

September 29, 2010
ISSUE #2



BOBCAT BRIGADE

*Buckner Fanning
Christian School*

BIBLE VERSES:

Week of Oct 4-8

Word of the Week

Obedience

Bible Verse

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Week of Oct 12-15

Word of the Week

Blameless

Bible Verse

The righteous man leads a blameless life; blessed are his children after him.

Proverbs 20:7

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Thursday, Sept. 30 12:00 NOON—Early Dismissal for Core Knowledge Planning (No Lunches Served)
- Monday, Oct. 4-Friday, Oct.8
• Monday, October 4 FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
Volleyball@ BFCS vs Cross Luther 5:00
- Thursday, October 7 Grandparents' Day for PRE-K (M-Th)
Football@Geneva Boerne 5:00
- Friday, October 8 Grandparents' Day—1:30-3:00 p.m.
- Monday, October 11 Columbus Day Holiday—No School
- Friday, October 15 FALL FESTIVAL 5:30 pm
- Wednesday, October 20 End of 1st 9 Weeks Grading Period
- Friday, October 22 DUDS DAY—Wear out-of-uniform clothes for \$1 (Middle School Fundraiser)
BFCS GOLF TOURNAMENT

JOHN'S CORNER:

- We're off to a great start this school year with many activities your family can get involved with. Grandparents' Day is quickly approaching and we want to invite all Grandparents & "Grand" friends to an afternoon of fun celebrating this special time together with their Grandchildren.
- And did you know, how proud we are of our BFCS students. Most students scored 2-3 grade levels above other students in their grades across the nation who took the Stanford Standardized test. Way to go SMART BOBCATS!
- If you haven't signed up a team for our BFCS Golf Tournament there is still time. If you're not a golfer, come to Gospel on the Green dinner & silent auction following the tournament for fun, fellowship and raising funds for BFCS.

Thank You, Tooth Fairy!



The Tooth Fairy visited Ms. Stacie's and Ms. Yvette's Class. She explained the importance of brushing our teeth and eating healthy snacks!



RE-SALE UNIFORMS

Parents, if you have any items on the re-sale uniform rack outside the computer lab that you do not want to donate, please pick them up no later than October 8th. Any items not reclaimed by this date will be boxed and shipped to a Mission in Mexico to help many less fortunate students. This program is sponsored by the Fellowship of San Antonio. Thank you for your cooperation and support in this very worthy cause.



KINDERGARTEN KICKS OFF!

We are off to a great start in kindergarten! We started the year by learning about the most important thing to five- and six-year olds—their! Our "get to know you" activity allowed one child each day to be the class "King" or "Queen of the Day"! That child became the focus of many literacy activities.

We have also been working with maps and globes to foster the children's geographical awareness. The children are getting an introduction to the seven continents and associating the continents with familiar wildlife, landmarks, etc. (for example, penguins in Antarctica; the Eiffel Tower in Europe). Throughout the school year, we will reinforce the names and locations of continents as connections arise (for example, the voyage of the Pilgrims will connect to Europe and North America).

We continue to practice our penmanship daily, as well as, working with calendars, building patterns and reading graphs. The children come to school excited every day and ready to learn. They are a blessing to teach!



Mrs. Gregg's Class with lions from Africa



Mrs. Mitchel's Class with their parrots from South America

BFCS GALA

Committee Members Needed!

We are looking for volunteers to help out on the BFCS Gala Committee. If you are interested, please contact Kathi Holzschuher.

tholzschuher@satx.rr.com

Thanks to Ashley Rosilier, Officer Keogh and all the spirited volunteers who helped make the Bike Rodeo so memorable for all the students!



BFSC BIKE RODEO

Friday, Sept. 24

CONGRATULATIONS, BIKE RODEO WINNERS!



Kindergarten Winners:

Ryan McCaffery Sammie Wagner
Dillon Munford Aidenne Despres
Brandon Snell Devon Merwarth



First Grade Winners:

Bishop Ulrich Lakyn Richter
Max Wheless Kylie Rush
Jason Williams Tatum Ulrich



Second Grade Winners:

Aiden Merwarth Kaitlyn Siebert
Wes Harris Faith Falcon
Kane Henderson Madeline Albrecht



Third Grade Winners:

Major Wheless Brooke Radigan
Tyler Brame Madeline Lomas
Mark Mitchener Maureen Ruele



Fourth Grade Winners:

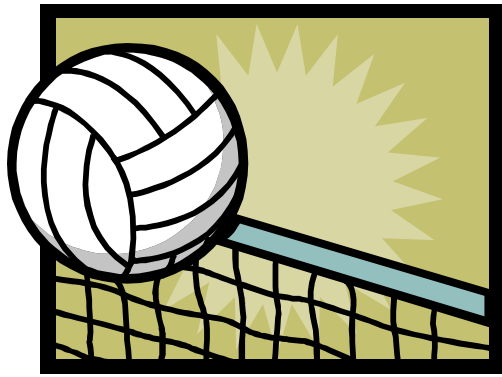
Hunter Rush Olivia Eckhardt
Costa Macris Amber Teague
Chris Williams Morgan Atencio



Fifth Grade Winners:

Zach Herring Maren Merwarth
Aiden McMichael Hannah Munford
Dawson Dullnig Ashton Folsom





BFCS VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Go, Lady Bobcats!



