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Message



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“Do Right Not Easy”

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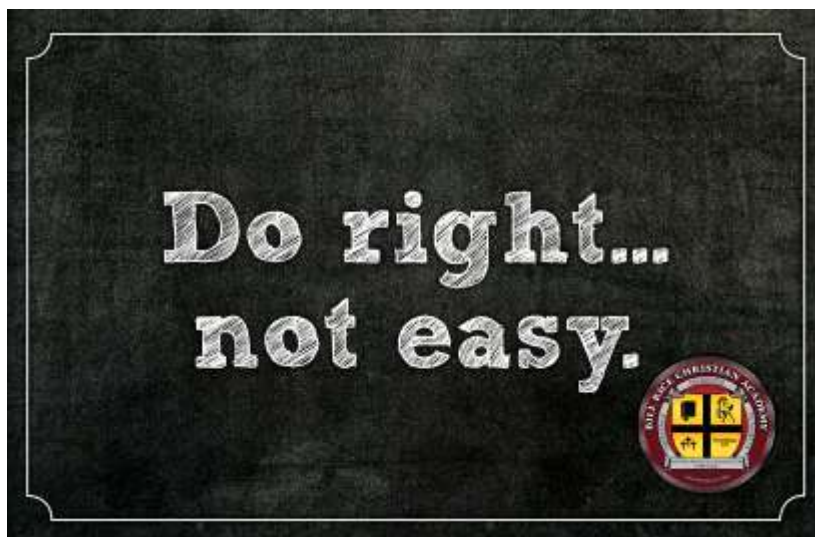
If I said the phrase “My pleasure,” what would you think of? Most likely your answer would be Chick-fil-a. But why? They did not copyright it. They don’t even use it in their advertising. So how is it when I hear a bag boy at Publix say “My pleasure”, I think of Chick-fil-a? The reason is quite simple. Chick-fil-a owns “My pleasure.” They have obviously made a deliberate decision that all their employees will use this phrase instead of “You’re welcome.” Courtesy and respect is very important to them, and this is how they show the world.

Well, at BRCA, character is important to us. Very important. We define character as doing what’s right, even when it’s hard. Those influences might be a reward or a punishment, which we use every day. But ultimately we want our students to do right because it’s the right thing to do. At BRCA, we have created our own Character Development Program to help us focus on character throughout each day. We teach on the Character Trait of the Month on the first day of each month. There are two awards students can win throughout the month. We have Individual Character Plans that help our teachers keep their students’ character needs in front of them. Because our class sizes are small, there is a lot of one-on-one coaching every day, in every classroom. Then, once they enter Middle School, the

Character Development Program really intensifies. This includes teams, points, Middle School jackets, & more.

At the beginning of the school year, our teachers have made a deliberate decision to use a certain phrase in their classroom every day, throughout the day. This phrase summarizes our passion for training kids to desire to do right on their own. It’s a simple, catchy phrase that we envision our students saying to their own kids one day. The phrase is “Do right...not easy!” I want this said so often that right before a student does something wrong (like telling a lie or saying something mean), their conscience will bring this phrase back to mind; and they will choose to do right. You see, our choices are usually not between right and wrong. They are usually between right and easy. And if we can build a child’s conscience up so they **want** to do right, they will have strong character for the rest of their lives.

“Do right...not easy!” Hopefully you’re going to hear this a lot for a long as you’re with us. Hopefully you’ll even use it at home. And with God’s help, we will work right alongside of you parents in developing your child’s character so they will want to do what’s right and not what’s easy.



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Current Events

Oct. 1 BOOK- IT Begins!



BRCA will once again participate in the Pizza Hut sponsored BOOK-IT! reading program to motivate our K5-5th graders to read both in the classroom and at home. This program motivates children by rewarding them for their reading accomplishments. Each teacher will set her own classroom goal for each

month. When your child reaches his or her goal, he or she will be given an award certificate good for a free one-topping personal pan pizza at Pizza Hut. You do not have to buy anything – you can even get it to go! Our desire is to work with you to cultivate a love for reading in your children. BOOK- IT! ends March 31.

Oct. 25 Sports Day

Attention sports fans of all ages: Sports Day at BRCA is one fantastic day! All BRCA students and teachers will be dressed up in their favorite sports attire all day long, and at the end of the day, we will have class sporting activities!

