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Meteorologist Shares with Students

Christina Gurganus – On Tuesday, Sep. 20, 2016, Jerry Jackson, a meteorologist from Channel 9 came to speak with the seventh grade students. Several students shared about what they learned during his visit.

“I learned that the worst hurricane ever recorded was Galveston. It was the deadliest hurricane to hit the United States. There were 8000 to 1200 deaths. The hurricane hit the coast of Texas on September 8, 1900 as a category 4 hurricane with a storm surge of 8 to 15 ft,” said Gency Todd.

Brandon Arrants said, “Mr. Jackson was very interesting because he told us how different storms developed and what different scales are used to determine information about the storms. Each chart meant different things - like the storm surge one. I really liked it!”

FLASH FLOODS in Eastern NC

Photo of streets in Washington Courtesy of WITN



Taylor Silverthorne and Jordan Leggett- The month of September brought heavy rainfall causing flash flooding over much of Eastern North Carolina in part due to tropical storm Julia. While some counties received 4-6 inches of rain in one afternoon, others faced 8-10 inches of rain causing roads to flood and some places even lost power.

Sophomore Kely Dysart said “because of the height of the water, I began to hydroplane!” Another student stated that the water was so high up the wheels of their vehicle “it was like being in a submarine.”

The rain affected several sports games and practices due to the extreme conditions of the fields and roads.

Yankee Candle Sale

Kayla Hoggard - The Yankee candle sale by the BGCS Band is back and better than ever. This fundraiser helps pay for the many activities of the band.

Tiffany Hassell, band director, set a goal for the band to raise \$5000 profit which means that students must sell at least \$12,500 worth of items. This is about \$500 more than last year. She said, “Generally about 50% of the students really go out and sell a good number of products.

Upcoming Events

10/5	MS Cheer Interest Meeting	2:20
	Cross Country @ East Carteret	4:00
	HS Volleyball @ Washington	4:30
	HS Soccer vs Southside	6:00
10/6	HS Math Team Practice	3:00
	Tennis @ East Carteret	4:00
	MS Soccer @ Hertferd	4:00
	HS Volleball vs Lejeune	4:30
	HS Soccer @ Tarboro	6:00
10/8	Band @ Scuppernong Parade	8:00
10/10	MS Soccer @ Riverside	4:00
	HS Volleyball vs South Creek	4:30
	HS Soccer vs Tarboro	6:00
10/11	END OF 9 WEEKS	
	Art Club Meeting	2:45
	MS Volleyball vs Saint Peters	4:00
	HS Volleyball @ East Cartaret	4:30
	Winter Sports Parent Meeting	6:00
10/12	TEACHER WORK DAY	
	Tennis @ East Cartaret	11:00
	Cross Country @ Lejeune	4:00
	MS Soccer vs Hertferd	4:00
	MS Volleyball vs Snowden	4:00
	HS Soccer vs Northside	6:00
10/13	Seniors Tour NCWC	8:30
	Battle of Books Meeting	2:45
	Math Team Practice	3:00
	MS Soccer @ Chowan	4:00
	HS Volleyball vs Pamlico	4:30
10/14	MAKE UP PICTURE DAY	
10/15	PSAT	7:30



We always have a few kids that sell around \$500 worth by themselves. Most of the time, around 100 students sell at least one item.”

The money goes to purchase new music, repair instruments, or even purchase new ones. This year, new uniforms (about \$300 each) are needed for the new band members.

Congratulations Mr. Weir!

Kely Dysart – Mr. Weir welcomed a 9 pound, 12 ounce baby girl to his household on Sept. 12. Weir said that having Catherine has been tough because he hasn't been getting a lot of sleep, maybe two hours a night. Even with the lack of sleep, he loves watching his children learn and see them interact with new things. Weir said they have no plans for another baby.

Adopt a Shelter Dog Month.

Brianna Nicholson. - October is Adopt a Shelter Dog Month. The month is dedicated to helping poor shelter pups, and there are many ways to help. The main one would be adopting one of the homeless dogs. Taking a dog into your home not only helps the dog, but it also helps the people in the house.

“But what about people that can't adopt right now?” you may ask. There are many other ways to help. You can volunteer or donate at your local shelter. Make posts about it on social media, tweet your own message “#savedogs,” or sign up as a foster pet family. For more information, go to <https://www.petfinder.com/pet-adoption/dog-adoption/october-is-adopt-a-shelter-dog-month/>



Welcome Heather Donlin!

Brianna Nicholson BGCS welcomes Ms. Donlin from Pines Elementary School in Plymouth to our middle school social studies team.. Donlin taught fourth grade for eight years and fifth grade for four years. She also taught at Martin Community College as a GED and ESL Instructor.

Donlin graduated from West Virginia Wesleyan College before moving to Washington County. She was contacted by a member of the community about the need for a history teacher. “I have always heard great things about Bear Grass Charter and decided to check it out. After interviewing and touring the school, there was no doubt in my mind that this was where I wanted to be.”

While Donlin does not have any family living in the state, she has felt very welcomed by the administration and staff. Donlin was able to step into the middle school classes previously taught by Mr. Weir, who has taken over the high school history classes.



Skills USA enjoys trip to NCDOT Construction Days

Club members took a trip to Pitt County Fair Grounds on Oct. 4 to learn about the many careers available in engineering and construction. Students were able to ride and operate tractors and heavy machinery and experience simulations using different skills. Senior Gaylord Barnes achieved the high score in the welding simulation, winning a free t-shirt. Some of the upper-classmen were able to receive business cards and information about job opportunities upon finishing school.



