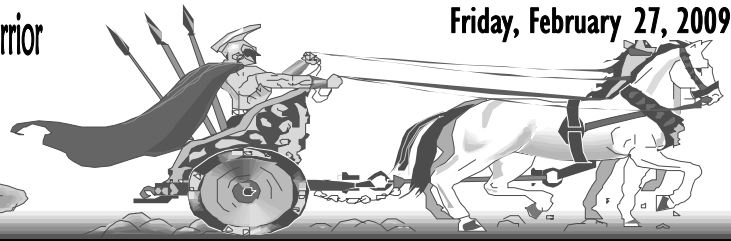


"Make trumpets
...and use them for
calling the
community
together."
Numbers 10:2

Bowling Green Christian Academy's Warrior

Friday, February 27, 2009

Trumpet



Dear Families,

It is classroom formal observation and teacher evaluation time at Bowling Green Christian Academy. I have been observing in so many classrooms where the academic settings are alive and interactive, and the opportunity to see learning take place is real and exciting. I am amazed at the quality of instruction with intense dialogue between teacher and student and among groups of students as they work together. I have observed master teaching at BGCA implementing so many good teaching methods: hands on activities, group discussions, explanation of advanced math concepts, demonstrations with intriguing science experiments, and controversial discussions in language arts, social studies and Bible. It never ceases to amaze me just how many activities are going on at once. And, the real blessing is that a Biblical worldview is interwoven in most of what goes on all day in work, play and relationships.

Curriculum review and assessment of our instructional program is ongoing. Our Education Committee will be meeting in the next few weeks to once again take a look at our academic program and needed changes. We invite parents to be involved in our school, to ask questions about our program, and to arrange to come by to observe classes if you wish. Thanks for your confidence in our faculty and staff and for sending your outstanding students for us to serve. We ask that you make our school, and all we do here, a part of your daily prayer time.

Serving Him with you,
Mattie Jane Cobb

TOP 7 THINGS TO KNOW:

- (1) Paparazzi Moms Invited** to the 6:30-7:00pm "Mommarazzi Line" to photograph the fabulous fathers and daughters arriving for *A Night At The Mattie's*. This special Father/Daughter event takes place tomorrow, Saturday, Feb 28.
- (2) Casual Day Passes** will be accepted next week, March 2-6. Passes should be turned into the homeroom teacher right away the morning the student wears (appropriate) Casual Day attire. Casual Day Passes are not accepted on Chapel/High Five Day*. See below for this week's Chapel/High Five attire.
- (3) Crazy Hat Day** on Monday, March 2, in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday. Everyone is invited to have fun with this day.
- (4) Let's March Into Reading!** K5 through 8th grade students will receive packets of information about this fun all-school fundraiser through the month of March. Promote good reading habits, gear up for our Spring Book Fair, and raise money for our school! The kick-off will be Monday, Mar 2, and packets will be distributed at that time.
- (5) The next SCRIP Order Turn-in Date** is Thursday, Mar 5. Order forms are available on our website or in the SCRIP mailbox at school.
- (6) This year's Calendar Revised:** To make up for two of the days we missed for weather, please note that 3rd quarter will end on Friday, Mar 13, and 3rd quarter report cards will be sent home on Wednesday, Mar 18. The school year has been extended to Friday, May 22, to adjust for the days missed. Thank you for noting this on your family calendar.
- (7) The 2009-2010 BGCA Calendar** has been approved by the Board. The first day for students will be Wednesday, Aug 5. Copies of the general school calendar are available in the office.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

We welcome visitors to share and worship with us any time! Students may wear ***High Five T's** or regular Chapel attire with *regular SAC bottoms* on Wednesday, Mar 4. We will be recognizing March birthdays during High Five that day. It will also be an all-school Jamaica Report Chapel from our 8th graders.

9:00am all classes and grades

Pray scripturally for our students.....Each week we include a short prayer based on scripture. The current focus is "A Servant's Heart." Insert a student name and pray for them each day during the week:

Whatever ____ does, may s/he work at it with all her/his heart, as working for you, Lord, not for people (Col 3:23).

ACADEMIC LIFE

Mrs. Betty Harris' K4 students are learning in Bible class how the life of Zacchaeus changed after meeting Jesus. Their heritage studies include discussing the mailman, how letters travel, and discussing home addresses.

Mrs. Swanson's 6th graders are learning about the Mayan culture and society in social studies. They are focusing on the different levels in their society and how that influenced clothing and housing. They compared Mayan religious practices to Christianity.

Mrs. Johnson's 8th grade algebra students are calculating the radioactive decay formulas which can be used in calculating the earth's age.

IN BACKPACKS

(Watch deadlines!)

Look for these items in backpacks today unless otherwise noted:

- ✓ **March/April Calendar** (pink) - check website for updates
- ✓ **March Into Reading** flyer - kick-off Monday, Mar 2
- ✓ **Fun To Be Fit** flyer for children ages 5-12 (through P.E.)

