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Upcoming Events

400 Students Enrolled for 2016

Kely Dysart- Thanks to the construction of a new science and math wing, BGCS has been able to enroll up to 400 students for this school year. Heavy rains in the spring delayed the construction so that the building is not completed, causing several teachers to have to “float” to other classrooms each day.

While inconvenient, the transitions have gone smoothly. If things go as scheduled, the new building hosting four math classrooms and two science classrooms with labs should be set up and in use by the end of September.

New ticket booths for the baseball and softball fields were also completed, and new wooden floors were laid in the 100 building entrance area.

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| Aug. 29 – HS Soccer vs Unity Christian | 4:30 |
| HS Volleyball vs Bertie | 4:30 |
| Aug. 30 – Social Studies Club | 2:40 |
| Art Club | 2:45 |
| Bee Keeping Club | 2:45 |
| Aug. 31 – HS Soccer @ NE Prep | 4:30 |
| Sept. 1 - PICTURE DAY | |
| Battle of Books practice | 2:45 |
| HS Volleyball vs Southside | 4:30 |
| Sept. 5 - LABOR DAY HOLIDAY | |
| Sept. 6 - HS Volleyball vs. Washington | 4:30 |
| HS Soccer vs Creswell | 5:00 |
| Sept. 8 - PROGRESS REPORTS | |
| MS Volleyball @ NEC Prep | 4:00 |
| HS Soccer @ Unity | 4:30 |
| HS Volleyball vs Northside | 4:30 |



Broken Air Conditioner Causes Move

Morgan Bonds - During the first few weeks of school, the air condition unit of the 400 building broke causing temperature in four classrooms to soar into the mid 80s. Classes were shuffled to other areas of the school so that students would not have to work in the heat. The unit was repaired in a week allowing students and teachers to return to their classrooms.

Cherrydale Fundraiser Ends Sept. 1

The first annual fundraiser for BGCS ends on Thursday, Sept. 1. Students will need to turn in their order forms and the money to their first period teacher.

Students selling at least six items will have a ticket for a Cash drawing. The more items sold, the more tickets will be placed in the drawing. Four winners will be selected.

If you haven't had an opportunity to purchase something yet, go to cherrydale.com and enter the Group Code: BEABM.

Save Box Tops for Education

As you do your shopping this year, save the Box Tops from the items your purchase and turn them in to the school office. Walmart has a special bonus certificate on General Mills products that will give more opportunities for our school to raise money. Watch for these items and check for coupons at Boxtops4education.com.





Mrs. Lori Roberson

Amanda Lucci - Mrs. Roberson, our new 6th grade science and social studies teacher, has enjoyed her time thus far here at Bear Grass Charter School. She says she has really liked the close tight-knit community here.



Roberson has been teaching for 21 years, working at Jamesville Elementary and Rodgers Elementary school. She has two daughters, a grandson and another grandchild on the way.

We welcome you here to Bear Grass Charter School!

Mrs. Jennifer Hayes

Taylor Silverthorne - We'd like to welcome Mrs. Jennifer Hayes to our BCGS Community! Hayes has worked at four different schools in our area: South Creek Middle, Jamesville Middle, Jamesville Elementary, and Riverside Middle. She has taught math and science in grades six through eight over the last 14 years.



Hayes has a Pre-Business degree from Martin Community, a BS/BA in accounting and a Masters in Education in Middle Grades Mathematics.

Hayes is from Jamesville where she lives with her husband, Brandon, and three children, Drew (10), Ella (7), and Abby (3). Hayes is optimistic about this school year saying, "I'm excited to have found a school that already feels like family!"

We are happy to have you Mrs. Hayes, and hope this school year is filled with many opportunities!

Mrs. Amy Edwards

Mrs. Edwards is the new teacher seventh grade English teacher. "I love teaching at BGCS. I am excited to come to school and look forward to the interaction with my students as we learn together."



Edwards graduated from NCSU. She came from Jamesville Elementary where she taught 6th grade ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies. "I am most definitely looking forward to many more years at BGCS. My hope is to finish out my teaching career here- Lord willing."

Ms. Tinika Brown

Kimberly Basden - Ms. Tinika Brown is a new janitor at BGCS. She is in charge of the 400 building and modular, but she also helps with lunches and is a back-up school bus driver.

Brown is 44-years-old and graduated from the original Bear Grass school in 1991. "I think it is a pleasure working here since I graduated from here."

Brown, often called "T," hopes her son will come here next year when he enters the sixth grade.

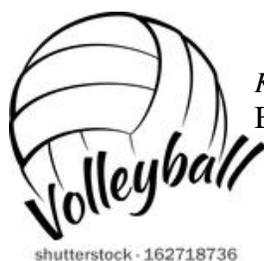


BGCS Says Farewell to Teacher

Brianna Nicholson - On September 2, BGCS will be losing one of its most beloved teachers. Ms. Kayla Dunlow will be leaving to work at Beaufort County Early College in Washington, NC.

Dunlow said she will miss "Everything! But especially, I'll miss the friendly atmosphere; the sweet, driven students; and all the staff who have become like family to me."

We all love and will miss you, Ms. Dunlow! We hope to see you again soon and wish you the best!