First Grade Happenings...

In August and September our first grade classes have learned a lot about our world. First we reviewed the continents to make sure we could name and locate all 7. Then we made maps of our world showing the continents and oceans and we reviewed our directions. We found our own continent of North America and exactly where we live on it. We also learned a little about some of the other countries with which we share our North American continent. We studied the Northern and Southern Hemispheres, the North and South Poles, and equator. But the most fun was studying about the inside of the earth. Each one of us made Styrofoam models of the inside of the earth and painted the inner and outer core, the mantle and crust. We also made a class model of the earth and put 7 flat pieces of clay around the outside to show how the earth's plates come together. Another day we made volcanoes to show how the hot magma from the mantle bursts out to make more rocks for the crust. That led to learning about the three types of rocks: igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic. After we studied each type we made more models (we love models). For igneous we melted chocolate cubes and let the "lava" cool and harden again. For sedimentary rocks we made great layers with crackers, crunchy (fossil) peanut butter and even sprinkles for a little extra "sand". Those layers were great to look in for dinosaur bones but they were even better to eat. Our metamorphic "Tootsie Roll" rock models change entirely with the pressure and heat from our (clean) hands. We especially love our projects when we can eat them.



Now that we know so much about the earth we have begun to study about early people and civilizations in the Americas. We studied the nomads and how they crossed the land bridge from Asia to North America during the ice age. So much to learn - so many projects to do..... **FIRST GRADE IS FANTASTIC, FABULOUS AND FUN!**





GO



BOBCATS!

BFCS FOOTBALL



Way to go, Bobcats!

Great Win over Notre Dame Catholic School,
40-13!





Third Grade News

Mrs. Thias and Ms. Gandy are very excited this year about third grade. Their students are diligent workers and are always eager to learn new concepts.

The first novel we read was Hank the Cowdog. The students loved Hank, the Head of Ranch Security. We are now reading Clementine and the students are enjoying reading about her good heart and all the funny situations she gets into. We have also been busy studying Core Knowledge poems and phrases. In Creative Writing, we have written descriptive stories and compare and contrast stories. The students are awesome writers. The students are learning the Shurley Method and they will be singing the jingles all the way through school.

In Social Studies, we are studying maps and globes and will complete the unit this week.

In Science, we started school with a unit on Animals with an emphasis on Vertebrates and Invertebrates.

The Saxon Math program is excellent. The students have learned about shapes, comparing and contrasting, subtracting, addition and word problems.

As you can see, we have been busy as bees, and we have proved that learning can be fun!

Fourth Grade Navigates the World



Fourth graders have navigated their way through the beginning of another great school year. Distance scales and the coordinate system of lines of latitude and longitude aided fourth graders as they navigated their way around the globe during their map skills unit. They navigated their way to the center of the Earth through all its layers and burst back up to the crust to discover its oceanic and continental plates. The dictionary, thesaurus, and Wordly Wise proved to be great tools to navigate through new vocabulary. Navigating through mathematic story problems with problem solving strategies provided success for our fourth graders. Next on their journey, they will navigate the Earth's atmospheric layers.

FIFTH GRADE FUN!

Our 5th graders have been studying World Lakes in our Social Studies unit to begin our school year. Each student made a "Travel Poster" for the World Lake that they chose! We have some very artistic 5th graders! Come by our classroom and look at all the posters in the windows. I am so proud of their hard work! In Science we are studying Chemistry! We have learned all about elements and the periodic table as well as atoms, compounds and molecules. The following pictures are pictures of our "gum drop molecules"! Each student chose different molecules to create out of gum drops...YUM!



Ms. Amanda's
Class

"Letter-Learning" in Pre-K 3's

The Pre-K 3's have started learning about letters! We get to meet a different letter person each week, and then we get to do fun activities relating to the letter. Here is Ms. Amanda's class with their Ms. A puppet and Ms. Carrie's MWF class with their apple paintings.



Ms. Carrie's
Class



“Labor of Love” Service Project

BFCS joined FOSA this month to support a very worthy cause. We collected stuffed animals for the firefighters and police officers to hand out to the children of San Antonio. Our school donated over 450 stuffed animals! The donations were bagged up and presented during last Sunday’s church service at FOSA. Thank you!



