2020 Valwood Lower School Honors

Invocation – *Carolyn Griner*
Dear Lord,

We pray for our students today and lift them before you. We also lift up our teachers in prayer today. They are a gift to us and so many others. We thank you so much for these we love and for the work you are continuing to do in their lives. We ask that you would keep their footsteps firm and remind them that you are with them, always. May they sense the freshness of your Spirit over their lives in amazing ways, may they be strengthened, instilled with hope, for the new roads that you have in store.

We pray for protection, for your covering, that you would surround their lives as with a shield. Protect their coming and going. This world is more uncertain than ever but let them know that you, God, are always Faithful and True. Our world is currently anxious, fearful, and uncertain. We pray our Valwood family is filled with your courage and strength, that they may be a light to their friends and neighbors in this uncertain time. Be a lamp for their feet, and a light to their path. Shine over them. Fill them with your spirit. Bless them with your peace.

Dear Almighty God, thank you for letting us find a way today to celebrate our wonderful school in these times and for the amazing staff helping us through it all.

In Jesus' Name,

Amen

Mala Vallotton Service Award – *Mrs. Catherine Daugharty*

Extra-Curricular Recognitions

Cub Scouts – *Lane Sanders, Zavier Dawson, William Nijem, Drew DeMersseman, Harrison Griner, Vaughn Roxberry, Cale Hyder, Dallas Griffith, Kai Bridges, Logan Houtz, Ret Taylor, William Corner, Aurora Dawson*

Valwood Voices – *Hank Freeman, John Henry Wetherington, Harrison Griner, Bryant Hester, Presley Ritter, Vaughn Roxberry, Jack Ferguson, Anna Rose Ganas, Lila Houston, Declan Price, Lydia Chambers, Esther Miller, Caroline Moreno, Delancey Hsu, Sophia Bajalia, Carolyn Griner, Javier Brinkley, Mia Colom, Cade Longieliere, Winter Simpson*

Odyssey of the Mind – Team 1 – *Vaughn Roxberry, Zavier Dawson, Declan Price, Drew DeMersseman, Lila Houston, Avery Thacker*
Team 2 – *Lydia Chambers, Olivia Nijem, Camille Vandemark, Evelyn Soshnik, Esther Miller, Ella Brooks Sanders*
Team 3 – *Ashlyn Johnson, Sean Brookhouser, Aurora Dawson, Audrey Castleberry, Jacks Dean, Mia Colom, Zachary Routsong*

Duke TIP Qualifiers – 4th Grade – *Julia Adams, Kai Bridges, Kreea Chakraborty, William Corner, Mallory Fortson, Grace Godbee, Hobby Houston, Delancey Hsu, Mary Blake McLeod, Marli Kate Moorman, Rylan Neal, Ret Taylor*
5th Grade – *Bryce Carter, Carolyn Griner, Charlotte Holloway, Bailie Murphy, Sam Ofori, Emma Shapiro, Julia Soshnik, Ella Wilburn*

Safety Patrol – *Quinn Burgess, Bryce Carter, Joel Clark, Mia Colom, Charlie Evans, Carolyn Griner, Charlotte Holloway, Ansley Holmes, Cade Longieliere, Bailie Murphy, Sam Ofori, Kennedy Paylo, Evan Schert, Emma Shapiro, Winter Simpson, Julia Soshnik, Kennedy Warren, Ella Wilburn, Brody Williams*

Individual Honors

Perfect Attendance – *Gavin Hinson, Liam Colom, Patrick Green, Peyton Matthews (3rd), Anna Kate Stamschror, Isiah Bowens, Hank Freeman, Severin McMillan, Christian Miller, William Nijem, Aaliya Patel (2nd), Declan Price, Owen Stamschror, Brody Blais, Aiden Earle (2nd), Ryan Lightfoot (4th), Camden Crump (4th), Delancey Hsu, Carolyn Griner, Emma Shapiro*

