

# Mustang Message



April 2023

## Be Not Weary in Well Doing By Nathan Reeves

Do you ever get tired of being the dad or the mom? Ever grow weary of having high expectations of your kids? Ever want to just hop on a plane to Cancun? Well, when it comes to parenting, "...be not weary in well doing." (2 Thessalonians 3:13) Instead, be consistent. Hang in there. Stay with it.

**Be consistent in training.** This includes things like chores, homework, and piano lessons. It happens at home, at the store, in church, and at social gatherings. Train them to say things like "yes, sir," "please," and "no, thank you." Train them to work hard. Don't accept laziness. If something is not done right, consistently have them go back and try it again. Train them to say "I love you" by saying it yourself. If you start when they're young, it just becomes something your family says on a regular basis. Train them to speak to adults. Few things are more frustrating to adults than when you wave or say "hello" to a child and get nothing in return. Train them to write thank you notes. It may seem like a small thing, but it can pay big dividends. There's a sweet lady at our church who told me that if a high school graduate writes her a thank you note after receiving a graduation gift, she makes sure to give them a college graduation gift and a wedding gift. But only if they write a thank you note! If they don't learn it at home, where will they learn it? Instead of being weary, be consistent.

**Be consistent in obedience and honor.** Obedience is the outward show of inward honor. Once our kids have honored in their

heart, outward obedience comes naturally and easily. Don't accept good actions with bad attitudes. We parents can grow weary of attitude and slip into thinking that the child obeyed because they did what we asked of them. But if they didn't do it the way we wanted (with a good attitude), it's not obedience. Have them do it again but with a smile on their face. Dad and mom will reap what they sow when it comes to obedience and honor. Choose consistency over weariness.

**Be consistent in discipline.** While discipline is not the same as punishment, it certainly includes it for parents. If you say they will be punished for an action and they do the action, you better follow through. If you don't, you're training them to not believe what you say and that they can get away with wrongdoing. Also, don't harp on your kids. Colossians 3:21 says, "Fathers, provoke not your children to anger." This is the parent of the Walmart kid. (Every Walmart has a Walmart kid and they're always there!) This parent constantly says things like, "Stop that...quit it...cut it out...be quiet." Say what you mean, mean what you say, and consistently discipline. But don't be weary.

My pastor, Richard Coyle, once said, "The only unfruitful consistency is being consistently inconsistent." You may not see the fruit right away. Trust God. They're going to test your resolve. Let's determine to avoid being weary in well doing by becoming and staying consistent.



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# Current Events

## Apr. 14 Hawaiian Day

Aloha! Always a favorite, Hawaiian Day is a blast with

many surprises. Elementary parents are welcome to join us for Hawaiian activities in the afternoon. Hope to see you there!



## Apr. 15 Bill Rice Ranch Open House

Invite your friends to come out to the Ranch between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to get a glimpse of what we have to offer. In addition to camp tours, there will also be free hot dogs, pony rides, and inflatables! We hope to see you there!

## Apr. 17-18 Iowa Testing

These are important days of standardized testing. Please make sure your child gets plenty of rest and a good breakfast.

## Apr. 20 Fun Run

We are raising funds for a new building! Will you reach your family goal? Will we reach our school goal? Let's work hard at getting sponsors & reaching our goals...then get ready to win some AWESOME prizes! The run starts at 1:00 on this day.



## Apr. 24-28 Middle School Spirit Week!

Middle School Spirit Week will include a different theme each day and lots of excitement! Come ready to show off all of your school and team spirit and earn lots of team points!!!



## Apr. 29 Day of Champions

All 7th-12th graders are invited to attend an action-packed day of sports tournaments and Bible preaching. If you know someone who would be interested, please see Mr. Reeves for more info.

# Thanks for Your Support

Thank you to all those who have used your Kroger cards & mentioned your phone number at Publix. We have received hundreds of dollars from these programs this year. If you have a Kroger card, be sure to link it to BRCA; if you shop at Publix, be sure to sign up online and mention your phone number each time you shop. If you have any questions, you can refer to our website or contact Mrs. Reeves.