SCHOOL NEWS & NEEDS

Sniffles and Sneezes: We've had more than our share of these health issues this year and our office (facial) tissue supply has been depleted. We would happily accept additional tissue contributions for the offices and other more public areas of the building. Check with classroom teachers to be sure they haven't also run out.

Picateers Volunteers needed for 2009-2010: We still need photographer(s) and a coordinator for the 2009/2010 Picateers School Pictures Fundraiser. If interested, contact Shelley Baird (782-6183) by Monday, Mar 2.

Yearbook Pictures Needed -- Our book still needs photos! We need them on a CD in the Yearbook mailbox or turned in to the office marked Yearbook." Pictures must be submitted on a CD to work with our on-line software. We are short on candid shots.

Help Keep Our Students Healthy: Encourage healthy habits such as hand washing and covering mouths during coughs and sneezes. If your student is vomiting, has diarrhea, or has a fever 99° or higher, they must stay at home to recuperate. Just a reminder: A student should be free of any fever, *without medication*, for 24 hours before returning to school. Yes, that is 24 hours, fever-free. Thanks for helping!

THANK YOU to all the parents who have allowed us to display school brochures at their businesses. If you haven't taken this opportunity to promote our wonderful school, we will be glad to drop off a display at your business. Contact Renee Johnston 782-9552, ext.38.

2009-2010 Tuition Information: (1) Prepaid tuition is due on or before May 1, 2009.

(2) SMART Tuition Payment Participants:

- ✓ If you intend on using SMART for tuition payments please contact Lori Wilson to verify address/bank information.
 - ✓ Family tuition information with SMART will automatically rollover for the 2009-2010 school year.
 - ✓ Your first payment for the 2009-2010 school year is due June 10, 2009.
 - ✓ If you have your payments automatically deducted from your checking account, your first payment will be deducted on June 10, 2009.
 - ✓ **If you choose to prepay instead of making monthly payments, please notify Lori Wilson before Friday, April 3, 2009.** BGCA must have all completed SMART applications turned into SMART by April 10, 2009 to avoid delays in processing.
 - ✓ Reminder to families who use a **bill pay service** to pay SMART tuition: Please remember to change your SMART account number and your new monthly tuition amounts with your bill pay service starting with your June 10, 2009 payment. Your new SMART account number and monthly tuition payment will be on your first SMART invoice.
- (3) If you are taking the Multi-Student or Pastoral Discount, you must complete the appropriate form in order to receive the discount. You may obtain these forms from Christi Bilbrey, Admissions Director or Lori in the Finance Office.
- (4) If you need assistance or have questions regarding tuition, please contact Lori at 782-9552 ext. 41.

FUNDRAISING & HELPING

Continue Raising Funds at *No Charge!* There are more ways you can help raise funds for BGCA without it costing you one extra cent! We participate in several Shopping Cart Fundraisers. These programs donate to BGCA through the items you already purchase. They are: **SCRIP gift cards**, Kroger Gift cards, Schoolpop.com, Tyson's A+ program, Box Tops and Campbells' Labels for Education. Look for detailed information concerning each of these programs periodically.

Mark your calendar and make plans to participate in **BGCA's Annual Golf Tournament:** Thursday, May 7, 8:30am start. Watch for more information to come. Rain date will be Thurs, May 14.

CONGRATULATIONS/THANK YOU

Congratulations ACSI State Spelling Bee Winners! We had 14 spellers participate this past Friday, and nine of them placed in the top four at their grade level:

1st gr - Shelby Castner (1st), Christie Lin (4th);

2nd gr - Adam McGuffey, Jillian Higgins;

3rd gr - Israel Johnston (4th), Kennedy Campbell;

4th gr - Alexis Cherry (2nd after 49 rounds!), Terra Sheldon;

5th gr - Matt Propst (4th), John Mikel Boswell;

6th gr - Hannah Higgins (2nd), McKenzie Morris (4th);

8th gr - Andrew McGuffey (1st), Amanda Kieffer (3rd).

Great job, students!

Well Done, Haven Porter - former BGCA student and aunt to current students, Denver, Dalton, and Dakota Moody - is being awarded "Outstanding Undergraduate Clinician" this year for the entire WKU program. She is a senior, graduating in May, from the Communication Disorders program with a Bachelor of Science and plans to be a Speech Pathologist after completing her Masters in Arts and Education.

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Upcoming Events:

Monday, Mar 9, 5:00-8:00pm - Chick-Fil-A family night

Wednesday, Mar 11, 7:00-8:00am - Donuts with Dad

Wednesday, Mar 18, 7:00-8:00am - Muffins with Mom

PLANNING STAGES

Interested in High School? If you missed the last week's Informational and Fact-Finding Meeting, there are packets available in front office. More information will be coming shortly.

OPPORTUNITIES

Information is available in the office for:

- Capitol Arts Youth Theatre & Academy Reg. for Jan-May

Shows, music, news, and more! Check out the **Bulletin Board** display case in the front hallway. It has lots of interesting information!

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