New Club Begins!

Jordan Leggett

Are you interested in duck hunting and working with wooden decoys? The Ducks Unlimited Club led by Mr. Beirne is for you! Members will take wood duck boxes to a duck impoundment, participate in a three day camp, be a part of a duck hunt, and enjoy a banquet. Club members will sell raffle tickets for a Yeti Cooler beginning at the Chicken Mull festival and selling through November. There will be three winners drawn in November.

State Leadership Awards for SkillsUSA Team

Charly Gurganus- Skills USA members were recognized at Camp Dixie Leadership Camp, September 18-20. High school students Sierra Manning,

Blaire Asby, Jacob Watkins, Kevin Keeter, Haley Bonds, Kolbie Dickerson, Hunter Long, and Taylor Thomas were grouped with students from other schools and given leadership tasks to complete in a classroom and outdoors. All of the tasks required students to work together, identify sub-committees, and compete against the other teams in events such as poster design, quiz bowl, and organizing opening or closing ceremonies.

Blaire Asby and Kolbie Dickerson were members of the blue team, which achieved the most leadership points throughout all three days after placing second in the chapter competitions and first in the “Great Experience,” winning the “Dixie Cup.”

All eight members of the Bear Grass Charter Skills USA Team were awarded a “State Leader” award by successfully completing 24 requirements. Blaire Asby stated, “The first day we were really nervous, but by the second day we were making friends. I still keep in contact with some of them!”



Touring the Simply Natural Creamery

ennedy Leggett - On September 23, the business class of BGCS went to the Simply Natural Creamery in Ayden.

The students loved the experience, and everyone absolutely loved the ice cream. Harley West stated, “I would drive all the way there just to eat their ice cream again.”

While eating the ice cream was considered to be the best part of the trip, they also enjoyed learning about how the business worked. During the tour students learned the cows get milked twice a day (5:30 am and 5:00 pm.) They observed how the cows were kept and cared for to stay healthy and fit.

“All of their cows are grown and milked right there in the barn. The process is definitely natural, and you can tell it when it's made that good,” said Noah Nicholson (senior).

Do you know the rules for phone etiquette?

Students in Mrs. Long’s English class put together powerpoint projects detailing rules that everyone should follow in regards to cell phones. Some of the projects were printed and hung on the first bulletin board in the high school wing. How many of the rules do you follow?

1. Don’t text and drive.
2. Turn off your phone in a quiet area.
3. Be mindful of the volume of music/games
4. Put the phone away during dinner

5. Don’t use your phone during class.
6. Spend time with your friends/family, not with your phone.
7. Keep private conversations private – be careful about your location.
8. Ask permission to take someone’s picture.
9. Always be respectful.





Starting the Year with a Kick

Kimberly Basden – The middle school soccer team is off to a good start. They tied their first game, lost the second game, and won the third game. On Sept. 26, the MS Bears played on their home turf against Chowan beating them 4-2. The goals were scored by eighth grade twins Alana Haltigan and Ireland Haltigan.

Brandon Arrants (7th grade) said that “practices are going very good.”

The first game of the season put the Bears against the PC Pacers where Brandon Snyder (7th grade) scored a goal to tie. Coach Rufino said, the team was very competitive during the first half, and had many missed opportunities during the second half to pull ahead.

Ethan Clemmer (7th grade) stated, “I think that we all do great. We will keep improving and playing hard. Mr Rufino is encouraging us a lot and is very happy and motivating.”

History in the Making with HS Soccer

Beau Dickerson – The high school soccer team has managed to have their best season in the history of BGCS and they are only halfway through the season!

Junior player, Reid Harrison says they have had many accomplishments this year, but even with their success, they still have a couple of things that need work such as collecting the ball, and shooting from the outside,

The team is still struggling to get a shutout on a team, but Reid says it is a challenging thing to do. The team's ultimate goal is to win the conference and go to state playoffs.

Reid says the team likes to have a prayer session before the games so they have time to become calm and collected before entering the playing field.



Katie's "Serving" It

Taylor Silverthorne - The girl's tennis team has been packing a punch this season. One of the players, Katie Winslow, has definitely been bringing the heat.

Last year, Katie won the coach's award in tennis. She's a 4th seat, returning player, and she's definitely excited for this tennis season. Katie isn't just playing tennis, she's training and running cross country as well! You can't help but notice how optimistic and enthusiastic she is about sports.

“To me, practice is not harder after a loss, but I do feel like I need to push myself to work harder.” She has a lot of confidence in the team saying, “a strength of the team is the ability to have fun and build each other up. Even after one of us makes a mistake, we still try to focus on the good and compliment each other on our accomplishments.”

“Run, Forrest, Run!”

Morgan Bonds- It's time to run! The BGCS Cross Country team has completed four meets, two in conference.

The top five runners at our first conference meet are Jacob Watkins, Trey Gregory, Josh Wynn, Kevin Keeter, Trey Lanier, and for the girls Ashlyn Tate, Morgan Lee, Morgan Bonds, Graci Wynne and Kimberly Basden.

Each athlete has set personal goals for the year. Haley Bonds and Kimberly Basden want to come in at 30 minutes or less. Josh Wynn wants to be able to place in regionals and shave 3 minutes off his time. Kevin Keeter wants to really push himself to his best ability.

The last run was at Northside where Jacob Watkins secured first place with the time of 22:44. Ashlyn Tate and Morgan Lee completed the 3.1 miles in less than 30 minutes finishing 28:26 and 28:44 respectively.

