

Chalkmarks



Academic Excellence on a Biblical Foundation

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WHAT JOY IS MINE!

They say it is hard to end a career. I agree, but it gives me great pleasure to reflect on my career and how the Lord has led each step of the way. Teaching, especially in a Christian School, is such a unique opportunity to build into the lives of children, not just for the skills of tomorrow, but for eternity. What a privilege it has been to intentionally guide these young lives with the truths found in Scripture. What they do with those truths is ultimately their choice, but God promises that His word will not return void.

The Bible says: "we will not hide them (the truths) from their children; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, His power, and the wonders He has done. ... so (that) the next generation would know them, **even the children yet to be born**, and they in turn would tell their children. Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget His deeds but would keep His commands." Psalm 78:4, 6-7. Being here for such a LONG time has enabled me to observe 'the children of the children' I have instructed and to witness the truth of this verse.

When I was teaching, the verse that was always across the front of my classroom read: "Live a life worthy of the Lord, and please Him in every way." Colossians 1:9

This verse is a Christian teacher's motivation for a labor of love. It has been an unbelievable honor to serve the Lord here. I am so thankful for the 'gift of teaching' and the love He has given me for the children. I do love them deeply and will miss those spontaneous hugs!

I heard a quote from Dr. Seuss that I have pondered much this year and have grown to love. I shared it on Grandparents Day.

"Don't cry because it is over,
Smile because it happened!"

I can only SMILE as I reflect upon my time at BCS and the opportunity to be a part of its beginning. What joy to have loved the work the Lord called me to do. Others will carry on this work, as they too have been called by the Lord. This is the His school. May it always be. To Him be the honor and the glory.

With an overflowing heart of thankfulness,

Happy



In case you were wondering...

Many of you have asked about an official farewell for Miss Walts. There is one planned, but not until spring. Mark your calendars for Thursday, April 14, 2011 and watch Chalkmarks, classroom newsletters, and Constant Contact emails for more information as the time approaches.

Help us **S P R E A D** the word!

**We will be having a Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade
OPEN HOUSE
on Thursday, January 6th, 2011
10:00-11:30 a.m. & 1:00-2:30 p.m.**

Our kindergarten teachers will be available to talk with and to share our kindergarten philosophy. We'll have an interactive puppet show with Abbe Starr in the Chapel, as well as Playdough activities for the children. Application papers will be available, and we'll be giving mini tours of the building. There will be an opportunity for prospective parents to observe in the 1st or 2nd grade classrooms for half an hour. Please tell your friends and neighbors to come and check us out. We know they'll love what they see AND it could be an extra \$400 in your pocket if they end up coming to BCS because of your influence!

WRITE ON! (Spotlight on 6+1Traits)

The Weird Poem
By Max Toenges, 6A

This is a warning
To all who will read
Some things that are frightening
And scary indeed!
A thing that is scary is a big black bear,
With his razor sharp claws and his dark midnight hair.
He made us jump right out of our socks,
He scared us more than that scarlet red fox.
The fox, oh yes! We should talk about him!
He too made us jump up out of our skin!
My dad was brave when he tried to shoo it away,
But when it went into his tent he looked the same way!
He looked like my mother, screeching in horror,
As I tracked a bunch of mud on the new clean floor.
Well, I'm done, nothing more to say.
Ouch! I fell! Never mind, I'm ok.





TICKET TO READ

ENJOY THE RIDE OF READING !



Do YOU plan to do some READING over your Christmas vacation? We have selected 2 different days during the holidays to allow children who are 'readaholics' to come in and take some AR quizzes. The dates are listed below and the time will be for one hour only from **NOON to 1PM** each of the days. Enter at Door #1. Remember, you may only take 3 tests maximum on each of the days. Happy Reading, kids!

**Monday, December 27th in the AR lab with Mrs. Weer and
Wednesday, December 29th in the library with Mrs. McIntosh**

2nd Grade Minimum (20)

Millie Lyon
Anna Mishler
Abby Schuman
Israel Schuman
Leah Snyder
Alyssa Stevens

3rd Grade Minimum (30)

Svea Blalock

4th Grade Minimum (40)

Austin McIntosh

5th Grade Minimum (50)

Zac Morlan

6th Grade Minimum (60)

2nd 50 Point Club

Jakob Dressler
Jackson Maley
Hannah Webster

3rd 75 Point Club

A.J. Connelly
Roselyn Ruble
Micah Zimmerman

4th 100 Point Club

Rachel Pearsall

5th 125 Point Club

Brevin Blalock
Jenna Sims

6th 150 Point Club

Elizabeth Zolman

LOOKING AHEAD



**Christmas Break
December 20
through
December 31**

- **Monday, January 3rd**
School Resumes
- **Thursday, January 6th**
Kindergarten through 2nd grade
Open House
10:00am-11:30am or 1:00pm-2:30pm
- **Friday, January 14th**
Second Quarter ends

From Mr. Roop: Please remember to have your children bring gym shoes on gym days. Snow boots are not good for the students' feet during indoor gym activities.



JACKS CLUB



Calling all 5th and 6th grade girls!!! Jacks Club will begin after Christmas break. If you need to purchase a metal jacks set, Cracker Barrel has them again this year. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Weer.

A RE-ENROLLMENT REMINDER:

YES, re-enrollment for the 2011-2012 school year is just around the corner.
It begins Monday, January 31st.
Mark your calendar and plan ahead.
BCS won't be the same without your children here.

From Nurse Holloway: The November and December issues of the In Motion Newsletter are available on the BCS website, or just click the links below to view them.

November: <http://www.blackhawkchristian.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/12/2010-IN-MOTION-NOVEMBER.pdf>

December: <http://www.blackhawkchristian.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/12/2010-IN-MOTION-DECEMBER.pdf>

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ATTENTION PROCRASTINATORS!! There is still lots of time to do your shopping! Just for you, the Scrip office will be open Monday, December 20 and Tuesday, December 21, from 9:00am - noon.

EVERYBODY -- We are well stocked with Gift Cards, so call us (493-7400, ext.269), fax us (493-7258), send in an order with your child, or stop by and see us.

**We will be closed for Christmas and reopen when school resumes January 3.
Have a wonderful Christmas and we will see you in 2011.**