

# BROWN COUNTY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

'A CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY'



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## Time to Re-enroll...

Step 1: Complete the re-enrollment form

Step 2: Return it to the office by Feb. 5

Step 3: Remit your enrollment and membership fees by March 18

Step 4: If needed apply for financial aid via the BCCA website

Now!!!

## OPEN ENROLLMENT 2016



Mrs. Florence's

The Young 5's class has been working hard this month to use our talents to serve God and others. We have learned what it means to be responsible and to practice self-control.

In math, the students enjoyed making different shapes/objects out of clay to see which objects would sink and which objects would float.

We have practiced our fine motor skills by using lacing cards, and cutting with scissors often this month.

We have also learned our phone numbers, and how to dial 911 in an emergency.

The class is very excited to close out the month with a visit from the chief of police, Jim Lewis, on Friday!



## Mrs. Purdy's

Greetings from Mrs. Purdy's desk. We have been working diligently in the month of January. We haven't let the snow days stop us from making progress.

In Bible, we have been studying Moses and learning the Ten Commandments as we march around the room.

In Math, Kindergarten is learning all about the properties of three-dimensional shapes as they study real objects.

First grade has been studying length, and second grade has been studying weight with high hopes of starting multiplication in the near future.

In Grammar, we have continued to work on building sentences and discovering what adjectives and adverbs modify using many jingles to reinforce this concept.

In Orthography, we have had continued progress with memorizing our phonograms. The children have been truly excited at getting to take home a book to read for the first time (Kindergarten), and the older students are all about those chapter books.

It has been truly delightful watching them become animated about their books.

The joy of learning is contagious!



## Mrs. Ernst's

Mrs. Ernst's class has dived eagerly into reading The Wonderful Wizard of Oz by Frank L. Baum. This fairy tale chronicles the adventures of the child protagonist, Dorothy. It has provided much delight within our classroom. There are many parallels to our own spiritual journeys the children will be examining in light of God's Word. The parallels, while some literal and some figurative include; good and evil, able to discern who we are in Christ and the God given gifts and talents we possess, and perseverance.

The children have also memorized the Preamble to the Constitution of the United States of America. Throughout their history studies, they have learned the events that took place up to the time there was a need for a constitution and the determination it took to write and establish the Constitution still in effect today. Most notably students learned that without strong religion and God's grace a nation is unable to thrive and endure.

Students have learned four parts of speech (nouns, verbs, adverbs, adjectives and article adjectives) and have been practicing growing their schema by classifying sentences. Classifying sentences include identifying and labeling each word contained in the sentence, prepositional phrases, the sentence flow, subject and predicate, and type of sentence.



## Mrs. Woollard's

What an incredible month it has been at the BCCA. Despite snow days and the cold, our students have learned so much.

Our Latin discipuli continue to increase their Latin vocabulary while finding great joy in discovering the English words rooted in them. But that is not all they are learning. This month they also began writing their first Latin sentences and have worked very hard at mastering present tense verb conjugations, as well as memorizing the first few verses of "In Principio" (John 1).

The Egyptian Unit Study for art and music is drawing to a close as each student works diligently to finish up his or her sarcophagus. We anticipate a visit to the Cincinnati Art Museum this spring where students will enjoy a guided tour through the Ancient Worlds Exhibit. Imagine their wonder as they see first hand many of the things we have discussed over the last few months.

Every day I am humbled and blessed to be a part of this adventure.

Auxilio Ab Alto,

*Magistra Woollard*



Abigail Staker (5th) has shown exceptional achievement in Mrs. Ernst's class this year by increasing her Mathematics competency by a total of 515% in

just the five short months we've been in session. Way to go Abigail!!!

Jaidon Florence (1st) is being honored for his exceptional achievement in Mathematics and Orthography. He is currently completing both 1st and 2nd grade curriculums simultaneously in Mrs. Purdy's class. Way to go Jaidon!!!!



Reed Young (3rd) has been enrolled at BCCA for about seven weeks, and in that time he has had to catch up on three months of Latin. More importantly Reed has increased his Orthography levels, in Mrs. Ernst's class by one and a half grade levels in just a short time! He is also completing the 4th grade math curriculum as well! Way to go Reed!!!!



## Volunteer Spotlight

Mr. Adam Sloas is in our Volunteer Spotlight this month. Adam is a 2002 graduate of Western Brown High School and the Southern Hills Career Center. He lives in Brown County with his wife, Amy, and two children Wyatt and Wylin. Adam and his family attend Union Church of Christ in Hillsboro, OH.

Adam is the BCCA's volunteer maintenance man, and he has been quite the blessing; especially with parts of our building being from 1947!! Along with his father, Brett, Adam has completed all the required maintenance on the building to date. All this while being self-employed in his own business, AJ's Maintenance, which is a heating and air company.

