

# MUSTANG MESSAGE

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## Jack of All Trades, Master of None (Part 1)

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While the phrase “Jack of All Trades, Master of None” may describe many good people you know, it’s not meant to be a compliment. It usually describes a person who is mediocre in many things as opposed to someone who is excellent in a few. This might be handy around the house or while working on your vehicle; but when you choose an educational institution that you will trust your child to each day, it is not so handy! At BRCA, we strive to be excellent in all we do; but we don’t try to focus on everything. We focus on two areas – knowledge and character. Our goal is that each of our students will walk away from BRCA (at the end of the day and the year) better grounded in both of these areas. This month we are going to take a look at knowledge – what your child will gain spiritually and academically.

We believe there are two types of knowledge – biblical and academic. First of all, why emphasize **Bible knowledge and application**? Well, a child must learn key Bible truths 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 sins 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 relying on our own efforts. Each child is taught these truths in the first month of school. 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 BRCA.

We also focus on instilling knowledge through **academics**. Our daily goal is to “give each student an excellent education.” (from our Mission Statement) Since day one, we have used the Abeka curriculum, and each of our teachers has been trained to use this curriculum and practice the biblical principle of “precept upon precept, line upon line.” (Isaiah 28:10) Those precepts include everything from intensive phonics and cursive writing in K4 to multiplication and division in 2nd grade to the writing process in 3rd grade and to percentages and square roots in 5th grade. It is said that Abeka is roughly one year ahead of most other curriculums. We believe this to be true because when our students take standardized tests, we typically score between one and one and a half grade levels above the average student taking these tests. We strive for excellence in academics.

We hope you see that instilling knowledge in each student is of utmost importance at BRCA. Character development is our second focus and is just as important to us. We will look at this next month.



# CURRENT EVENTS

## Oct. 1 BOOK-IT Begins!

BRCA will once again participate in the Pizza Hut sponsored BOOK-IT! reading program to motivate our K5-5<sup>th</sup> 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 their 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 a reading in your children. BOOK-IT! ends March 31.



## Oct. 7 Spirit Day

This is the day to wear all things BRCA! Get your Merch Store orders in now!

## Oct. 24 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. 27 Report Cards

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

## Oct. 27 Parent/Teacher Meetings

Come to see how your child has done this quarter and how they can improve for the next quarter.

## Oct. 30-Nov. 1 Men's Challenge

Men, we hope you'll join us for this excellent time of food, fellowship, and spiritual growth. If you've never come, you should try it this year!

## TACS - Training 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.



## FALL RETREATS



## Book of the Month

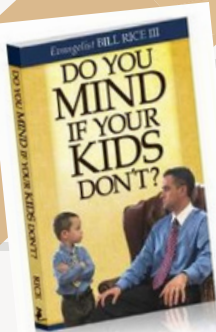
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I am going to highlight a book most months that have had an impact on me as an educator, a father, or a human being. Each of these books are able to be purchased on eBay (where I get most of my books) or Amazon, but you can also borrow my copy (just text me). I hope you'll find them as helpful as I did.

**Do You Mind if Your Kids Don't** by Bill Rice III

**Main Idea:** Dr. Bill Rice III, the son of the founder, passionately argues that God's promises to parents are still true & that parents can still train godly, obedient children. It will challenge you & give you the tools to train your children. This has been one of the best parenting books I've ever read.

**Favorite Quote:** Proverbs 22:6 says, “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” Dr. Bill says, “You take care of the training *now*. You take care of the discipline *now*. You teach *now*. You set up the fences *now*. You maintain them daily. If it is monotonous, so be it. If it is tiring, okay. The point is., Keep at it.”







# PIX OF the MONTH





## Character Trait of the Month

# RESPECT

**Definition:** to honor; to have consideration for

**Examples:**

1. Always respond with "Yes ma'am" and "No ma'am"
2. Never interrupt. If you need to walk between two people who are talking, first try to go around or say "Excuse me, please."



## Middle School Student Highlight with Lulu Ward

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

**Lulu:** I love to read and crochet!

**Miss Blackwell:** What is your favorite thing about your family?

**Lulu:** They are always encouraging to me!

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

**Lulu:** They give a lot of grace and are very encouraging to us!

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

**Lulu:** Probably the teams! We are able to have team meetings and have fun skits with them!

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

**Lulu:** I want to be cosmetologist!

## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

- **Wesley Lange:** He has been obedient all month long. He obeys the first time with a great attitude! I am so proud of all of his hard work and his example to others in the classroom.
- **Eleanor Robbins:** Ellie obeys quickly with a happy heart! She hasn't disobeyed once yet, amazing!
- **Adeline Lange:** Adeline obeys immediately, completely, and happily. She is a wonderful testimony to her classmates!
- **Emma Merkler:** Emma displays excellent obedience! Each day, Emma strives to follow directions completely and immediately, and she does it all with a smile!
- **Holly Estep:** Holly has proven herself to be consistently obedient! I can count on her to listen carefully and obey right away. She's a great example in our classroom. Keep it up, Holly!
- **Harlow Garcia:** I know I can count on Harlow to obey immediately as well as being told. Thanks for your faithful obedience, Harlow!
- **Karter Greene:** Karter works hard to obey the first time. When she makes a mistake, she strives to correct it immediately. She follows the procedures of the classroom!



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