

# Veribest Harvest 2009-2010

**These students earned a Perfect Attendance certificate for the second six weeks of school. Congratulations!!!**

**Pre K:** Cora B., Cody D., Melanie D., Avery L.

**Kindergarten:** Briley B., Adam F., Konnor K., Riley J., Fernando L., Grant L., Phillipe P., Quinn P.

**1st Gr.:** Cassandra C., Bella F., Raylee J., Laura P., Marjo R., Yahir R., Ty S.

**2nd Gr.:** Climente A., Philip E., Stacey H., Crescent H., Brianna M., Wyatt M., Katherine M., Chance R., Lino R.

**3rd Gr.:** Braxton B., Angela C., Elizabeth C., Tommy L., David P., William P., Sybra S., Abigail T., Cade V., Usher M.

**4th Gr.:** Samantha B., Dalton B., Justin C., Cliff H., Hailey H., Chad L., Michael L., Shashoni M., Marybeth O., Deyna S.

**5th Gr.:** Thomas B., Nicholas B., Korbyn G., Brandon H., Jacob M., Vernon M., Bianca N., Jocelyn R., Angelica R., Nikolaus T.

**6th Gr.:** Colin F., Colton F., Alane M., Abigail R., Delaynie S.,

**7th Gr.:** Stormie B., Brandon B., Timothy B., Caleb E., Ashley E., Lesley F., Mikeala G., Petra G., Angela M., Haley O., Heather O., Devitt S., Alexis V.

**8th Gr.:** Zachary B., Alicia B., Araceli H., Charly H., Jimmy K., Gadiel M., Collin P., Nycole R., Clay S.,

**9th Gr.:** Jordyn B., Zackary B., Jessie C., Marissa G., Ariana H., Cody H., Ethan L., Jose L., Eryn N., Jaimie O., Jorge P.,

**10th Gr.:** Javier C., Richard G., Dallas M.,

**11th Gr.:** Cristafer B., Philipp B., Clint H., Hayley J., Katie L., Alejandro L., Edward L.

**12th Gr.:** Lauren M.,

**These students achieved A or A/B Honor Roll for the second six weeks of school. Congratulations!!!**

**1st Gr.: A Honor Roll:** Bella F., Rivers L., Mario R., Khi-ra S., Ty S.**A/B Honor Roll:** Andrew B., Cassandra C., Arianna M., Yahir R., J'Cee S.

**2nd Gr.: A Honor Roll:** Joshua B., Emily C., Philip E., Chase E., Alexis G., Stacey H., Crescent H., Brianna M., Wyatt M., Irma R., Chance R., Trinitye R., Abby T.**A/B Honor Roll:** Climente A., Shiann K., Sarina R., Pedro T., Lino R.

**3rd Gr.: A Honor Roll:** Braxton B., Zachary B., Belinda B., Cortny B., Angela C., Colton E., Kaleb L., Tommy L., Cade L., Marianna R., Abigail T.**A/B Honor Roll:** Elizabeth C., Chad H., Shelby H., Isaac O., David P., William P., Emily R., Sybra S., Cade V.

**4th Gr.: A Honor Roll:** Lauren M., Coye S.**A/B Honor Roll:** Kandace A., Samantha B., Dalton B., Emma C., Justin C., Hailey H., Chad L., Michael L., Shashoni M., Amber S., Deyna S., Hunter M.

**5th Gr.: A Honor Roll:** Thomas B., Nicholas B., Jovanni G., Kailey H., Bianca N., Angelica R., Jade S., Anna S.**A/B Honor Roll:** Benjamin B., Michael F., Korbyn G., Jesus H., Juan H., Madison L., Jacob M., Vernon M., Jocelyn R., Nikolaus T.

**6th Gr.: A Honor Roll:** Renee L., Abigail R., Kiera R., Delaynie S.**A/B Honor Roll:** Mariah A., Zachary A., Jacob B., Jacob B., Kinsey C., Colin F., Makayla M., Alan R., Mary H.

