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Known, Seen & Loved by God - English FLEx

7th Graders Help the Homeless *by Emily Betts*

This year many of our 7th grade English classes went to downtown Seattle to hand out food to the homeless. Going there was a great experience and helped open my eyes to what is really going on outside my own life. We saw people close to giving up, quiet and shy, while others were on the brink of getting a job. Many took our food, thanking us as they left.

My trip was held January 31, 2019. Our class took one of the BCS vans. On the drive there we talked about what we were going to experience. We want to thank all the parents who helped and volunteered to come. I didn't expect so many people to be outgoing and ready to share their stories. They told us about their wonderful pasts, but how they had chosen to rebel, and warned us not to do the same.

I loved this opportunity to reach out to people, hear their stories and give food to them. It made me realize how blessed I am and how thankful I am for BCS, and all that it has done for me.

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Camp Unity

by Calvin Schwarz

Have you ever heard of the homeless camp called Camp Unity? Camp Unity is an organized homeless camp currently at the Carol Edwards Center in Woodinville. When people start to lose money, a job, a family, or a home, they go to Camp Unity to be sheltered and taken care of. When someone joins Camp Unity, they are assigned a tent, jobs or tasks, electronics (for applying for jobs), and other utilities and necessities. Last semester when half of the 4th period English went and took a tour of Camp Unity, most students were awestruck because of the cleanliness and the organization of the camp. Maddox Ness, a BCS student that went to Camp Unity, said, "I thought it was going to be a little more run down and dirty because it is a homeless shelter, but it wasn't what I had expected. They had very nice tents, electronics, and

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even a website for others to find them.” Overall, Camp Unity was a fun and interesting experience for the 4th period English class last semester.

Congregations for the Homeless

by Finn Macaulay

This year, the 7th grade English classes each went on a field trip to a different homeless shelter to get to know the people and help out. My group in first period got assigned to Congregations for the Homeless, a temporary men's homeless shelter in Bellevue, Washington. I was in a group with Colton Harris and he said, "I was expecting the place to have tents and for it to be pretty dirty." Colton was not the only one who expected these circumstances. I thought this shelter would be dirty too, but what I saw caught us off guard. When Mrs. Graves' group arrived, the place was surprisingly clean. The place looked like a hotel, with the main room and stairs leading to rooms on each side. Everyone who was currently staying there had a job to do. Whether it's washing clothes, cooking, or sweeping. Everyone was doing their part in helping. A big message I took away from this is that homeless is not a label, it is a circumstance. Homeless people can be just as smart, just as hard working as you and I are. They just don't have our luck to be in a loving family, a home, and support every day.

Launching this Semester's Student Council

by Kailey Yantis-Blank

At BCS, the Junior High Student Council is a group of selected students from 7th to 8th grade who work together with their teacher, Mr. Pridmore. It is the Student Council's job to provide leadership and a way for students to combine and formalize their ideas to make school a better place for all students. A brand-new Student Council was formed this semester. Mr. Pridmore thinks it is important that each Student Council representative understands their role on campus and our responsibilities to the students of BCS.

One of the important first steps for this Student Council will be to come up with a new fresh name.

Council members started off this semester brainstorming ideas for upcoming Junior High events. As a group, Abby Koorn shared, "there has been plenty of talk about waffles and sno-cones, but it is too early to create real plans." One thing is for sure: any decision from Student Council promises to make the school day a bit more fun for every student. Both Abby and Nathan Wasson agree that the conversations at Student Council are fun and interesting. It is a great place to get to know our friends in a different way.

In the spring, 7th grade representatives on Student Council will plan the 6th grade mixer to welcome the incoming BCS 7th graders for the following school year. Keep your eyes open and watch for signs hanging in the B Hall about new, upcoming events from Student Council.



