

# Mustang Message



## They Grow Up So Fast!

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They do, don't they? This is the time of year that I compare our students to themselves nine months ago. At least to me, they look so much more grown up. You'd think it was two years ago that they were that short! But a lot of growing happens during a school year. Our students have grown physically, socially, academically, and spiritually.

This year, some of our students learned how to read, do long division, use an adverb correctly, play the piano, use a protractor, write a research paper, and speak publicly. Others learned about the metric system, spelling rules, states and capitals, factoring, capitalization, ecology, and problem solving strategies. All our students were trained to hold the door for others, say "Yes, sir" and "Yes, ma'am", encourage others by cheering for them when they got a question right, and apologize when they did wrong. Sometimes there were growing pains, but it was worth it.

BRCA has grown this year too! Not only has our enrollment gone up for sixteen out of seventeen years, we also added another 1<sup>st</sup> grade class. These were young people who couldn't have been with us a couple of years ago and are better for being here. We look forward to adding another 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class next year!

While everyone is looking forward to the summer, I'm excited about the fall already because of more growth and improvements coming our way. Obviously, once the new school building is open, that will be a huge improvement! We'll start with at least two new classrooms and will eventually add a third classroom, a chapel, a new office, restrooms, a teacher workroom, and more. It will meet many of our current and future needs. I am also thrilled about our new Middle School Flex Period! Flex Period is a 30-minute period every day, and every day will have a different theme and purpose. It will include classes like reading for fun, split sessions (guys/girls), team meetings, and clubs. Clubs will be like electives where Middle Schoolers can choose from fun classes such as Yearbook, Maintenance, Teacher Aides, Bible Quizzing, Vocal, Chess, and more. This will be the biggest Middle School improvement since we started Middle School eight years ago. Many BRCA improvements are right around the corner.

It's been a great year! We are so thankful for the support our students' parents show us on a daily basis. Please continue to pray for us as we grow with our students!



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# Current Events

## May 1-5 Teacher Appreciation Week

Help us express our appreciation to our teachers during this week. One good way to express your gratitude is to send notes and letters (maybe one per day, from you and your child), flowers, or even a gift card. We have the best teachers around, so let's show them we think so!

## May 8 Middle School Reward Trip

Students who earned their way to the Reward Trip will go on an exciting trip this Monday after school until 6:30.

## May 13 Ranch Work Day

All our school dads are invited to join us for a half day of work and food! Come enjoy some good food & be a blessing!

## May 17 Middle School Team Party

Our Middle School Team Party will be the perfect way to finish the Middle

School team competition and to celebrate the Team of the Year!

## May 19-20 Father and Son Adventure

This is the perfect chance for dads and sons to grow closer together around God's Word. We hope you will come!

## May 24 School Picnic

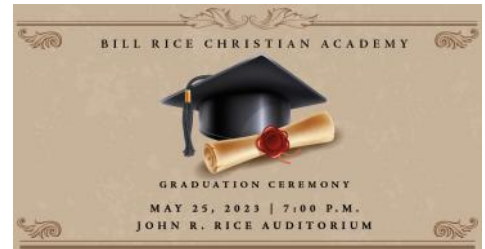
This special event will begin with lunch at Cowboy Town and will include different games and activities. Parents will be asked to bring in food/drinks, and BRCA will provide the hotdogs. We hope you will join us!



## May 25 Last Day of School/Graduation Ceremony

School gets out at 11:30, and the Graduation Ceremony starts at 7:00 p.m. in the

John R. Rice Auditorium. Please come to support our graduates on this special evening.



## May 26-August 20 Summer Vacation

Have a terrific summer! We will see many of you for camp and then again on August 21 for a new year!!

## June 12-16 BRCA Camp Week

Pay the \$50 registration fee by the last day of school, and then pay the remainder upon arrival. Don't miss out on this awesome opportunity!