**7th Gr.: A Honor Roll:** Blair B., Petra G., Madison M., Angela M., Haley O., Heather O., Devitt S., Rachel S., Alexis V. **A/AB Honor Roll:** Stormie B., Joseph C., Britnee C., Ashley E., Briana M., Jesus P.

**8th Gr.: A Honor Roll:** Joaquin C., Araceli H., Charly H., McKynsey J., Clay S.**A/AB Honor Roll:** Zachary B., Alicia B., Gadiel M., Jessica T., Briana W.

**9th Gr.: A Honor Roll:** Jordyn B., Brianna B., Ariana H., Jaimie O., Jessica P.**A/B Honor Roll:** Zackary B., Marisa C., Jessie C., Juan E., Marissa G., Cody H., Ethan L., Eryn N.

**10th Gr.: A Honor Roll:** Javier C., Cindi C., Brittany H., Lesley O.**A/AB Honor Roll:** Crystal B., Makendree C., Caitlin D., Richard G., Staci L., Jessica M., Edgar R., Jessica R., Santos T., Garret W.

**11th Gr.: A Honor Roll:** Jessica B., Cristafer B., Philipp B., Jeffrey J., Hayley J., Katie L., Abby R.**A/AB Honor Roll:** Megan B., Anthony C., Anna C., Clint H., Richard L., Adriana M.

**12th Gr.: A Honor Roll:** Jonathan C., Haley H., Lauren M., Duncan W.**A/AB Honor Roll:** Megan A., Kaitlyn B., Hannah F., Herendira R., Jeffrey R., Teresa R., Michael V.

Visit the Veribest web site @ [www. Veribestisd.net](http://www.Veribestisd.net)

### Five Things Your College-Bound Senior Should Do This Month

Managing college applications is a big job. It's important to allow your child to take on this responsibility. That said, there are ways to help. Here are five things college-bound seniors should be doing this month:

#### 1. Narrow down the college list.

Applying to college can be expensive. Have your teen work with his/her counselor to choose between five and 10 schools. Be sure a few of them are "safety" schools—schools where she has a very good chance of admission. Also include a few "stretch" schools—those that will be more of a challenge.

**2. Set up a master calendar.** On it, write the date when each admission is due. Note the dates for college testing.

**3. Start taking action** on financial aid. Especially in this economy, a financial aid offer can make the difference in whether a teen can attend a favorite school. Have her get a financial aid application for every college where she applies.

**4. Ask for recommendations.** Most schools want one from a teacher and one from a counselor. Have your teen prepare a short résumé of the things she has done to make their job easier.

**5. Write and rewrite** the college essay. It's important to spend time making it her best. A college essay written at two a.m. on the night before the deadline is unlikely to get your teen into her preferred school.

**Source:** College Board, "Pulling Your Applications Together,"

[www.collegeboard.com/student/plan/action/seniors.html](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/plan/action/seniors.html).

Kimberly Gust– VISD Councillor

### TIME OFF FOR THE HOLIDAYS

#### Thanksgiving

Nov 24 buses will run at 2:00pm. Students get the early release for a Teacher In-service.

Nov 25 buses will run at 12:30pm. This is the early release for the Thanksgiving Break. School will be closed Nov 26<sup>th</sup> and Nov 27<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving.

#### Christmas

Dec 17 and 18 buses will run at 12:30. Students get early release for semester exams.

School will be closed Dec 21-Jan 1 for Christmas.

### Veribest Falcon Football

The football program improved at every level as the season progressed. We hope we can continue to work hard and be a playoff team in 2010. We had 23 young men play high school football and 20 young men participated in junior high. With so many dedicated young men working together the future looks very bright for Falcon football.

#### Pre-K News

We visited the pumpkin patch @ Sierra Vista with the Kindergarten class. They read stories to us, showed us different kinds of pumpkins and then everyone got to pick a pumpkin to take home. After the pumpkin patch, we went to Unidad Park for lunch and to play.