Dean's Merit Roll – 4th Grade – *Mason Corbett, William Corner, Camden Crump, Chapman Dasher, Olivia Fowler, Mckenzie Harsey, Fendley Kimbro, Marli Kate Moorman, Ret Taylor*
5th Grade – *Quinn Burgess, Charlotte Holloway, Bailie Murphy, Emma Shapiro*

Headmaster's Book Award – 4th Grade – *Julia Adams, Kreea Chakraborty, Mallory Fortson, Grace Godbee, Hobby Houston, Delancey Hsu, Mary Blake McLeod*
5th Grade – *Sophia Bajalia, Bryce Carter, Carolyn Griner, Sam Ofori, Ellyse Persaud, Julia Soshnik, Ella Wilburn*

Good Citizens – *Hank Freeman, Harrison Griner, Weston Paylo, Elizabeth Booth, Brooker Anderson, Sara Daugharty, Cale Hyder, Kennedy Paylo, Quinn Burgess*

5th Grade Speech Contest – 1st Place - *Bailie Murphy,* 2nd – *Quinn Burgess,* 3rd – *Carolyn Griner,* 4th Tie – *Kennedy Paylo, Julia Soshnik*

Special Area Class Awards

Art – Mrs. Williams - *Potter Price, Turner Orr, Maggi Moorman, Evelyn Soshnik, Isabella Coile, Fendley Kimbro, Audrey Castleberry, Emma Shapiro, Gianna Kenzel*

Library - Mrs. Griffin – *William Nijem, Presley Ritter, Lake Wanamaker, Ryder Selph, Esther Miller, Delancey Hsu, Marli Kate Moorman, Carolyn Griner, Charlotte Holloway*

Music - Mrs. Chambers – *Madi Burgess, Emmaline Taylor, Anna Rose Ganas, Camille Vandemark, Caroline Moreno, Trey Freeman, Camden Crump, Ansley Holmes, Winter Simpson*

Strings – Ms. Medina – *William Corner, Sophia Bajalia, Ellyse Persaud*

Spanish – Mrs. Coronado – *Sara Haynes Ryan, Maddux Miller, J. T. Green, Kendra Leyva, Aiden Earle, Logan Houtz, Olivia Fowler, Sophia Bajalia, Bailie Murphy*

P.E. – Mrs. Henderson – *Hank Freeman, Ansen Murphy, Weston Paylo, Matt Trickett, Tyler Lightfoot, Fendley Kimbro, Rylan Neal, Bryce Carter, Quinn Burgess*

Highest Honors

Headmaster's Award – *Mrs. Karen Crump*

President's Award for Educational Excellence – *Sophia Bajalia, Quinn Burgess, Bryce Carter, Joel Clark, Mia Colom, Carolyn Griner, Charlotte Holloway, Ansley Holmes, Cade Longieliere, Dallas Montgomery, Bailie Murphy, Sam Ofori, Ellyse Persaud, Emma Shapiro, Julia Soshnik, Ella Wilburn*

Rosemary Brannen Award - *Julia Soshnik*

This Strange End

by Susan Elliott

It's here! We made it! The last day of school!
But somehow, this year, it's not quite so cool.
We miss our friends, teachers and our normal routine.
Three months ago this was so unforeseen.
Despite not learning in the traditional way
Technology and our parents saved the day!
A new set of skills in a virtual frame
We learned just the same . . . it's a whole new game!
Yes, we didn't get to do our favorite year end events
But fate has us recreating these special moments.
This all seems so strange and at times really bad
But it's made us grow closer to our awesome moms and dads!
They are our heroes who juggled so much
In tight situations they are so clutch.
Our teachers worked tirelessly to help us to learn.
Their love and support makes our hearts yearn.
So here we are now at the end of the year
No parties or celebrations and still lots of fear.
No matter what ending to this strange year of school
Just know that your Valwood family
Will always love YOU!