BFCS Middle School



Executive Council:

- President: Lexi Hazlett
- Vice President: Derek Schuppenhauer
Conley Wehner
- Treasurer: Brooke Waggoner
- Secretary: Shelby Byars
Mikaela Vara
- 8th Grade Rep: Ian Miller
- 7th Grade Rep: Brenner Magott
- 6th Grade Rep: Henry Banowsky

Council:

- 6th Grade Historian: Brooklyn Purcell
- 7th Grade Historian: Matthew Ellis
Slaton Herndon
- 8th Grade Historian: Zach Rosilier
Sarah Thias
- Publicity: Chris Gokelman
Mailee Jones
- Service: Devyn Dullnig
Spencer Herring



Congratulations to our new Student Council!



Book Buddies



Both the younger and upper grades look forward to this time each week!



Ms. Carrie's 3-year-old Pre-K Class with their 6th Grade Mentors

The Second Grade Scoop!

Second graders are off to a super start! They learned 1st grade Saxon Math so well that we have had to skip some lessons and everyone is making A's on fact time tests! Shurley English has students classifying and labeling five parts of speech in sentences. Speaking of labeling, the class has worked on Map Skills and labeled landforms on maps of North and South America. Landform definitions have been memorized and illustrated in flip books. Second graders are reading daily to collect AR points and kite tails to put on our classroom kite!



*A great night of food and fellowship
at BFCS Pasta & Prayer*





LEXI'S LOUNGE



Hello. My name is Lexi Hazlett, your BFCS Middle School President, and I would like to inform you of a new feature for the Newsletter entitled “Lexi’s Lounge”. As a tribute to the teachers and staff at BFCS, I will be publishing personal profiles, preferably the same month as their birthdays. These profiles will allow everyone to get to know them better. I hope you enjoy them.

Mr. Strawn is our wonderful choir/band teacher. He is fun to work with and has a great personality. He is really cool and we are lucky to have him as our teacher. Here are some things about Mr. Strawn:

Name: Jack Alton Strawn

Title/Grade: Music Teacher/PK-3 to Middle School

Birthday: October 8th

Years at BFCS: First Year

Favorite thing about BFCS: The incredible, intelligent, and talented students at BFCS.

Favorite food or restaurant: Mozart Café in Vienna, Austria and favorite food is dessert- pastries, cakes, pies, and crème brulee

Favorite movie or book: “To Kill A Mockingbird” by Harper Lee

Favorite music or artist: Music- Classical, Artist: Renee Fleming- Soprano Composer: Richard Strauss

Favorite sports team: San Antonio Spurs/New Orleans Saints

Favorite television show: All of the Law and Order shows, America’s Got Talent, So You Think You Can Dance, Bones, and Glee

Favorite vacation: Greek Island Cruise and the Isle of Capri

Pets: No pets now; I did have a half beagle, half Doberman named Jello

Spouse/Children: Wife: Patricia Ann Strawn

Favorite quote: “What angel wakes me from my flowery bed”- Shakespeare (Midsummer’s Night Dream)

Mrs. Stitzel is a kind woman and a great teacher. She has a warm heart and it is fun to talk to her. Here are some things about Mrs. Stitzel:

Name: Jenna Stitzel

Title/Grade: 5th

Birthday: October 12th

Years at BFCS: 2 years

Favorite thing about BFCS: Able to share faith with our students. The staff is all supportive and caring. The students are respectful.

Favorite food or restaurant: Mexican (Alamo, Blanco, etc.)

Favorite movie or book: Movie: The Saint Book: The Red Tent

Favorite music or artist: All Country/Christian **Favorite vacation:** Germany

Favorite sports team: Texans/Spurs **Favorite television show:** Extreme Home Makeover

Pets: 2 cats-Tom and Pooks. 1 dog(Dachshund)-Neeski 1 fish- Flipper

Spouse/Children: Marc/Ana Stitzel

Favorite Quote: "It's all part of the experience."

Mr. Rafael is one of the most polite and friendly staff members at BFCS. He always greets people with a smile and is a very hard worker.

Name: Rafael Velarde

Title/Grade: Maintenance

Birthday: August 28th

Years at BFCS: Four

Favorite thing about BFCS: The nice people.

Favorite food or restaurant: Bill Miller's

Favorite music or artist: Mana Band

Favorite sports team: Spurs

Favorite vacation: Beach

Pets: Dog

Spouse/Children: Rocio, Paola, Berenice, and Eddie

Mrs. Sylvia Quintanilla is a sweet and polite teacher who has an amazing way of making every student in her class feel special. We are so happy you have returned part time to BFCS.