#### Kindergarten News

This six weeks we've studied about fire safety and Native Americans. We've also studied the Letters G and N in our quest to practice blending sounds to be able to read words. In math we are identifying the object that doesn't belong, solving problems by acting it out and drawing a picture and learning to pay for items up to 10 cents using pennies. We went to the pumpkin patch at Sierra Vista. Stories were read to us, we were shown different kinds of pumpkins and then we all got to pick a pumpkin. Afterwards we all went to lunch at Unidad Park.

**Second Grade News**

We have read *Sharks*, *A Letter to Amy* and *Arthur Writes a Story*. In Phonics we have studied different digraphs. In Math we are adding 10 to a multiple of 10 and doubles plus 1. We also have math fact tests and the ones who pass each test have their picture put on the school webpage as a Math Fact Champ. In Social Studies we have studied fire prevention, timelines and our government. Spelling is an ongoing thing. We have Mountain words and Rainbow words along with our weekly spelling list. Check out our blog for Flat Stanley adventures. He's been all over the place.

**Third Grade News**

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade is working very hard on their AR goals for this second quarter. We are reading a classroom novel, *The Ghost's Grave*, and as soon as we are done students will be able to test on it. 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade is also gearing up for their first benchmark which will be on Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>. We enjoyed the movie, *Where the Wild Things Are*, for our 1<sup>st</sup> quarter AR party!! 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade also won the ice cream party for collecting the most canned goods for the food bank.

**2009-2010 VERIBEST FALCONS BASKETBALL**

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME	JV BOYS	V GIRLS	V BOYS
11-3-09	BLANKET-SCRIMMAGE	T	5:00		X	
11-10-09	ROBERT LEE	T	6:00		X	
11-13-09	BLANKET	H	5:30		X	
11-17-09	WINTERS	T	5:00	X	X	X
11-19,20,21	VERIBEST TOURNAMENT	H	TBA		X	X
11-23-09	SANTA ANNA	H	5:00	X	X	X
12-1-09	HIGHLAND	H	5:30	X	X	X
12-3,4,5	GARDEN CITY TOURNAMENT	T	TBA		X	X
12-8-09	LOHN	T	6:30		X	
12-15-09	CHEROKEE	H	6:30		X	X
12-18-09	EDEN	T	5:30	X	X	X
1-5-10	ROCHELLE	H	6:30		X	X
1-8-10	RICHLAND SPRINGS	T	6:30	X	X	X
1-12-10	PAINT ROCK	H	6:30		X	X
1-15-10	BYE					
1-19-10	LOHN	H	6:30		X	X
1-22-10	CHEROKEE	T	6:30		X	X
1-26-10	EDEN	H	5:30	X	X	X
1-29-10	ROCHELLE	T	6:30		X	X
2-2-10	RICHLAND SPRINGS	H	5:30	X	X	X
2-5-10	PAINT ROCK	T	6:30		X	X
2-9-10	BYE					
2-12-10	LOHN	T	6:30			X

**VERIBEST JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL  
2009-2010**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>OPPONENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>TIME</b>
11-9-09	LOHN	THERE	6:00
11-16-09	RICHLAND SPRINGS	HERE	6:00
11-30-09	EDEN	HERE	6:00
12-7-09	OLFEN	THERE	6:00
12-14-09	PAINT ROCK	HERE	6:00
1-7-10	EDEN	THERE	6:00
1-11-10	OLFEN	HERE	6:00
1-18-10	PAINT ROCK	THERE	6:00
1-25-10	EDEN	HERE	6:00
2-1-10	OLFEN	THERE	6:00
2-4,5,6	DISTRICT TOURNAMENT	EDEN	TBA

**COACHES:**        **JIM HOLLOWAY**  
                          **DANIEL WHETSEL**  
                          **JAMES PERALTA**  
                          **KAREN MCCREARY**

**SUPERINTENDENT: MICHAEL STECK**  
**SECONDARY PRINCIPAL: KEN NEWMAN**  
**COLORS: BLUE AND GOLD**

**Fifth Grade News**

In Social Studies we are researching explorers. In Science we are studying Ecology and Producers. In Language Arts we are learning how to write a formal letter. And in Math we have been working hard for UIL.

