



# PAW PRINT



## Ribbon Cutting for New Math/Science Wing

The long awaited day arrived Wednesday, Nov. 9, when students and staff participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new math and science classrooms. After the 9:00 am cutting, students and staff enjoyed a brief tour through the new construction. Math and Science teachers hope to occupy the new classrooms next week as they slowly empty boxes of supplies and organize their the spaces.

## Womanless Beauty Pageant hosted by SCUBA

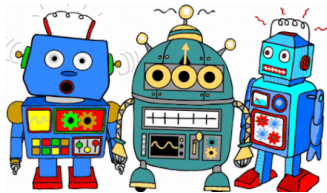
*Morgan Bonds* - The BGCS scuba club held a womanless beauty pageant featuring some of the BGCS staff, parents, students, and some former students. Every contestant had stage names: Mona Lot, Shelita Buffet, Anna Conda, Imma Win, Rita La Cantaora, Anita Beverage, Polly Nomial, Holly Wood, Sassy Sasha, Cheyanne Pepper, Patty O Furry, and Ginger Snaps.

There were three categories in which the contestants took part: talent, flashback, and evening gown. Spectators were able to vote for "the People's Choice" by putting money in a jar with the contestant's number. Coach Perry (Anna Conda) was selected as the People's Choice winner and danced with Noah Ray Bonds, Jr. The pageant winner was Holly Wood (Gaylord Barnes), and the runner up was Polly Nomial (Barry Boyd).

## New Robotics Club

*Kayla Hoggard* - BGCS has organized a Robotics club for all of our technology loving students.

This club is led by senior Christopher Bosso and sponsored by Mrs. Long. The club is also working with Junk Drawer Robotics program that assists with fundraisers, planning, and getting materials for the club. The club currently has eleven members and meets weekly as they work to raise money for the needed supplies to build robots.

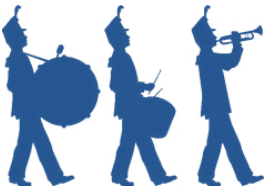


## Upcoming Events

11/14	Progress Reports	
11/15	Art Club	2:45
	Robotics Club	2:45
	HS Basketball @ NE Prep	4:15
	HS Band Trip to ECU	5:00
11/16	MS Basketball vs NE Prep	4:00
11/17	Career Day	8:30 am
	Battle of the Books	2:45
	Jr Beta Club	2:45
	HS Math Team	3:00
11/18	MS Basketball @ NE Prep	4:00
11/21	MS Basketball vs Creswell	4:00
11/22	HS Basketball @ Creswell	4:30
11/23	HS Basketball vs Creswell	4:30
11/23 - 11/25	Thanksgiving Break	
11/28	MS Basketball @ Creswell	4:00
11/29	Art Club	2:45
	Robotics Club	2:45
12/1	HS Basketball @ Unity	4:30
12/3	Saturday School Attendance Makeup	
	Marching Band Field Trip	9:00 am

## We've Got Skills!

*Taylor Silverthorne* - The BGCS Skills USA team traveled to the Raleigh State fair on Thursday, October 20th. Gaylord Barnes and Kevin Keeter participated in the carpentry competition where they were given four hours to build a complete dog house based on given specifications. Many high schools from all over North Carolina competed with Gaylord and Kevin ranking 13 out of 28. The rest of the Skills team was able to enjoy the awesome rides, yummy food, and cool exhibits. The team wrapped it all up at the awards ceremony where they cheered on their fellow teammates.



## Band Marches at ECU Homecoming Parade

*Christina Gurganus* – The BGCS Marching Bears went to ECU to play in their homecoming parade on Saturday, October 29th. While marching, the band played “Play that Funky Music,” but while they were at a standstill, then they would perform “Crazy Little Thing Called Love,” “Funkytown,” and “September.”

Rachel Woolard said that having to memorize rhythms and notes, and also having to stay on the right foot, makes marching and playing more difficult than when standing or sitting still. The Bears practice marching a couple times a week, but as the dates for parades get closer, the band marches every day.

## **7<sup>th</sup> Graders Travel for Science**

*Brianna Nicholson*- On October 25, Mrs. Godard's seventh grade class went to the Raleigh



Museum of Science. They had the chance to experience many different things from weather to animals to insects. Students met with a scientist who showed them different experiments.

“He taught us about the weather in our atmosphere. He also did this really cool experiment. He got a soda bottle and added a little bit of alcohol and got a bicycle pump. He pumped air into the bottle. It created a cloud,” said Emma Mosley. All the students said they had a great time and they would love to go again.