Name: Sylvia Quintanilla

Title/Grade: Pre-K Teacher

Birthday: September 28th

Years at BFCS: Six years

Favorite thing about BFCS: Watching the children grow spiritually

Favorite food or restaurant: Olive Garden

Favorite movie or book: The Blind Side/Any Nicolas Spark books

Favorite music or artist: George Strait-Country Music

Favorite sports team: Dallas Cowboys

Favorite television show: American Idol

Favorite vacation: Port "A" with my family

Pets: Cat-Minnie

Spouse/Children: Husband-Edward, Yvette, Lisa, and Michael

Mark JR is one of the newest members to the BFCS family. He is a hard worker and is very polite to all the parents, teachers, and students.

Name: Mark Mendez JR

Title/Grade: Maintenance

Birthday: September 29th

Years at BFCS: 1 year and 2 months

Favorite thing about BFCS: The people here at BFCS.

Favorite food or restaurant: Texas Roadhouse

Favorite music or artist: Rock/Metal

Favorite sports team: Longhorns

Favorite television show: Family Guy

Favorite vacation: Sandals

Pets: Zoey (Pitbull)



Buckner Fanning's Fairway to Heaven Golf Classic

Friday, Oct. 22, 2010
1 p.m. shotgun start (scramble)



Followed by the Gospel on the Green dinner (open to non-golfers for \$20) with live music, cash bar and a great silent auction!

Two lucky teams may get a chance to add a former Spurs player to their group, if the broadcast schedules work out for us. And two lucky golfers will get a chance to try for a \$100,000 Ace for Ace hole in one!

First-place team members will receive 2 rounds of golf EACH at an area golf course. Free golf will also be awarded to the second- and third-place teams.

Silent auction items include golf at Briggs Ranch, Dominion, Sonterra and Fair Oaks; a spa day for your car; private winery parties; jewelry, food and tickets galore! For sports fans, we will offer a Tony Parker signed 2007 Finals inscription photo, Cowboys memorabilia, golf memorabilia and some great stay-and-play packages at Kiawah Island and Pebble Beach, among others.

Best of all, for BFCS families, the early-bird price DOES NOT EXPIRE. So you still have time to sign up.

Cost: \$125/individual golfer or \$500/foursome. A premium mulligan package is available for \$25/golfer. It provides two mulligans, two raffle tickets, one entry in the \$100,000 shootout drawing and entry into all on-course contests.

Deadline: Oct. 8, 2010.

Sign up online: To be invoiced, sign up at bucknerfanningschool.org (check for the Fairway to Heaven link on the home page) or to pay online, go to golfdigestplanner.com/14133-BFCSGolf. You can also pick up a registration form at the front office.

Information: LeAnna Kosub at (210) 861-8175.

Gospel on the Green dinner

A night of fellowship and fun

Friday, Oct. 22, 2010

5:30 p.m. after Buckner Fanning's
Fairway to Heaven Golf Classic at



Non-golfers are invited to join the golfers and other BFCS families for a dinner with live music, a cash bar and a great silent auction!



Food: Chicken parmigiana and pasta Milano dinner from Romano's Macaroni Grill and a yummy dessert.

Silent auction items: Signed photos of famous sports figures (including Tony Parker, Arnold Palmer and Ben Hogan), vacation and stay-and-play golf packages, wine tasting parties, teeth whitening, rounds of golf from courses throughout San Antonio, a spa day for your car, acupuncture treatments, jewelry (including James Avery and Pandora), Spurs tickets, a signed copy of Max Lucado's book "Outlive Your Life", gift certificates to many area restaurants (including rosemary chicken from EZ's for 8), kids parties at Cheesy Janes and University Bowl, tickets for the Missions, Witte Museum, the MAiZE, Botanical Gardens, Magik Theatre, and more.

Cost: \$20/person. FREE BABYSITTING at the school, provided by the Middle School as a community service project.

Deadline: Oct. 15, 2010.

Sign up online: To be invoiced, sign up at bucknerfanningschool.org (check for the Fairway to Heaven link on the home page and go past all the golf stuff to the **Dinner Date** section) or to pay online, go to golfdigestplanner.com/14133-BFCSGolf, click on Register and scroll down to the non-golf section. You can also pick up a registration form at the front office.

Information: LeAnna Kosub at (210) 861-8175 or lkosub@gmail.com

Robotics Team at Buckner Fanning!

We have a number of great kids in the Robotics Team and have created 3 teams! We need to use a laptop to program the robots, especially for competition and don't have the budget for it. If you or anyone you know has a laptop to donate, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Spaces are limited, so email awahl@satx.rr.com to let me know of your interest.





Join Karate at Buckner Fanning!

Thursdays right after school!

This is a Japanese style karate instructed by Mike Weaver, a second degree black belt, who has trained under Shihan, Master Instructor, who trained with the Grand Master himself in Japan.

For more information about the style, go to <http://www.sanchinkarate.com/>

Mike Weaver

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