

# Mustang

# Message



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## What's Received

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When you consider a place to educate your child, you want to know what your child will receive, not just what is offered. At Bill Rice Christian Academy, your child will receive knowledge and character; and since these are the formative years, the foundation they receive will last for life. In light of this, Bill Rice Christian Academy's school slogan is **Knowledge and Character for Life**. This slogan sums up our mission statement and describes what our students gain while here.

Our first objective is to instill knowledge into our students. We want our students to grow in their knowledge both biblically and academically. Why emphasize Bible knowledge? First of all, a child must learn the Bible in order to understand what it means to be saved from their sins. The Bible shows us our sinfulness, the punishment for sin, and our need of a Savior. Wonderfully, the Bible also reveals God's love for us, Jesus' payment for our sin on the cross, and the truth that we can have eternal life in heaven by simply trusting Jesus alone to forgive our sins, instead of trusting in our own efforts. Every child will be taught these truths. Once a student has trusted Christ for salvation, he or she needs to learn more of the Bible to discern between right and wrong and to shape a biblical conscience. The Bible convinces us of wrongdoing and shows the right path. Once a student begins to consider God's opinion, his behavior will be affected. Yes, both teaching and applying the Word of God is a key aspect to instilling knowledge here at Bill Rice Christian Academy.

We also focus on instilling knowledge through academics.

Each student at Bill Rice Christian Academy receives a truly excellent education through our superior curriculum – *Abeka* – and through our qualified teachers. *Abeka* is the premier curriculum for Christian schools because it produces outstanding results in the United States and around the world. It is known for its strong intensive phonics program, cursive writing in K4, and its traditional approach to math. All of our teachers have been trained to use this curriculum and practice the biblical principle of “precept upon precept, line upon line.” (Isaiah 28:10)

While the knowledge we instill separates us from many schools, character training is our real advantage. Some schools focus on sports or fine arts; we teach character. We define character as doing right, even when it is hard. We aim to instill in our students a desire to do the right thing (if everyone is looking or if no one is), and “right” is dictated by the principles outlined in the Bible. These principles include submission and obedience to authority, honesty, diligence, respect, a strong work ethic, manners, kindness, self-control, helpfulness, thankfulness, etc. These character traits are modeled and taught consistently at BRCA in and outside the classroom. This desire to do right must be planted and grown from the time the child is young and throughout adolescence. Our goal for training character is to produce young people who desire to do right on their own by obeying God's Word.

# Knowledge & Character for *Life*

# Current Events

## Sept. 2 Labor Day

No school on this day! Enjoy this long weekend with your family.

## Sept. 20 Western Day

Western Day is back! All parents are invited to join us for a cookout at Cowboy Town, pony rides, and a real, live Bill Rice Ranch **rodeo!** Parents can plan to arrive at lunchtime. More details coming later.

## Sept. 26-27 TACS Educators' Convention

No school these days as our teachers get some extra training!



# Welcome New Students

*We want to welcome each of our new students to our school family! We are excited to watch each one learn and grow. We know everyone will make them and their families feel welcome.*

Asher Bell  
Oliver Bice  
Thatcher Bice  
Kendall Cline  
Kara Cook  
Noah Duncan  
Vera Duncan  
Betty Estep  
London Ferrand  
Penelope Ferrand  
Jack Grover  
Matthew Kubota  
Isaiah McAndrew  
Olivia Menjivar  
Hayes Nelson  
Emmie Joe Potter  
Ellie Robbins  
Lucy Rodden  
Addy Tremblay  
Joshua Fahmy  
Fallon Gale

Anthony Grazer  
Stella Nguyen  
Trinity Ruepha  
Josiane Saad  
Elah Stambovsky  
Mariella Thornton  
Zuri Agwatu  
Madysen Borodkin  
Paxton Kirby  
Ella Surplus  
Lily Waldron  
Benjamin Wileczek  
Harlow Garcia  
Esther Shaub  
Aubriella Garcia  
Novak Blade  
Nadia Garrison  
Alaiya Sales  
Leah Waldron

# BRCA Facebook Group!

Did you know that Bill Rice Christian Academy has a Facebook Parent Group! The goal of this group is to help BRCA parents create relationships with other school parents by sharing information and ideas, asking questions, and supporting one another. We'd love to see you there!

# Fall Retreats

The Ranch offers several retreats this fall that can be a help to you and your family. Retreats are affordable and very relaxing. We will highlight the upcoming retreats in the *Mustang Messages*, and I hope you and your family will make a point to get involved this year!



## Character Trait of the Month:

# OBEDIENCE

**Definition:** actions brought about by submission to authority

**Examples:**

1. Learn the school and class rules. Follow them immediately, completely, and with a right attitude.
2. When your teacher tells you to do something, quickly and happily do it to the best of your ability.

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