## **Pumpkin Projects**

Teacher Amy Edwards prompted many middle and high school teachers to conduct projects using pumpkins. English classes created character pumpkins based on literature, math classes measured and graphed pumpkin statistics, health classes planned menus, and the engineering class built a catapult to launch the projects!



## Going Out With A BOO!

*Charly Gurganus* - The Art

Club’s haunted house was a big success with the “Classic Horror Movies” theme. The house included characters like Jigsaw, Lizzy Borden, Chucky, Jason, Pennywise, and many more. Twenty-three club members and five adults worked in and out of the house.

This year’s haunted house was put together in a week and a half. Club members felt like they didn’t have enough time because they usually have two months to decorate. Even with the rush to complete their house of horror, they made the highest profit yet, bringing in \$1,000 in just three hours.

Club member, Sara Copeland (9th grade) said, “The room I heard the most screams from was the middle room - the room with all of the dolls in it. I thought the haunted house was very fun to participate in. At first everybody started out rocky because we had to figure out what was actually scaring people. As the night went on, we gradually got better and better at getting people scared.”

The art club sends a big “Thank You” to all who visited the haunted house. They hope everyone makes plans to attend it next year as they have already started planning and set a new theme!

## **Halloween Concert by BGCS band**

The BGCS Band performed their annual spook-tacular concert dressed in favorite costumes on Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>. The band played a medley of tunes from the Broadway musical *Phantom of the Opera* as well as music from *Harry Potter*. If you missed hearing the great show, check out the video clips shared on the Bear Grass Charter School Community Facebook page!



## Basketball Begins!

*Beau Dickerson* - Coach Boyd predicts that BGCS Varsity and the JV basketball teams will have winning seasons this year. The varsity had seven wins for the first time in the school's history last year, and he expects the team to win at least half of their games this year. Additionally, the teams will participate in a Christmas Tournament at Creswell again this year. Last year, the Bears placed second, so Coach Boyd hopes this year's team will be the champions of the Christmas Tournament.

Practices begin after school next Wednesday. Coach Perry will be coaching the JV and assisting Boyd with the Varsity. They want everyone to make plans to attend the games and cheer the Bears on to a winning season.



## Great Soccer Season Comes to Close

Both the middle school and high school teams celebrated winning seasons this year in soccer! The middle school completed five games in October winning the first three (Central 2-0; Hertferd 3-0; and Chowan 1-0) before tying with Central 1-1 and falling to Riverside in a 1-1 match due to penalties.

The high school team also completed three major victories out of their five October games. On Oct. 3, the high school Bears had their first shut out in a 3-0 victory over Lejeune with a great defense led by Joseph Perry, Erickson Hardison, Eli Wells, Hunter Forbes, Nick Cumbee, and goalie Reid Harrison. BGCS defeated Lejeune again on Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> (5-1), followed by an amazing win over Northside the next day (9-0) with eight goals scored in the first half.

### **Reminder** –

*The Semester ends BEFORE Christmas Break! Just a few more weeks to go! With only two report cards for the semester, make sure that this nine weeks grades are the best you can do!*

*Senior Projects should be completed before Thanksgiving! All semester long classes will have exams before Christmas break.*

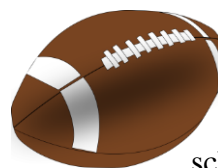
## Cross Country is at the Finish Line!

*Kimberly Basden* – Cross country came to end of the course for everyone but seven people on October 19. There were seven girls and boys that made it to regionals in Manteo on Saturday, October 29.

The top seven boys were Jacob Watkins, Trey Gregory, Ty Johnson, Kevin Keeter, Shawn Wells, Josh Wynn and Trey Lanier who advanced to regionals, but Jacob Watkins was unable to attend due to sickness.

The top seven girls that made it to regionals were Ashlyn Tate, Morgan Lee, Morgan Bonds, Graci Wynne, Katie Winslow, Lexi Holiday and Kimberly Basden. Everyone on the Bear Grass Cross Country team beat their personal record at regionals.

Ashlyn Tate, a Sophomore, made it to state championships. She came in seventh out of all the girls with a time of 24:11. Ashlyn stated that she was surprised and happy when they called her name. She said that she worked to keep her pace and focus to help improve her time at regionals and state championships.



## BGCS Football Coming 2017!

*Jordan Leggett* – The BGCS school board voted in their Oct. meeting to approve the beginning of a football team. Interest meetings were held over the last two years as leaders examined the costs associated with this starting this sport.

The Honors Math Class is working with Mr. Boyd to consider ways to utilize the baseball field for the football field as well.

Plans are also underway to build a field house for the teams.