# BRCA & Summer Camp

This year our 2nd-12th graders will be attending camp June 12-16. This is a great time to reconnect with school friends in the summer. Your children will hear clear Bible preaching that is right on their level. Along with the services, the Juniors will enjoy activities like Funspiration, the pentathlon, a rodeo, battleball, Inflatable Invasion, and much more! Teen campers can participate in the Sports Tournament, the Music Contest, and many special activities. And everyone will have the opportunity to go swimming and ride a horse! Here are a few things you will want to send to camp with your child: a Bible, bedding, towels, toiletries, a swimsuit, sunscreen, and spending money (\$7-\$12 a day is a good amount). Horse rides (\$7-13), the Cowboy Cookout (\$11-16), and the Wild Frontier (teens only, \$13) are all things they won't want to miss! In regard to dress, girls may wear knee-length athletic shorts and skirts. Boys are asked to wear jeans/wind pants (no shorts). All students that will be attending camp this year will meet at the Academy at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 12. Parents will pick up their juniors and teens on Friday night after the service outside the John R. Rice Auditorium, around 9:00. If you have any questions, please see Mr. Reeves.



# Independence Day Retreat

One the most exciting days on the Ranch is the 4th of July—a day for the whole family. At the Independence Day Retreat you will enjoy two delicious meals, and you can get involved in as many of the exciting activities as you would like (or just take it easy!). In the morning, we will have a special service called the Illustrated Message where you will learn a Bible truth that is illustrated “cowboy-style.” In the evening, one of our evangelists will bring another message from the Bible that will be a help to your home. In a climactic way, we always end the retreat with a spectacular fireworks display that will be sure to leave you feeling patriotic! It's only one day, but what a day it is! Let me encourage you to get in on all the action!





# #PixOfTheMonth



## Spring Retreats

Dads...don't miss this one!

May 19-20

# FATHER & SON ADVENTURE

Speaker:  
Evangelist Wil Rice IV

Cost \$45 per person  
\*Save \$10 if registered by May 13

# Elementary Students of the Month

**Autumn Hill:** Autumn shows kindness not just in our classroom but also in aftercare. Whether she wins or loses a game, she always has a happy heart and gives compliments to just about anyone. She is always congratulating classmates when they do well and encourages them when they are struggling. Way to go, Autumn!

**Ella Weathersby:** Ella shows kindness often. She is always thinking of others and ways to please them. Such a sweetie!

**Camila Hastings:** Camila stands above the rest in kindness. She is very kind to all around her, friends and teachers alike. Giving flowers from the playground, sharing her swing, and inviting all to play with her are just a few ways she demonstrates the gentle kindness that is in her heart. What a great example. Thanks, Camila!

**Isabella McAndrew:** Isabella shows kindness by encouraging people when they give their best answer. If she sees someone playing by themselves, she goes and plays with them.

**Charla Grazer:** Charla demonstrates kindness on a daily basis in the way she interacts with her classmates. She is always ready to befriend those who are sitting alone! We are so proud of her!

**Casey Yates:** Casey is always looking for ways she can help and encourage others. She's been a great example of kindness this month. I'm proud of you, Casey!

**Cora Wainwright:** Cora is a great friend who shows kindness every day! She goes out of her way to make her classmates and other students feel appreciated, and she looks for ways to show kindness to them. You're a great friend, Cora!

**Jersea Silva:** Jersea was chosen as Student of the Month for kindness because she always has a great smile everyday and is always willing to share it with anyone!

**McAnthony Tarway:** McAnthony always has a smile on his face for everyone he meets. Whether he wins a game or loses, he always congratulates the other team.

## Character Trait of the Month:

# SERVICE

**Definition:** selflessly helping others; usefulness

**Examples:**

1. Pick up trash, even if it is not yours.
2. Volunteer to help your teacher when your work is finished.

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# Middle School Student Highlight with Isaac Hill

**Miss Perkins:** Tell me a little bit about yourself.

**Isaac:** I am one of six kids, I enjoy being outside in nature, and my favorite food is mac and cheese!

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

**Isaac:** I love to hike, but I also like playing video games and working out.

**Miss Perkins:** What is your favorite thing about Middle School at BRCA?

**Isaac:** The Middle School teams are so much fun! I really enjoy giving team speeches.

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


**Isaac:** They make classes easy - you just have to listen, study, and do your homework to get an A!

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

**Isaac:** I would like to invent something new.



## Middle School Teams

 = 1,939

 = 2,438

 = 1,713