VIRGINIA BEACH FRIENDS SCHOOL

Knowledge. Character. Community.

Head of School Report

School Committee Meeting – October 9, 2018

Overall Summary:

Between our two Back to School Nights for Early/Lower and Middle/Upper Schools, one Hurricane Florence that led to a preemptive bagging up 60 plus sandbags strategically placed around school, and our Back to School Picnic on World Peace Day… September proved to be a busy first month of school.

Both Back to School Nights were nicely attended with enthusiastic parents curious to learn more about their children's daily routines. The School's new format for Back to School night (general assembly for the first 45 minutes with breakout groups that were grade specific for the second half) worked nicely. All parents had ample time to learn about Friends' academic program and meet with teachers collectively as well as individually.

While Hurricane Florence never hit Virginia Beach, what it taught the School is that we have the faculty and staff willing to work overtime to protect the School from pending natural disasters. Even if the hurricane had mildly (or majorly) landed in Virginia Beach, every point of possible water infiltration was covered with sandbags or an equal alternative. Sergio Neal, along with a small group of dedicated staff, did a remarkable job prepping the School for the worst.

The Back to School Picnic that was combined with World Peace Day was a wonderful event that was very well attended into late in the evening. The overall mode of the Back to School Picnic was terrific, and it saw teachers plus parents attending and lingering for hours.

September (and now the first days of October) had VBFS MS and US students experiencing their first Odyssey Trips to Camp Silver Beach. The Odyssey Trips were meant to bring the students together as community through team building and experiential based education.

Enrollment:
Friends currently sits at 111 students.