



From the Principal's Desk **MR. CHRIS SMITH**

What a great week this has been! We have just completed the first week of VLA classes for students K-12. I am truly amazed at the instruction and engagement of our students at the Virtual Learning Academy. We have had tremendous growth in this program as we continue to develop the best practices for student success. There was great energy in the air at our Open House and I loved seeing the smiles on the faces of students, parents, and teachers. We received a surprise visit from Superintendent, Dr. Parker last week as he took a tour of our expanded building. His support and willingness to embrace flexible learning are imperative to our success and the future of this program.

I am excited to kick-off Student Support the week of September 12th as students will be able to come to the Point Option complex and work with their teachers as we provide a small and safe environment for them. Please remember to bring your Chromebook on testing and Student Support days. Let's have a GREAT school year.

Stay tuned for more exceptional opportunities for all of our wonderful students and families at the VLA. Please email me at Chris.Smith@nn.k12.va.us or call at 757-591-7408 if you have any questions.



BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 20

**JOIN US ON ZOOM FROM 7-8 PM. ZOOM LINK
WILL BE SHARED SOON!**



Dear Students and Families,

Welcome to a new school year! I am very excited to be the Elementary Virtual Program School Counselor and am here to help students with their social/emotional development, academic success and college/career readiness! I do this through classroom counseling lessons and individual counseling with students via Zoom and during in-person support days.

Each month we will have a monthly character theme that will guide the K-8 Counseling Program. **September is Self-Awareness!** Using this character trait, I will work with students on organizing their schedules, understanding their needs as a learner, setting goals and creating personal and academic habits that will help them kickstart a successful year!

Please use the contact information below to reach out with any questions or concerns! I look forward to meeting all our virtual learners over the coming weeks! Here's to new beginnings and a great school year!

---Mrs. Horrigan

Counseling Corner

LEAH HORRIGAN SMITH, MA, LPC

Leah.HorriganSmith@nn.k12.va.us

757-524-0141

(call/text during school hours)

Message me using the Inbox on Canvas!
(great for students!)

Schedule a Zoom with me!
(students or families)





LOOKING TO LEARN MORE ABOUT CANVAS AND THE EVP? LOOK FOR THIS COURSE CARD IMAGE ON YOUR CHILD'S CANVAS DASHBOARD! THIS COURSE CONTAINS HOW TO'S, RESOURCES, AND TROUBLESHOOTING TIPS FOR VIRTUAL LEARNING!



Upcoming State Testing

September 14th – 3rd, 4th, 5th
Reading Growth Assessments
Location: Point Option
Start time : 9:15 am

September 21st – 3rd, 4th, 5th
Math Growth Assessment
Location : Point Option
Start time: 9:15 am

ANY QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT JENNIFER FRAZIER, STUDENT SUPPORT SPECIALIST AND SITE TESTING COORDINATOR, JENNIFER.FRAZIER@NN.K12.VA.US OR 757-591-7408

Elementary Virtual Program Supply Pick-Up Drive Thru Event

813 Diligence Drive, Suite 101
Newport News, VA 23606

Sept 14
12:30-1:30pm
or
3:30-5:00pm

Check with your teacher to see if you need to stop by!



THE FIRST IN-PERSON DAY FOR THE ELEMENTARY VIRTUAL PROGRAM IS ON WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 14!

BRING YOUR FULLY-CHARGED CHROMEBOOK AND CHARGER!

Click to view the NNPS School Calendar for upcoming dates.