The Sloas family makes it a priority to spend quality time together and they all truly enjoy raising and working with their horses and ponies.



# Worship vs. Performing

Alyssa Woollard

A few days ago a BCCA parent posted the following to Facebook:

*“After a rough morning, hearing the children at BCCA sing praises to God was exactly what I needed. I don’t believe they will every truly understand what an impact they make, and honestly I pray they never do. What is so uplifting about their singing is that they do so earnestly. I pray it never becomes a performance for them, that they always simply sing their hearts out for God.”*

As the music teacher, I work very hard to impress upon the children that whenever we sing it should always be beautiful. We should train our bodies the correct way to sing. Of course I still believe this to be true. However, her words echo eternal truth. Worshipping God. This is what matters most. To all of us, but most especially to God.

There are many times during “Passion Pointe” I cannot physically sing myself. My voice is momentarily stolen. Joy has silenced my voice and leaks down my face.

These sweet children bring their entire selves to God’s feet every single morning, for every single song. They love worshipping God and I know He loves receiving their praise.

There is one song in particular which ministers to us all in an overwhelming way. It is the christian version of “Hallelujah.” There are several reasons for this. One powerful reason is the children use ASL to sign the word for Hallelujah during the chorus.

Every time I see their little hands clap...then clench to fists and raise in a circular motion until their arms have risen, completely outstretched...and then those small fists open to release highest praise, a lump forms in my throat.

But that is not the only reason.

It’s the dynamics that ministers to my heart the most. Without ever being instructed when to sing loudly or when to sing softly their precious little souls already know. From the soft sweet “hallelujah” to the loud and powerful “Jesus Christ the Lord is Alive!” These precious babes know instinctively what we as adults too easily forget.



## Heart for Service

With all the moving and rearranging since the start of school we have had two rooms act as catch-alls for the items we had no idea what to do with... well not anymore!! Thanks to Johnny and Dody Staker and her cousin, Bill Sparks, our once treacherous storage rooms are clean and well organized. they hauled several loads of recyclable material as well as taking many things to Rumpke for appropriate disposal. Please join us here at the BCCA in thanking the Stakers and Mr. Sparks for their hours of Christian labor.



Join Today

# ~~~Taco Tuesdays~~~

Coming in February!!

Each Tuesday in February the PTF will be serving tacos to the students.  
Please contact the PTF officers at:

[ptf@thebcca.org](mailto:ptf@thebcca.org)



*Parent - Teacher Fellowship*

## Reminders from the office...



- if your child is sick please call or email before 8:30 am that morning
- capital campaign lists of prospective donors are due asap
- re-enrollment papers are due by February 5th
- there are a few slots still available for cleaning and you may email Mrs. Palm for help scheduling
- please call to schedule your parent - teacher conferences

(937) 446-1220 / 1222

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## A Note from the Headmaster...

### BCCA Standards... A Closer Look



Our standards within the academy are loving and structured. We believe all children are created in the image of God and we deeply respect the uniqueness of their personalities. All children are prone to misbehavior on occasion, so we don't expect them to be perfect (or even close). So, with that being said, we also believe most children could attend BCCA and be successful as long as their parents support our teachers and administrators as we lovingly but firmly discipline children who act out. Every child is encouraged to maximize his/her learning potential and develop a lifelong love for learning.

In support of parents' God-given responsibility for educating their children, BCCA will:

Provide a clear model of Christian life through its staff and Board members. (Matt. 22:37-40)

Encourage every young student to begin and to continue to develop a relationship with God the Father through Jesus Christ. (Matt. 28:18-20)

Teach all subjects from a Biblical worldview as parts of an integrated whole with the Scripture at the center. (2 Tim. 3:16-17)

Also provided to the students will be a **classical education**, in which **grammar** (the fundamental facts and rules of each subject), **logic** (the ordered relationship of particulars in each subject), and **rhetoric** (the expression in speech and writing of the ideas of a subject) are emphasized in all the subject areas.

BCCA's teachers and staff constantly encourage all students to develop wisdom, discernment, and a love for learning. Our children will be taught how to learn for themselves and how to express what they have learned; how to think rather than simply what to think.

Finally the BCCA is dedicated to the realization that our students will be different. They will learn history, science, math, orthography, reading, logic and Latin, but they will learn all these subject as an integration in Christ. Each and every subject will be integrated as such, and we are to surely understand Christ as the integration point between the lessons of the classroom and the rest of life.

I will leave you with a favorite quote of mine:

*The only people who achieve much are those who want knowledge so badly that they seek it while the conditions are still unfavorable. Favorable conditions never come.*

— C.S. Lewis

In Service to God's Kingdom,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Eric Purdy'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Eric Purdy