**Elementary/Jr High UIL**

Our District Meet will be held on December 8, 2010 at Veribest beginning at 8:30 am and continuing until all the test have been taken and graded and all the medals and ribbons are passed out. We hope to win both the Elementary and Jr. High divisions as we were runner up in both divisions last year. We lost the Jr. High meet by 12 points and the Elementary by 32 points. All students are being encouraged to participate.

**One-Act Play News**

OAP Auditions for this year’s play, “The Girl in the Mirror” by Bruce Jacoby, began Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 pm in the old gym. This year’s play is a tragic story about a seventeen-year-old girl named Susan who has attempted suicide and now lies in a coma. Whether Susan lives or dies is a “matter of her own will” according to her doctor. As we take a journey through the events in her life which have brought Susan to her decision to try to commit suicide, we are invited to deduce what Susan’s decision will be....will she decide to live...or die?

**Toys for Tots**

**Toys for Tots** - Again this year, the Veribest FFA chapter will be sponsoring the Toys for Tots drive in conjunction with the US Marines. Students are asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy to be placed in the Box that can be found in the cafeteria. We will be collecting toys until December 14<sup>th</sup> when the Toys will be picked up by the Marines from Goodfellow. These toys will then be passed out to local youth in need. Please help as we try to bring a little Christmas cheer to those who need it the most.

**Jr. High Wood Shop Projects**

**Jr. High Wood Shop Projects** – The 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade wood shop classes are currently taking orders for Christmas Yard Art cutouts. Profits will be donated to the Toys for Tots program. We have 5 main designs that we can produce which include a 5 foot tall Santa (\$35), a 4 foot tall gingerbread man(\$20), a 5 foot tall Christmas tree with working lights(\$25), a puppy dog in a Christmas stocking (\$25), and 2 foot tall candy canes(\$10). Look for examples of the student’s work by visiting [www.veribestisd.net](http://www.veribestisd.net)

**Red Ribbon Week**

We had a great Red Ribbon Week here at Veribest ISD. Starting on Tuesday we gave away four \$5.00 bills a day to students whose names were put into a daily drawing for being caught wearing their red ribbons. Our students' participation was the very best! The winners of the "Red Ribbon Wearers of the Day" are listed below. Congratulations to all the Red Ribbon Week Winners!

Elizabeth Currie – 3rd Grade, Devitt Smetana – 7th Grade, Fernando Lara – Kindergarten, Haley Humble – 12th Grade, Alfredo Flores – Pre-K, Wyatt McWilliams – 2nd Grade, Zachary Aldrich – 6th Grade, Zachary Broz – 8th Grade Jessica McCray – 10th Grade, Dylan Esquivel – 1st Grade, Justin Calvert – 4th Grade, Marissa Gerisch – 9th Grade Anthony Lawhone – 11th Grade, Angelica Rojo – 5th Grade, Edgar Ramirez – 10th Grade, Ben Brown – 5th Grade  
Kimberly Gust  
Counselor

**Student Council News**

**Veterans Remembered and Honored!**

On Wednesday, November 11th, Student Council Members remembered and honored veterans by placing American Flags along the sidewalks around Veribest ISD. Flags also surrounded the memorial tree of Elias Torres. We honor all veterans and pray for the soldiers who are fighting for our freedom each and everyday!