Back Row: Savanna Taylor, Sarah Alteio, Cassie Klauder, Michelle Schober, Nat Curran, Macey Foisset, Sydney Ohlemann, Emily Betts, Maddy Miller, Ava Harrison, Kallie Alford, Estella Wollny

Front Row: Colton Harris, Nathan Wasson, Mr. Pridmore, Calvin Schwarz, Gavin Hill

The Newest Member of the Jr. High Family

by Lexi Salazar

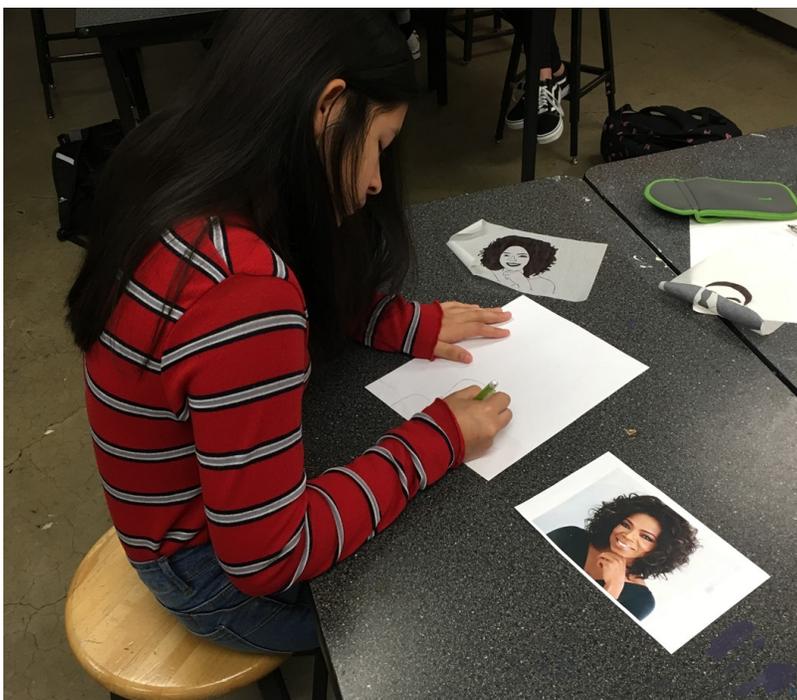
Abby Myers, a seventh grader, just began here at BCS this semester. In sixth grade she attended Heatherwood Middle School. Then she moved to Kirkland and went to Finn Hill Middle School. She stayed there for the first half of seventh grade. While there, she didn't have the best experience. "It sucked!" she claims. Abby wanted to switch to a different, more suitable school, and chose BCS. She says that she is really looking forward to, "being at a better school."

Abby is twelve years old and was born here in Washington. She has an older sister who is fifteen years old and goes to Archbishop Murphy High School. In her free time, Abby enjoys watching all different types of TV shows. Her favorite food is cheese pizza. Abby also really loves dogs. She has two dogs that are both Labradors. Their names are Lexi and Milo. Abby likes the color black and finds pleasure in doing art. She's very friendly and kind. So far this semester her two favorite classes are Drawing and Cartooning and Photography and Design. She also enjoys math. Abby has only gone to BCS for about a week total, due to unexpected snow days. During that small amount of time, Abby says she's already "having more fun" than she did at her previous schools.



Black History Month—Cartooning Style *by Vivian Arenas*

This month's theme in Drawing and Cartooning is Black History! This means that the class is recognizing people that served or are serving in African American communities. "Celebrating Black History by drawing the people who served are important because it's good to recognize them for what they did," says Mrs. Fiechtner, the Drawing and Cartooning teacher. "It shows that we care. As Christians we are to reconcile the narrative and to celebrate African-Americans in how they served." The type of art they are doing is realistic cartooning. Their class is located at D101. The project started on the 20th of February and ends on the 1st of March.



Maryam Miltenberger

Chinese New Year Hot Pot: Year of the Pig

by Rebecca Qian

On January 31, the international students had a hot pot to celebrate Chinese New Year. It took place in the Foods and AP Spanish classrooms at BCS, from 2:30 PM to 5:00 PM.

International students decorated the room and helped prepare the food for the hot pot. When asked if it went well, Jenny Chen, one of the international students here at BCS, said, "Yeah! The food was very tasty, and friends ate and chatted together. It was a lot of fun!" A lot of students were there, both international and local. Five hot pots were cooked on different tables, each one a different level of spiciness. This gave people the choice of non-spicy, mild, medium, and all the way to extra spicy! Everyone had fun and ate a lot, going from one table to the next for different foods.

