINE yearbook staff attended the YBK_nVA Fall Workshop in September at the Thomas R. Fulghum Conference Center in Midlothian. The staffers enjoyed a full day of bonding, brainstorming, learning, and planning. They also met with a cover artist and designed the 2024 yearbook cover.



Campus Happenings

Protect and Serve

SENIOR HAYDEN HODGES attended the State Police Academy in June of 2023. Hayden spent five days at the Academy, which was held in Richmond. When asked what was his favorite part, Hayden replied, “Doing the skid pads and high-speed driving.” Currently Hayden is a member of the Farmville Fire Department, with plans to become a U.S Marshall in the future.



Campus Happenings



Sweetheart Ball

THE ANNUAL PTSA-sponsored Sweetheart Ball was a big hit again this year. DJ Matt provided the music for the event and Overstreet Photography was on site to take professional pictures of the girls and their dates. The girls enjoyed making bracelets, drinking from champagne flutes, dipping strawberries in chocolate, and of course, dancing the night away.





Campus Happenings

Mums

IN THE FALL, the PTSA sold mums as a fundraiser. Following tradition, the 8th grade students helped to unload the B & M Greenhouse trucks that were full of mums. Fuqua values volunteerism and community service.



Ways to Give

Philanthropy at Fuqua School

LIKE OTHER INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS, Fuqua School relies on the tradition of philanthropy to help us fulfill our mission of creating a safe and supportive learning environment which fosters the development of boundless individual potential. Tuition only covers a percentage of the income required to educate a student at Fuqua School. We rely on donations and other non-tuition revenue to fund the remainder of our program. In fact, we all benefit from the generosity of those that came before us. Through donations, our programs are strengthened, and our faculty are provided with the tools needed to help our students reach their individual potential both inside and outside of the classroom.

Every tax-deductible gift helps Fuqua School and sends a powerful message that you believe we make a real difference in the lives of our children. We ask that you become involved and invest in Fuqua School by making a gift in support of our students. Your commitment, at any level, helps to make a difference in the lives of our students. Thank you for your support so we can continue our mission.

Areas of Support

There are several major areas of support:

Annual Giving

Unrestricted gifts are among the most valuable to Fuqua School, because they allow us to allocate funds wherever the need is greatest, as well as to take advantage of unique opportunities as they arise.

Capital Campaign

Capital gifts support campus improvements, technology, and more with funds being raised for a specific period of time.

Planned Giving

Donors can maximize their gifts through bequests, life-income arrangements, gifts of real estate, personal property, and other forms of giving.

Special Events

Events designed to be “fun-raising” by bringing our greater community together to raise significant funds to support School programs.

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Gifts-in Kind are non-monetary contributions, including goods and services.

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