**Thanksgiving Dinner a Huge Success!**

Thanksgiving Dinner was served on Friday, November 13th at the Veribest ISD Cafeteria. Mr. and Mrs. Neill and Ms. Dusek prepared an outstanding meal for the staff, students, parents, grandparents, other relatives, and community members of Veribest. Turkey, dressing, green beans, sweet potatoes, rolls, gravy, and pumpkin pie were served. Student Council members helped serve the pie, prepare and serve tea, and kept the tables clean. Over 370 people attended this event. Thank you again to the Cafeteria Staff for preparing and serving such a wonderful meal.

**Winter Ball is back!**

On Friday, December 11th, the Student Council will be hosting a Winter Ball at the Veribest ISD Elementary Gymnasium from 7:00 pm until 12:00 am for 9th through 12th grade students. This event includes a catered dinner prepared by Nacho's that will be served from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. A dance will follow with the live music of the Stace Ogle Band. The announcement of the Winter Ball King and Queen as well as Class Favorites for the underclassmen will also take place. Dress is semi-formal. Tickets are \$10.00 per person and must be purchased in advance from Mrs. Taylor or Ms. Hayes. For more information, please email Mrs. Taylor at donna.taylor@veribestisd.net.

**FFA News**

**FFA Officers for 2009-2010 for High School**

President – Clint Holik  
Vice President – Jessica Benge  
Secretary – Jamie Oliver  
Treasurer – Zack Book  
Sentinel – Jordyn Bauerlein  
Student Advisor – Lauren Moeller

**FFA Officers for 2009-2010 for Jr. High School**

President – Charly Holik  
Vice President – Kynsey Jones  
Secretary – Heather Oliver  
Treasurer – Zach Broz  
Sentinel – Caleb Eggenmeyer  
Student Advisor – Katie Thomas

**FFA –Concho District Leadership Development Events**

**Contest Results** - On Monday November 9th the Veribest FFA chapter took students to Wall where we competed in the Concho District Leadership Development Events. We competed against these schools: Wall, Central, Lakeview, Sonora, Grape Creek, and Irion County. Students must place in the top two to advance to area competition held in Big Spring on the 21st. Five Veribest students advanced: Jordyn Bauerlein who was 1st in the Greenhand Creed Speaking and Jamie Oliver who was 2nd in the same event. Both girls did an excellent job blowing away the competition with a huge margin between 2nd and 3rd. Placing 2nd and also advancing to area was the Sr. Quiz team comprised of Lauren Moeller, Clint Holik, Leslie Oliver, and Jordyn Bauerlein.

Start to a Great Year

Michael Steck-Superintendent

The 2009-2010 school year began with enthusiasm, an enriched student body, an excited staff and a confident administration. It also began with some great facilities for our students: Two new United States Tennis Association (USTA) approved tennis courts and a new bus facility to protect our vehicles. These new additions are only the beginning to the improvements that will take place at Veribest ISD over the next few years. Veribest School District is now home to two hundred sixty-five students and a staff of fifty. We have many new faces from pre-kindergarten to the senior class as well as additional faculty and staff. Veribest ISD offers a quality education for every student that walks through our doors, as our Elementary is Exemplary and our Secondary school is Recognized.

Our students come from different walks of life, different backgrounds, different school experiences and students with wide ranges of interests. There is a wonderful opportunity for our students to grow as individuals and make lifelong friendships. There is truly a sense of pride being formed from within our student body that will keep our school strong. I appreciate our student body and believe they are buying into the belief that Veribest ISD can and will become as successful as they choose it to be. We have as much potential as any school district within the State of Texas.

With your continued support, our district will improve in appearance and the number of students that walk in our halls will increase. Thank you for all your support and help in making school year 2009-2010 great.

Michael Steck  
Superintendent of School

**The Veribest Harvest– 2009-2010**

**(November Edition)**

**Veribest ISD**

**P.O. Box 490**

**Veribest, Texas 76886**

**Non– Profit Org.**

**U.S. Postage**

**PAID**

**Veribest, Texas**

**Permit No.2**

**HOME OF THE**



**FALCONS**