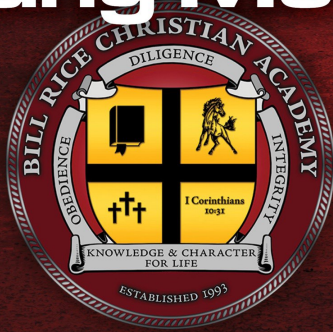


# Mustang Message



March 2024

## The Best or the Rest? By Nathan Reeves

What is most valuable to you? I have heard it said that time is our most valuable resource. If your life is like mine, we are becoming busier and busier by the week. So how do we portion our time? Who should get the most? Who should get the best? Now, if time is our most valuable **resource**, what would be our most valuable **possession**? I would argue, as you probably would, that our children would be our most valuable possession. If so, then how well do we use our most valuable resource on our most valuable possession?

As children grow up, parents are tempted to disengage or relax, depending upon the training they have already invested. As elementary kids get older, they become more susceptible to influence. They are looking for someone to step out and lead them. We need to be that influence, and the only way we get there is by reengaging. We should become more involved in their lives, not less. Proverbs 29:15 says, "A child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame."

So how can we become more engaged as parents? It has been said that children spell the word "love"... "T-I-M-E." Your children want and need your time. You will have time to golf and go out with your friends every week

when your children move out. But at that point, your children will not have time for you. So, **let's re-engage our children by spending more time with them now!**

What should time together look like? Well, it definitely doesn't involve an iPad! Engaged time with your child will be weekly one-on-one time that lasts at least an hour. It should be fun (not yard work) and focused (not distracted by texts and calls). It could include throwing a ball, taking a drive, getting ice cream, serving God and others, watching a ball game, taking a walk or bike ride, or starting a hobby. It should definitely include a lot of talking! Talk about their interests, friends, problems, and aspirations. Talk about their opinions of how you are doing as a parent and what you could do better. **The goal is you plugging into their heart and them plugging into yours.** The only way this will happen is if your heart is turned toward theirs (Malachi 4:6) and you spend a lot of quality time with them.

So how much quality time do you spend with your children? Do our kids get the *best* of our time or the *rest* of our time? We all wish it were more, so let us determine to change that by spending time reengaging!



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# Current Events

## Mar. 1 Dr. Seuss Day

K4-2nd grade students can dress up as a Dr. Seuss character of their choice. It's going to be a fun day!

## Mar. 8 The Amazing Shake

The Amazing Shake is a competition where BRCA uses local community leaders to test students on professional skills such as charm, poise, & the perfect handshake.



## Mar. 8 Inside Out Day

3rd-8th graders can come to school with their clothes inside out! Be creative and have some fun!

## Mar. 15 Elementary Fieldtrip

Our Elementary students will be headed to Kentucky Down Under!

## Mar. 18 Fun Run Kick-Off

We kick-off this year's fundraiser on this day, so be on the lookout for all the details and be ready to win some prizes!



## Mar. 18 Report Cards

Report cards are emailed home this day. So check your inbox!

## Mar. 18 PTM

Come to see how your child has done this quarter and how they can improve for the final quarter. All meetings will begin at 4:30 and 7:00 p.m. in their respective classrooms. Please have at least one parent attend but no children, please.

## Mar. 25-29 Spring Break

Enjoy the week off with your family. School will resume on Monday, April 1.

## Mar. 31 Book-It Deadline

For K5-5th graders, this is your last chance to finish up your goals, get your final personal pan pizza, and try to become a Book-It All-Star Reader!



# Headed to State!

State competition, here we come! That's right! BRCA has advanced to the state level of TACS competition! A good number of our students placed and will be competing at Franklin Road Baptist Church, March 21-22. All of our students did a wonderful job! Though we are so proud of each of them because of their excellent performances, we are most proud because they displayed a Christ-like spirit while around dozens of other students.

We are all very excited about our students getting another chance to compete, but the best part about it is that between now and state competition our students will literally spend hours cultivating the talents God has given them. There's no better way to spend their time!

