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FROM THE HEAD'S DESK

Dear Families, thank you for joining us for parent-teacher conferences this Monday — there is no better half hour of the fall than hearing, from the person who teaches your child every day, how they are growing in knowledge and in character. This week our sixth graders finish their study of Ancient Israel, our seventh graders take up chemical reactions, and our youngest scholars meet a new phonogram every day. Our virtue this week is moderation: doing the right thing in the right measure. Please help us name it at home.

Warmly,
Dr. Thomas Covington
Assistant Head of School

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Moderation

"Nothing in excess."

— INSCRIBED AT THE TEMPLE OF APOLLO, DELPHI

Our pledge: *I will exercise self-control, discretion, and temperance in all things.*

AROUND THE GRADES

K	A new phonogram daily, poetry practice, severe weather.
1st	Subtraction, after a week of Galileo and the pyramids.
2nd	Ancient China and Confucius; phonic readers.
3rd	The Punic Wars; water in the atmosphere.
4th	Plate tectonics quiz; King Arthur; Latin roots.
5th	Mixed numbers; Earth's systems; immigration.
6th	Ancient Israel; *The Children's Homer*; IEW.
7th	Chemical reactions; algebra with variables.

THIS WEEK AT ACAR

MONDAY · OCT 19
½ day — conferences. Pick-up 11:00–11:30 AM; conferences 12:00–4:30 PM. Aftercare runs as usual.

TUESDAY · OCT 20
Last day to sign up for the K trip to Lucky Ladd Farms.

WEDNESDAY · OCT 21
7th grade: reactants, products, and evidence of change.

THURSDAY · OCT 22
5th grade: where can life live? Atmosphere and biosphere.

FRIDAY · OCT 23
Quiz day: 5th math, 6th Ancient Israel, 7th algebra.

LUNCH: BBQ chicken · Nachos · Chicken Alfredo · Hamburger · Hot dog. Monday's school-lunch students get a sack lunch.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kindergarten Field Trip
Lucky Ladd Farms on Wed., Oct. 28. Sign up and pay in The ACAR Account by Tue., Oct. 20.

PTO Spirit Night
A Halloween fundraiser at McDonald's, 505 Waldron Road, La Vergne — Fri., Oct. 30, 5:00–7:00 PM.

Raise the Curtain
The School Musicals and Plays fund is working toward $5,000 for sets, sound, and staging.

Scan to give any amount, or give online →

CAR LINE REMINDERS

- **Monday only:** pick-up is 11:00–11:30 AM.
- Arrival: 7:30–7:50 AM drop-off.
- Please display your car tag prominently.
- Remain in your vehicle at pick-up.

RECOGNITIONS

"Praise is the reflection of virtue."

Thank you, Scholar Sprint! To every student, family, and staff member who ran, cheered, and picnicked — thank you. A big thank-you to the **ACAR PTO** for organizing the day, and to **Kona Ice** for joining us.

Teachers have logged **673 virtue wins** since August — 62 in the past two weeks, led by wisdom and prudence.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Oct 28	K field trip, Lucky Ladd Farms
Oct 30	PTO Spirit Night, 5–7 PM
Nov 3	No school for students
Nov 23–27	Thanksgiving break — school closed