

MUSTANG MESSAGE

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Purposefully Different by Nathan Reeves

What makes Bill Rice Christian Academy different from the average school? There are three areas in which BRCA is purposely different, and we see these as definite advantages.

The first advantage is probably our most noticeable – a small school environment. When a classroom has a large number of students, children can get lost in the shuffle. While many public (and many private) schools have class sizes in the middle-to-upper twenties, we have smaller classes. With an average class size of fourteen, we are able to give more individual attention to struggling students. Several times each year (including this year), we have been able to set up individualized incentive programs for students who need extra help and motivation. We are also able to do more one-on-one with our students in the classroom and in help class. Plus, we do more with special activities and fieldtrips than most schools do. Students just get more at BRCA!

Our second advantage is our curriculum. Because we use Abeka, our students learn every subject from a Christian perspective. They are unashamedly taught Who created us in science, our country's Christian heritage in history, and that God is a God of order in math and language. We attempt to bring the Bible out in every subject. Abeka is top-notch academically as well. Last year our students averaged 1.7 grades higher than the average student that takes standardized testing (taken nationally) because of our good teachers and Abeka.

Our third advantage is the importance placed on character. Many schools specialize in fine arts or sports. The Bible does say, "To every thing there is a season," but these areas are not our school's primary objectives. Other schools care only about grades, but they do not invest time and effort to "train up a child." We believe the school should be a tool in the parents' hands to help them accomplish God's purpose. Character and doing right is number one at BRCA. The last two advantages create our school slogan – Knowledge & Character for Life. This truly motivates us each day.

I could continue about our advantages, but the bottom line is that our faculty and staff love and care about each student here at BRCA. We want to help them succeed in every area of life. We are so thankful for every family we have, and we hope to have the privilege to continue helping your child excel in academics as well as in life.

CURRENT EVENTS

January - Reenrollment Month

It's been an incredible year so far, but we hope you'll be back with us next school year! At BRCA, we greatly value knowledge & character, and we're never satisfied with our students' progress. The Abeka curriculum is a spiral curriculum—each year builds upon the previous year. BRCA students average 1.0 -1.5 grade-levels higher than the average student taking standardized testing. And there's so much more character training to be done as well. Each teacher has their own unique take on each trait they teach. All this to say...we'd love to continue serving your family! Reenrollment information will come home soon.

Jan. 13 Parent/Teacher Meeting

Because communication is so important, please make sure you attend to hear how your child has done this quarter and how they can improve next quarter.

Jan. 17 Middle School Color Rush

Middle School students will wear as much of their team's color as possible at this full-of-fun day! And 5th graders get to join us!

Jan. 17 Culottes Check

All girls need to get approval for any culottes they plan on wearing this semester for theme days, fieldtrips, P.E., etc.

Jan. 20 MLK Day

No school! Enjoy the day off.

Jan. 23 & 24 Parent Days

Plan on attending Parent Day and get a glimpse of what your Elementary child has been learning all year. Bring your child to class and stay until it ends at 8:45. We hope you can join us & all the other parents!

Character Trait of the Month

RESPONSIBILITY

Definition: being accountable for your actions; fulfilling your duties

Examples:

1. Do what you say you will do.
2. Make your room job a priority, and do it to the best of your ability each day.
3. Never respond with an excuse ("I was just...").

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Olivia Menjivar: Olivia has shown integrity in my class all month. She can be trusted to do what is right if everyone is looking or if no one is. She is always honest and chooses to do right. I am very proud of Olivia and her spirit of integrity.

Kaia Forte: Kaia is trustworthy and honest. She aims to do right and please! Keep up the good character!

Emma Merkler: Emma has shown integrity by being complete in everything she does. Whether in class or with friends, she always gives her best and goes the extra mile!

Hannah Stambovsky: Hannah has great integrity! She acts the same in the classroom, hallway, and the playground. Hannah is also very careful to only tell the truth.

Charla Grazer: Charla has shown integrity all year long! She is honest when answering questions, and tells the truth no matter what. Whether she's at school, with friends, or at home, Charla works to show integrity and good character.

Karter Greene: Karter is consistent in her character. I can trust her to do her work or to do right, even if I'm not looking. Continue to live a life of integrity, Karter!

Olivia Michello: Olivia is consistent each day working to obey not just in action but in attitude. She has been chosen for integrity because she is consistently the same person and is trustworthy and honest every time.