Oct. 28 PTM

Come see how your child has done this quarter and how they can improve for next quarter. Many other points of interest will be given out as well. All Elementary meetings will begin at 6:00 or 6:30 p.m. in their respective classrooms. Middle School are drop-in only. Please have at least one parent attend but no children, please.



TACS - Train A Consistent Servant

I know, TACS actually stands for Tennessee Association of Christian Schools, but TACS also provides avenues to Train A Consistent Servant. These avenues are the fine arts and Bible competitions. Training is extremely important, and all of us train our children—whether for good or bad, whether we like it or not. Training takes place every day at home and at school.

We like TACS competition because it's all about training. Not only does it take much training to be ready for the first level of competition in February, but if the competition is used properly, it also trains the student for his future. You see, any student can start two nights before a project is due and “put something together,” but what is that habit training our young people to do when they are adults? Does it not train them to procrastinate and then quickly do a job, even if it is not done to their potential? Does it not train them to only turn things in on time (and sometimes late), as opposed to early? Proper training truly is important. If parents will train their child to work on his area of competition early and a little at a time, he will learn the following vital life lessons: **hard work takes time, do the job right the first time, complete jobs early, a job well done brings satisfaction, and many others.** It is important that we train our children this way in every area of work — chores, homework, studying, etc. For if we are not consistent in our training, we deteriorate the foundation upon which we desire to build; we train our children to be inconsistent. This school year, whether your child is in the TACS competition or not, map out a plan to consistently train.

Bill Rice Ranch 101

This year we're going to do a series of articles on the different ministries of the Bill Rice Ranch. I hope this will give you a wider panoramic of what the Bill Rice Ranch really is.

Wil Rice IV, often says, “The Ranch is people, not buildings, programs, or activities.” It takes literally hundreds of people to make this ministry run, and several of them live and work right here on the Ranch in these departments we will highlight. So as you learn, remember that it is people that make up the Bill Rice Ranch.

The first ministry we will highlight is Bill Rice Bible College. A friend of the Ranch once said that it would be great if we could replicate the training we do for our summer staff but increase its duration and frequency. So for about ten years, the Rices talked about starting a Bible college to do just that. Now Bill Rice Bible College is finally a reality. In it's eleventh year, we have thirty-two students from around the country who take classes throughout the day and also get practical training during Ranch events. We offer four degreed programs—1-year Bible Certificate, an Associates in Christian Studies, a Bachelor of Biblical Studies, and a Bachelor of Christian Education. This is a college where young people can grow in the Lord and sharpen their skills for serving Him. Mr. Nathan McConnell (Oliver's dad) is the director and is being greatly used to help these young people.



Picture This!

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Fall Retreats



Elementary Students of the Month

Betty Estep: Betty has shown obedience in class all month. She consistently obeys the first time and with a happy heart! I am so proud of Betty!

Stella Nguyen: Stella works hard to do what is right. She is usually the fastest to complete anything I ask them to do. Whether it's a small command such as "class stand" or a harder command such as "clean up this mess, please," she is quick to obey.

Luca Davis: Luca understands the right ways to obey: immediately, completely, and happily. When she is asked to do something she always says, "of course!" and meets the need.

Paul Hill: Paul is a fantastic example of obedience. He is always one of the first students to obey and he always does so with a happy heart.

Rose Dehmlow: Rose has consistently obeyed from the first day of school! She obeys quickly and with a great attitude. Rose can always be counted on to follow instructions. Keep up the good work!

Esther Shaub: Esther is quick to obey and with a good attitude. I can count on her to follow through with doing homework and her jobs at school..

Olivia Michello: Olivia strives to do what is right and shows that she wants to do what is right. She is quick to follow instructions and always does it with a good attitude! Way to go, Olivia.

Character Trait of the Month:

Respect

Definition: to honor, to have consideration for

Examples:

1. Respect your teacher and parents with a quiet, humble attitude.
2. Never laugh when others make a mistake.
3. Be courteous to others.
4. Always say, "Yes, ma'am" and "Yes, sir."

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Middle School Student Highlight with Aubrey Aulgur

Miss Lacy: Tell me about yourself, Aubrey.

Aubrey: I really like to read and ride horses in my free time.

Miss Lacy: What is your favorite thing about your parents?

Aubrey: They are kind and personable.

Miss Lacy: What do you like most about your teachers?

Aubrey: You can always go to them and ask questions, and they make each class feel personable.

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

Aubrey: It emphasizes the character.

Miss Lacy: What do you hope to do when you grow up?

Aubrey: I think it would be cool to work in criminal justice.



Middle School Teams