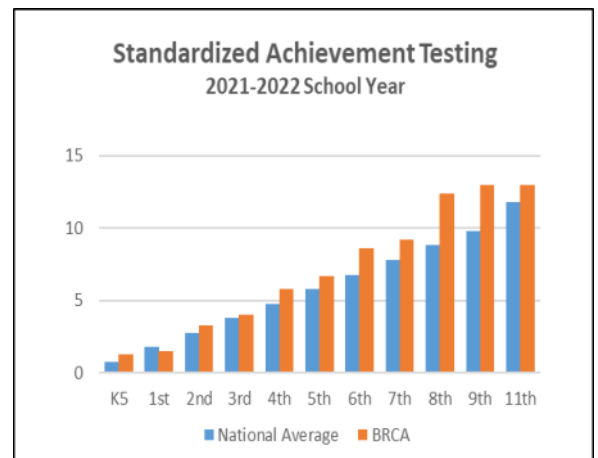
# Ranch Workday

Dads...we need your help! The Bill Rice Ranch Workday is the best way for BRCA dads to lend a hand. The workday will be **Saturday, May 13**. We will start with breakfast at 7:30 and then begin working on projects around the Ranch to help us get ready for summer camp. Lunch will end the day at 12:30. We had a good group last year, but this year I hope to have the best year yet! If you are interested, please let Mr. Reeves know.

# High Scores for BRCA!



This summer we received our IOWA standardized test scores for last school year, and we were very pleased. This is a test taken by public & private school students around the country, and BRCA students scored 1.3 grade levels higher than the average student! We credit our teachers and our curriculum and are very grateful for the increase!





# #PixOfTheMonth



## Spring Retreats



# Elementary Students of the Month

**Letty Ford:** Letty has shown diligence in her writing, seatwork, and in the way she always strives to do her very best in her work. She never quits even when it's hard and continues to try to do her best. Keep up the good work, Letty!

**Alex Robbins:** Alex diligently works hard every day. I never have to remind him to get busy. He does his best to do his room job well too. Keep up the good work!

**Avanley Milashuk:** Avanley has shown great diligence in her schoolwork, improving as a result! She has also demonstrated diligence in character by simply being faithful to do what is right! Thanks, Avanley, for your example!

**Haley Goddard:** Haley showed excellent diligence this month! She worked hard to get her seatwork done right the first time. She also tries to keep her desk neat and clean.

**Amiya Henry:** Amiya shows on a daily basis the character trait of being diligent! She works hard on her schoolwork and excels in what she does. Nice work, Amiya!

**Joshua Carruth:** Joshua has shown diligence by working carefully on his papers and doing his best on his room job. I'm proud of you, Joshua!

**Landon Partridge:** Diligence is all about doing your best in all areas, and Landon has shown great diligence at school! He works hard every day on his papers and his homework as well. He doesn't give up if something is challenging but keeps working at it! He gives his best while working or playing. Keep it up, Landon!

**Laura Wells:** Laura works hard to stay on task and focus in class. She applies herself to keep her area neat and orderly. Way to be diligent, Laura!

**Aubrey Aulgur:** Aubrey is the very definition of diligence! She doesn't just complete her work; she works until it's perfect. Way to go, Aubrey!

Character Trait of the Month:

# KINDNESS

**Definition:** having goodness of nature; friendliness.

**Examples:**

1. Find one person each day to compliment.
2. At recess, play with someone you usually do not play with.

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## Middle School Student Highlight with Valentine Dallas

**Miss Perkins:** What is your favorite thing to do?

**Valentine:** I enjoy math, reading, and video games.

**Miss Perkins:** What is your favorite thing about your parents?

**Valentine:** I like that they spend time with me and are fun!

**Miss Perkins:** What do you most like about Middle School at BRCA?

**Valentine:** My favorite part is the Middle School teams—I enjoy the competition and it keeps us from ever getting bored!

**Miss Perkins:** What do you like most about your teachers?

**Valentine:** They do their best to keep classes interesting.

**Miss Perkins:** What do you hope to do when you grow up?

**Valentine:** I would like to be a math teacher.



### Middle School Teams



= 1,607



= 2,160



= 1,504