Elementary	Middle School	High School
1st—EL Choir	1st—MS Choir	1st—HS Vocal Ensemble
1st—EL Vocal Ensemble	1st—MS Vocal Ensemble	1st—Bryce Aulgur (Crafts)
1st—Aubrey Conway (Female Vocal Solo)	1st—Natalie Vernon (Landscape Photography)	1st—Sarah Schaefer (Watercolor)
1st—Amanda Plaza (Woodwind Solo)	1st—Abby Schaefer (Color Pencil Drawing)	
1st—McAdam Tarway (Chess)	1st—Walter McConnell (Crafts)	
2nd—Laura Wells (Bible Sword Drill)	1st—Valentine Dallas (Spelling Bee)	
3rd—Tarah Wells (Bible Sword Drill)	2nd—McAnthony Tarway (Sacred Piano Solo)	
3rd—Amanda Plaza (Female Vocal Solo)	2nd—McAnthony Tarway (Chess)	
3rd—McAdam Tarway (Classical Piano Solo)	2nd—Megan Hicks (Humorous Interpretation)	



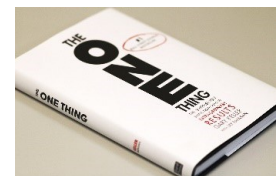
## Book of the Month by Nathan Reeves

*The One Thing* by Gary Keller & Jay Papasan

**Main Idea:** Speaking of Steve Jobs, the authors said, "In the two years after his return [to Apple] in 1997, he took the company from 350 products to 10." The point is that the less you focus on, the more successful you are at them. This is a philosophy we adhere to at BRCA!

**Favorite Quote:** "Be like a postage stamp - stick to one thing until you get there." -Josh Billings

As always, you are more than welcome to borrow this book from me.





# #PixOfTheMonth



## Spring Retreats



# Elementary Students of the Month

**Maleia Reedy:** Maleia has shown discernment in my class all month! She follows the classroom rules and has shown self-control. Maleia, I am so proud of you!

**Letty Ford:** I can trust that when I leave the room, Letty is going to do what is right. She makes wise choices every day. What a joy it is to have her in my class!

**Holly Estep:** Discernment is a hard concept for a child to grasp, but Holly has shown it this month by doing what she knows is right, even when I am not in the room. She never laughs at someone when they get an answer wrong, but instead gives them a thumbs-up for trying their best.

**Emilia Hollis:** Emilia shows discernment when playing games by doing right no matter what. She is one of the best encouragers in class and praises those who do their best. Great job, Emilia!

**Vida Abrams:** Vida is a wonderful example of discernment! Vida consistently chooses to do her best at every task instead of doing what is easy.

**Jaise Uhl:** Jaise's use of discernment makes him a great leader and example to his fellow students. He chooses to make right choices instead of easy choices!

**Karter Greene:** Karter has been very consistent in showing discernment. She obeys whether a teacher is watching or not and does right with her friends. Karter stops and thinks before jumping into something, Way to go, Karter!

**Lily Hill:** Lily strives to do her best and thinks through what she needs to do. She shows she wants to do what is right. Great job, Lily!

**Laura Wells:** I can always trust Laura to do what is right, even when no one is watching. She has a strong desire to do right and encourages her classmates to show discernment as well.

## Character Trait of the Month:

# DILIGENCE

**Definition:** Steady application; not giving up

**Examples:**

1. Be thorough. Do everything (seatwork, homework, and room job) right the first time.
2. If you start a game at recess and don't like it, finish it anyway.
3. Keep yourself and your area neat and clean (decently and in order).

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# Middle School Student Highlight with Caleb Dixon

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

**Caleb:** I like jumping on my trampoline, traveling, and playing video games. I also love dogs—my family has a poodle named Gideon.

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

**Caleb:** They provide for me—not just a house and food but fun things as well.

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

**Caleb:** Everyone really cares about each other here.

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

**Caleb:** They are fabulous and enthusiastic! I also enjoy Mr. Schaefer's fun science experiments.

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

**Caleb:** I would like to join the Air Force.



## Middle School Teams



= 2,737



= 2,945



= 2,988