

MUSTANG MESSAGE



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You Didn't See Amazon Coming?

by Nathan Reeves

In 1994, Amazon was created by Jeff Bezos as an online bookstore. According to U.S. News, Amazon has generated a total return of 249,208%...In fact, \$10,000 invested in AMZN stock in 1997 would now be worth \$24.9 million." Wow! That's an investment! The only problem is that you and I didn't invest ten grand in Amazon in 1997. While the reasons would be many, it would have to include not having foreseen the worth of a small investment in this company would make over time.

Investing is like planting trees, and you know what they say – "The best time to plant a tree was twenty years ago."

Now, we'd all agree that our children's spiritual lives are more valuable than Amazon stock or trees. But why? Because there's a huge difference between the temporal and the eternal. So if we're asking God for wisdom and foresight, what's a way we can invest something temporal and gain something eternal for our kids? A Christian education is one of these investments. You obviously see that. Regular church attendance and involvement is another. But what about this summer? Are you planning to invest in your child spiritually this summer?

Let me give you three reasons why attending a week of camp at the Bill Rice Ranch this summer is an excellent investment. First, a week of camp will reinforce the character development they are getting here at BRCA. Christian character is integrated everywhere possible. Second, your child will be led and surrounded by godly camp counselors from Christian colleges who will act as positive role models in their lives. And third, they will hear consistent Bible preaching that's right on their level and will help them obey their parents, choose right friends, be respectful, and honor the Lord with their lives now and in the future.

Be deliberate about who influences your child's life outside your home. While there may not be anything wrong with another camp in the area, you know what they will be getting at the Ranch, and you trust the people giving it. So this summer, invest in something that will help your child's spiritual growth!

CURRENT EVENTS

April 11 Bill Rice Ranch Open House

Invite your friends to come out to the Ranch between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to get a glimpse of what our Day Camps have to offer. In addition to camp tours, there will also be free hot dogs, pony rides, and inflatables! We hope to see you there!

April 16 Fun Run

We are raising funds for a NEW PLAYGROUND! Will you reach your family goal? Will we reach our school goal? Let's work hard at getting sponsors & reaching our goals...then get ready to win some AWESOME prizes! The run starts at 1:00 on this day.

April 24 Hawaiian Day

Aloha! Always a favorite, Hawaiian Day is a blast with many surprises. Elementary parents are welcome to join us for Hawaiian activities in the afternoon. Bring your beach towel for lunch on the lawn!

April 25 Day of Champions

All 7th-12th graders are invited to attend an action-packed day of sports tournaments and Bible preaching. If you know someone who would be interested, please see Mr. Reeves for more info.

April 27 - May 1 Middle School Spirit Week

Middle School Spirit Week will include a different theme each day and lots of excitement! Come ready to show off all of your school & team spirit and earn lots of team points!

May 1 Spirit Day

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



Book of the Month

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Screens and Teens by Kathy Koch

Main Idea: Because we've seen BRCA 1st graders with their own smartphone, this book is not just for parents of teens! In most homes (Christian or not), screen time has surpassed family time. This book is full of biblical principles & practical ideas that will help parents help their kids with technology.

Favorite Quote: "Teens have relationship-based beliefs. Adults usually have belief-based relationships." Think about that!

FOR SALE

\$5 BRCA T-SHIRTS



We have 2 BRCA t-shirts for sale at the school. To order one, contact the office.

*limited sizes

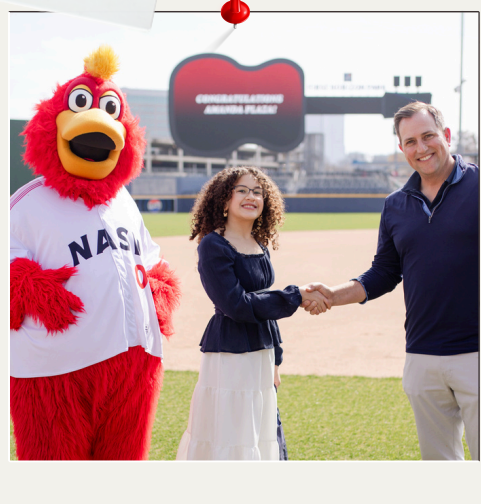
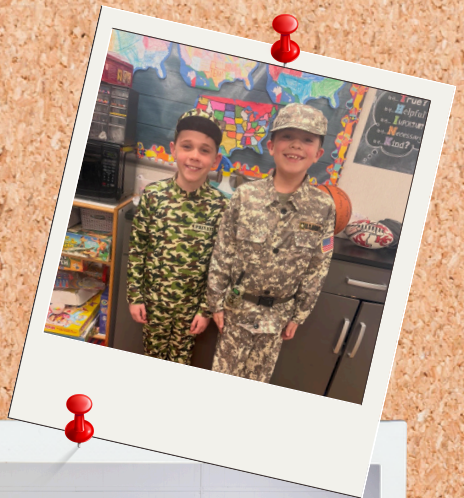
Just \$18!



SPRING RETREATS



PIX OF the MONTH



Middle School Student Highlight with Elijah Sibiliv

Miss Blackwell: What is your favorite thing to do?

Elijah Sibiliv: I like to play with my dog.

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

Elijah Sibiliv: They play with me and make really good food.

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

Elijah Sibiliv: They are very good at teaching us. They also care about our lives outside of school.

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

Elijah Sibiliv: The teams! They motivate us to do what's right.

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

Elijah Sibiliv: I want to be a cartoonist.

Character Trait of the Month

KINDNESS

Definition: having goodness of nature; friendliness

Description: encouraging, courteous, impartial

Examples:

1. Find one person each day to give a compliment

2. At recess, play with someone you usually do not play with.



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Hannah Cherry: Hannah has done a wonderful job being diligent on her papers as well as paying attention in class all month long. Hannah has been an excellent example to her friends in class! I am so proud of you, Hannah!

Isaiah Rodriguez: Isaiah is diligent with his seatwork, room jobs, and any activity we are doing. I never have to tell him to get busy. What a great example!

Trinity Ruepha: Trinity does an AWESOME job at being diligent! She takes pride in her work and is a wonderful example to others.

Haley Morphis: Haley is an extremely diligent student! Haley works hard in class and consistently uses excellent penmanship on all her papers.

Kamryn Pulley: While there are many hard workers in third grade, Kamryn stands out because of his consistency! Diligence is about persevering, and Kamryn keeps trying or studying until he understands a topic. Whether it's seatwork or a game at recess, he gives his all. Keep it up, Kamryn!

Sloan Devericks: Sloan consistently works hard to be thorough in her work. She doesn't rush to be done with her work and tests. She sometimes does extra homework even when she is in A Club. Thanks for your diligence, Sloan!

Esther Shaub: Esther works hard to make sure that she finishes her homework. Her area is neat. She uses her time wisely to work on studying and reviewing throughout the day.



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