Volleyball season off to smashing start

Kimberly Basden –
Bear Grass Junior Varsity and Varsity girls jumped into the season defeating their first few opponents: Unity Christian,

Columbia, North East Prep and Bertie.

In the first games, “we didn’t work well as a team, but seemed to have better skills” than the opponents so that the game could be won, stated Morgan Bonds.

Being able to make several unreturnable serves and having players able to spike the ball were great benefits to the Bears. JV spikers Sarah Lilley, Carleigh Keel, and Brandie Coltrain worked to add points to the score. Varsity players Anna Wren and Rachel Hardison were able to give the high school team extra points with spikes and blocks.

Coach Tiffany Jackson said, “Practices are going very well. The team stays focused, listens to what I say and have positive attitudes.”

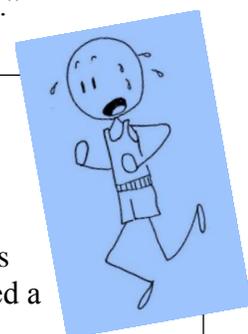
Cross Country Pushes Through Extreme Heat

Kayla Hoggard - As the heat and humidity rise, the Cross Country team of Bear Grass Charter School keeps pushing themselves to success. They push each other as a team through the practices and keep striving to maintain their pace as they run. The team is coached by the school’s vice principal, Mary Jackson. With the first few weeks of school having temperatures in the 90s with heat indexes soaring over 100, Jackson said, “The heat and humidity has played a large role in what we are able to do.”

The cross country team does many different exercises other than just running. Jackson says, “We do an hour of circuit training every week which includes crunches, wall sits, dips, lunges, squats, flutter kicks, push-ups and jump rope. Many of the runners say that circuit day is harder than running.” Seniors Haley Bonds and Joshua Wynn said they also enjoy other exercise games. “Ultimate frisbee is something we do and it also allows us to cool down.”

Wynn said, “We all like to push each other as a team. Everyone, whether first or last, is pushed to beat his or her previous time. Our seniors are looked up to as role models for the new runners.”

The cross country team’s first meet will be at home September 14. The team has grown since the first year of competing. For the first time, there are enough members to form separate teams for the boys and the girls. BGCS wishes all our runners a healthy and increasingly “quick” year of running.



Huge turn-out for MS Soccer



manda Lucci - The middle school soccer team had 32 students come to tryouts to join the middle school team. While thankful for the tremendous interest, Coach

Rufino said that only 24 people would be able to be on the team. “The new players have done really well,” Rufino said. Now that the team has been selected, they will begin to have a more focused practice to prepare for their first game on Sept.12.

HS Soccer Team Defeats NE Prep

BGCS high school soccer team enjoyed a 6-2 victory over North East Prep on their opening game of the season. Tanner Lyle led the team’s scoring drives by racking up two of the goals. Other scorers for the team were Lelon Stotesberry, Cody Morris, Shane Craddock and Jordan Futrell.

Reid Harrison was a major help to the team on defense with several saves to prevent NE Prep from catching up.



Art Club

Kennedy Leggett – The first art club of the year meets in Mrs. Rice’s room on Tuesday, Aug. 30 at 2:45. The club is responsible for the haunted house which is during the Fall Festival. Last year the club had about fifteen members but since some of the seniors graduated, they are looking for new members. “Being able to design things that the whole school gets to see is a lot of fun!” Mrs. Rice said.

Skills USA

Beau Dickerson – Skills USA is a club for high school students interested in learning more about the skills needed once they leave school for college or to get a job. Being a part of the club is great for college applications, scholarship applications, and job resumes.

Students take many trips for competitions and activities ranging from leadership camps, construction days with the NC Department of Transportation, carpentry, bridge building, alternative fuels, and other STEM related activities. The Skills USA team has a fun time working on many projects from a wide variety of career choices. See Mr. Beirne for details on joining this organization.



Katie Ledecky’s Tips for Success

Amanca Lucci - Katie Ledecky is a five time Olympic gold medalist at 19-years-old. She works hard to reach her goals and so should you.

An article by Jeff Haden,

(<http://www.inc.com/jeff-haden/6-ways-katie-ledecky-thinks-differently-the-psychology-of-success.html>) describes Ledecky’s methods to succeed. Ledecky knows what she wants and she knows how to get it - with hard work. There is no way around it. You get what you put in.

Hard work is not just for Olympic medalists, it’s for everyone. If you want all A’s all year or to make a sport’s team, you’re not going to be able to just sit around and let your work finish by itself. You have to push yourself to your limits. You really just need a lot of determination. You don’t have to be an Olympic medalist to do any of this you just have to put in time and effort.

Explorer Science Club

Adison Bosso- Students interested in science are encouraged to become a part of the Explorer Science Club led by science teacher Angela Godard. The club will meet two times a month to participate in a water quality project in which measurements will be taken from local rivers, analyzed, and then sent to NC State. Students have hands-on experiences as they learn more about water quality and its importance to the environment.



Bee Keeping Club

BGCS will start a bee keeping club for interested students at 2:45-3:30 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 30 in Mrs. Parrish’s classroom. Everyone is invited to come learn more about the club, observe an enclosed frame of honey bees, and try out a bee suit. Throughout the year the club plans to set up a hive, harvest honey, and watch the busy life of bees.

