

BROWN COUNTY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

'A CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY'



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Mark your calendars...

May 5 - National Day of Prayer 6pm
Courthouse in Georgetown

May 8 - Mother's Day
AbunDANCE Ballet Recital 3pm

May 13 - Spring Review @ 7pm

May 20 - Last Day of School - "FIELD DAY"

Now!!!

2016 ENROLLMENT OPEN



Mrs. Florence's

The Young 5's have been moving right along during the month of April, and have made tremendous accomplishments throughout this month. We closed up our unit on the five senses, and really focused on the sense of hearing.

The children enjoyed using their ears to hear the words, so they could determine what letter each word begins with based on the sound alone. We have been working hard on fine motor skills this month, and have practiced cutting, lacing, building, and

writing daily to improve those skills. A few students have also learned to tie their shoelaces over the past few weeks! In math, we have learned about sequencing, patterns, and are even doing some simple addition and subtraction problems!

Our Bible stories this month have taught us to serve others, be obedient to God's Word, and to always tell the truth! The students especially enjoyed learning about Jonah, and how they can never hide from God. It is such a blessing to spend each day with the students, and to share with them the joy of their achievements!



Mrs. Purdy's

Are we seriously down to just 3 weeks of the school year? It's amazing to see the progress each of my students have made over time. I am blessed to have had them in my classroom for the last eight months.



This month in particular has been fast paced and rigorous. We are holding steady and being diligent in our work. All eleven students have memorized each of the 71 phonograms in our Writing Road to Reading Program. It is time for some ice cream to celebrate! The kindergarteners are making tremendous progress in reading and have begun to read more challenging books each week. The first and second graders are writing more complex sentences, paragraphs, and stories. Their imaginations impress me.

In math, the kindergarteners, have been working on positional words and addition. They are excited to be doing work that emulates the older students. They can not wait to start multiplication. It is exciting to see their wonderment. First and second graders are working on counting money, mental math, and multiplication. They love each of these concepts. They are unaware of how important this sort of math is in the real world. I love to see them so excited to come to the math table each day!

We have spent the last week or so finishing up the 10 commandment lessons and have begun talking about Deborah and her love and obedience toward God's ways. The student's have loved seeing evidence of how God's ways work, and what happens when people choose the wrong way. Overall, we are continuing to make the progress necessary to finish the school year strongly. I am beaming over that thought!



Mrs. Ernst's

Third, fourth, and fifth grade students have begun a writing and rhetoric study of fables this month. Students are studying narration, amplification, anthropomorphism, copiousness, summary writing, and critical thinking. Students are modeling their writing after the classic writer, Aesop. By doing this, the students are learning unknown aspects of writing through known concepts of writing.

The students have been adding more parts of speech to their schema this month as well. They have learned how to identify prepositions, object of prepositions, conjunctions, and compound subjects, verbs, objects of prepositions, and adjectives. And, most recently, began the study of interjections.

In history the students have just finished learning about democracy. Our country was founded as a republic, however democracy started creeping in more and more during our nation's second presidency and has become increasingly dominate in the years following. Students learned why democracy is important for our nation, but also how it can weaken our government if too much democracy is ensued.

The study of the Old Testament book Joshua is proving to be exciting. It is sparking deep questions and new ways of studying the Word. The students are learning what it means to meditate on God's Word and pray while incorporating God's Word into their prayers. "This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night...For then you will make your way prosperous and then you will have good success." (Joshua 1:8)



Mrs. Woollard's

We have been working very hard in music practicing for the Spring Showcase on May 13th. We can't wait to share with each of you just a small portion of all we have learned this year at the BCCA.

Several of the teachers have been brought to tears watching the children practice. It is truly amazing to look back and see how far we have come. And even though most of our time has been spent practicing for the 13th we still found time to work on an Egyptian cartouche for art class.

Our Latin students continue to amaze me with their love of Latin and the speed at which they obtain mastery over new words and content. This month our vocabulary lessons have been focused on Latin adverbs and on the names of different occupations.

We have been conjugating the past, present, and future tenses of the irregular linking verb sum (I am), and for an end of the year project the students are writing, editing and illustrating stories they wrote using the Latin they have learned this year.

It is a humble privileged to be a part of this journey.

Gloria In Excelsis Deo!

Magistra Woollard



Volunteer Spotlight



Jennifer Grace Buckamneer was born Jennifer Grace MacDowell in Harrison, Ohio, where she spent her early childhood.

