

# Chalkmarks



Academic Excellence on a Biblical Foundation

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## WORDS OF APPRECIATION FOR BCS

I received the following email from a new family to BCS. It was such an encouragement to the teachers and me that I wanted you to also enjoy the benefits of the blessing. Miss Walts

Dear Happy,

I wanted to let you know how wonderful our experience has been thus far, as a family new to BCS. As you know, our kids were very unhappy with our decision to switch schools! Well, just as you predicted, they already love their new school. I am actually quite surprised at how happy they are. Our daughter absolutely adores her teacher...she talks about her every single night. She also said to me, "You know, Mom...the girls at Blackhawk are a lot nicer. I mean, I really miss my friends, but my new friends are...well, they're just a lot nicer kids." Those were her exact words. Thank you for what you have created in BCS. The teachers are so warm and loving, the parents and children have welcomed all of us with open arms, and the atmosphere is just what I prayed it would be. We are looking forward to many years at BCS, and I wanted you to know from someone brand new how wonderful your school is. Thank you.

### CHAPEL CHALLENGE

Grades 3-6 chapel had Mr. Hartman bringing us some thoughts this past week. He challenged us to grow in our walk with the Lord by finding a place all alone and making it a point to read something from God's Word every day. Our chapels are every Thursday afternoon. K-2 is from 1:00-1:30 and Grades 3-6 is from 1:35-2:10. **Parents are always welcome to join us.**

### LUNCH SERVERS and SUBS still needed

We still need someone to serve lunches every Wednesday. Your hours of service would be 10:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Lunch Subs are also needed Monday, Thursday, and Friday. Please call Donna Roberts at ext. 326 if you are able to help out in this way.



TWINKLE, TWINKLE, LITTLE STAR.....

5th grade students have been learning about stars and constellations in science. They made their own planispheres to locate constellations in the night sky. These maps helped them find Orion, Ursa Major, Draco, and dozens more.

### SAFETY FIRST IN THE MORNING

We have a place on the Lahmeyer side of our building that we call the "HOT SPOT" for drop-offs in the morning. It causes us problems. For some strange reason it feels right to stop and unload your students as close to the gym doors as possible, but we need you to **not stop at the hot spot**. Please pull as far forward as you can before you begin unloading in the AM. **We need to unload 4 to 5 cars at a time along the cones. The only time you should unload at the hot spot corner is if there is a row of cars stopped and unloading ahead of you along the cones.** If we all pull as far forward as possible before unloading we will eliminate a lot of frustration for people behind us trying to get to the coned area. We do not use the double-line merge system in the morning. We need to keep cars moving forward. Thank you so much for doing this!

**All students need to exit the cars from the passenger side and enter into the coned area.**

### Elementary Plant Show

**ATTN:** 1st - 5th grade students who received plants and/or seeds last spring from the Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Dept. It is time to show off all the hard work you did this summer!

**WHEN:** Wednesday September 8th.

**WHERE:** At BCS (gym hallway)

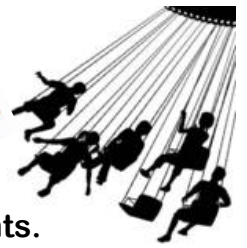
Plants must be received by 8:45 a.m. to be judged by the master gardeners. Please have your entries filled out completely so they can keep accurate records.



Thank you for using your GREEN nametags for pickup. It is a HUGE help to the teachers on duty if you attach it to the passenger visor and flip it down. All the help you give us at dismissal time is so appreciated.



# TICKET TO READ



This year our AR program theme is... Ticket to READ  
 Students will experience great thrills as they finish books and gain points.  
 Watch this space in the future for news about challenges met, prizes awarded,  
 and other reading/AR bits. Our goal in AR is to nurture our students to be lifelong  
 readers.

## Enjoy the ride of reading!

Reaching the minimum goal of 40 points for 4<sup>th</sup> grade is Lawson Doden.  
 Mr. Wilhite made the 5<sup>th</sup> grade minimum goal of 50 points.  
 Way to go! Keep reading everyone!!

### LOOKING AHEAD

- **Monday, September 6th**  
Labor Day – **NO SCHOOL**
- **Tuesday, September 7th**  
Magazine Turn-In Day #3
- **Wednesday, September 8th**  
Elementary Plant Show
- **Friday, September 10th**  
Magazine Sale ends  
Final Turn-In day

**Elementary School Pictures are  
 Wednesday, September 22nd**



### Elementary Office Hours

Monday through Thursday  
 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
 and  
 Friday  
 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

To reach the school office before 8:00 a.m. dial 493-7400.  
 Choose option 3 and leave a brief message and your phone number.  
 We will return your call as soon as possible.

**BCS PHONE DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE MID SEPTEMBER**

### Health Reminder

Parents, do we have updated shot records for your children in grades 6 through 12? Mrs. Holloway's extension is 249 if you have questions regarding needed immunizations.  
 Also, please keep your child home if he or she has a fever. Students should not return to school until they have been **fever free** for **24 hours** without the use of fever reducing medications such as Tylenol or ibuprofen.

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**BLOCKBUSTER VIDEO** -- We have received word that Blockbuster may be closing. If you have any Blockbuster gift cards, please use them up immediately. We also have a limited supply of Blockbuster gift cards that we would like to sell. If you plan to rent a movie would you PLEASE HELP US OUT BY PURCHASING A BLOCKBUSTER GIFT CARD. The single movie cards are only \$3.50 -- a real bargain!! We also have \$10 cards. Thank you so much.

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS** for 2011 (start saving today) are available in the Scrip office for only \$25. There is a long list of local merchants included, so it is very easy to recoup your initial investment. You may also use Scrip with the coupons to increase your savings.

### Results of our special summer project:

- \$87,000 of Scrip was purchased.
- 23 families purchased over \$1,000 and qualified for the \$50 gift card drawing.
- The winning families are Lynn & Chris Rich and Randall & Brenda Sebastian. **CONGRATULATIONS!!**

**SCRIP TUITION CREDIT VOUCHER** If you purchased Scrip last school year, the credit vouchers are available in the Scrip office. You must request your voucher; either stop by or call us (493-7400, ext 269).