She, along with her parents, Bruce and Sherry MacDowell, and siblings moved to Sinking Spring, Ohio when Jenny was 11 years old after her father was offered a Pastor position at a local church.

Jenny's early childhood education consisted entirely of home and Christian Schooling until she entered High School at Peebles High School.

Jennifer joined the basketball team there and was known for her tenacity at the point guard position.

She is Mom to 5 children; Tyler ,McKinlee, Charity, Emma, and Abigail and step-mother to Angela, Kassandra, and Karlee.

Jenny graduated from Southern State Community College and is a Licensed Practical Nurse and co-owner of Pro Kill, Incorporated.

Educational Excellence

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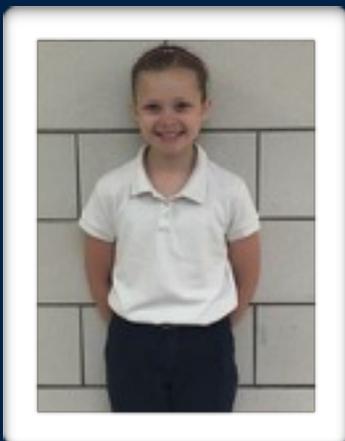
KINLEY WARREN - BCCA Young 5's

There are many educational and behavioral objectives the children must learn in our Young 5's program, and Kinley is the first to master each one for this school year. Way to go!



JUDAH KIRK - BCCA 1st Grader

He is the top Orthography student and is currently Spelling on a 5th grade level and reading 3rd grade level books. Excellent work!



ABIGAIL STAKER - BCCA 5th Grader

At the start of the school year Abigail was at a sixth grade level in Orthography class. Currently she is operating in the eighth to 10th grade range. Well done!

Heart for Service

The Brown County Christian Academy Staff and Board members would like to say THANK YOU to **Brett & Pat Sloas and Adam & Amy Sloas of AJ's Maintenance - Heating & Cooling** for providing all our building maintenance needs throughout this first year!!!

It's great companies like this that afford BCCA the privilege of providing a quality Christian education to our children. God bless each of you!



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For information about becoming a part of the PTF please contact them:

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Join Today



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Reminders from the office...



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1

The three remaining Taco Tuesdays have been paid for by Pro Kill Inc.

2

As the weather heats up please be sure your child has a water bottle to drink from during the day.

3

The children will need to be at the school by 6:15pm for the Spring Showcase

4

If possible please send cash for pizza Fridays

A Note from the Headmaster...

Many of the conversations I have revolve around the BCCA, and generally at some point in the conversation the topic of “faith” will come into play. Not my personal faith, but the idea of what type of “faith” we are teaching here at the academy. So please allow me the opportunity to give a little insight to the type of “faith” that we here at the BCCA yearn for your children to have as they go out into the world.



If you haven't noticed there are three little words on the BCCA logo. *Via. Veritas. Vita.* Now, these words are Latin, so I don't expect you know them right away, however you might be able to guess their meanings! Let's take a closer look at these three simple words.

First, let's discuss Via. In our language this word is translated as “way”, or for our logo purposes “the Way.” Ok, but the way to what? Heaven? Yes, indeed, Heaven.

As part of our faith instruction, the children at the BCCA learn that Jesus Christ is the only Way to gain an eternal presence with God. Knowing and trusting that Jesus is the only intercessor between God and man, and that we must come to him for guidance throughout our lives is an axiom in which all our students receive.

Next, let's look at the word Veritas. In our language this word is translated as “truth”, but here at BCCA we teach the children that it means “the Truth.” Now, you may be asking, “What is the truth?”, or “The truth about what?”, and that's ok.

The Truth is contained in God's word, otherwise known as the Holy Scriptures. It's true that every single word of the Bible was written by man, but the Truth is that every single word was inspired by our great God to help us understand His love for us. He wants us to know and understand the Truth so that we may have eternal life in His presence.

Finally, a look at Vita, and the translation for this word is “life.” Students at the BCCA learn about many types of lives through their education, but they will always learn about one life that mattered the most; the life of Jesus Christ.

They will learn that God loves us so much that He took on human form as Jesus Christ, and that He, once and for all, could take all the sins of the world upon himself so that we would have the opportunity of eternal life. Our children will leave us with this knowledge, and we pray that it will be the beginning of a great faith walk throughout their lives; to live and love as God loved us by sending his only Son to die for each one of us.

Eric Purdy

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric Purdy'. The signature is stylized and cursive, written over a light-colored background.