Mr. Nelson, the International Student Program Advisor, stated that, "The hot pot was an opportunity for international students to celebrate their cultural tradition and domestic students to learn about Chinese Culture." The event can build community with BCS students and give opportunities for them to experience cultural diversity. At the end of Mr. Nelson's interview, he added, "We hope that more students will attend next year to join us in celebrating Lunar New Year."



Mr. Ulstein & Marianne Ma

Denmar Collins, Kevin Li & Andrew Chang



8th Grade Science Goes Deconstructive

by Jackson Scheibner

Recently, Mr. Zschoche had his eighth-grade class do a difficult project that involved deconstructing items that he gave them. This was a fun and educational experience for the classes who participated in the project. The students were a little nervous, but excited that they got to do a big and important assignment such as this. Mr. Zschoche enjoys watching his class work together as a team to accomplish a task and to have fun doing it. The class seemed to enjoy the fact that this project was different and that it was challenging and exciting to deconstruct science equipment. In the end, this project shows that even as you work together to deconstruct something, you are also constructing future friendships.

Snowmageddon

by Estella Wollny

Recently there has been a snowstorm that closed schools here in Washington. This happened during the month of February from the eighth to the fourteenth. The most amount of snow was up to three feet high. Students did many different things over the many snow days that we had. Some people stayed at home with their families. Others skied, snowboarded, went inner tubing, or went sledding. Some families were trapped in their homes because of how much snow there was. Our school is lucky that we don't need to make up school days at the end of the year.



This Season's Snowy End

by Kallie Alford

The Junior High girls basketball season is officially over. Both the D1 and D2 teams had three more games scheduled in February before the end of the season, but were cancelled because there was no school due to the snow. The last game for both of the teams would have been on Thursday, February 14th at the Bellevue Presbyterian Church. The D2 team played four games, and they won one and lost three. The D1 team had a six-game jamboree, and played three games, in which they won one and lost two. Eve Henry, a 7th grader on D1, said that their best game was against UPrep. They won this game because they had a comeback and as Eve said, "We really fought that game, which was great!" She also thought that the hardest team they went up against was Bear Creek since they were good at everything. Eve believes that one of the strong suits of her team is that everybody worked together and were inclusive of each other. For both teams, they may not have had a lot of wins, but everyone played their best!

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe was a student-directed play led by Kallie Adent and Grace LeSueur. The play was performed on Thursday, February 7th, from 7:00-9:00 pm. Aidan Harris, who played Father Christmas, said that the play was one of the better student-led plays and he was excited for the performances that were coming up. Unfortunately for the cast, crew, and anyone who wanted to see the performances, the one in one-hundred-year storm ruined it, and half of the performances were canceled. Because of the snow, the play was performed only two times and one of those was for 4th graders only. Luckily after 10 weeks of work the performances had turned out as expected. They were incredible. Anyone who went to the play found out that Mr. Ramquist had very little to no involvement with the directing of the play. This means that the two students who led the play had done a very good job. The script, props, and the costumes were great and the play was one of the best. That's why, next time the high school does a play, you should definitely go.



Cast of The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe



Samantha's Irish Dance *by Johanna Barrios*

Samantha Ratterree enjoys Irish dancing. She dances at Kirkland Dance Center and Dance Premier. She dances on Fridays at 5:00 – 6:00pm and Sundays 10:00 – 12:00 pm. Samantha started dance when she was in 3rd grade. Her teacher's daughter was doing Irish dancing and it influenced her. Later, a girl moved into her neighborhood with her little sister next door and asked if she wanted to join Irish dancing at their studio. She's been dancing ever since as a level 4, also known as (prize winner), and competes in dance competitions which she has multiple metals and trophy's in. The hardest thing in Irish dancing is getting 1st place and keeping enough stamina. The history behind Irish dancers is that they will go to church to curl their hair or just wear curled wigs. This is something they do before they would dance. Samantha would like to do world competition when she's older and get to learn more about dance.



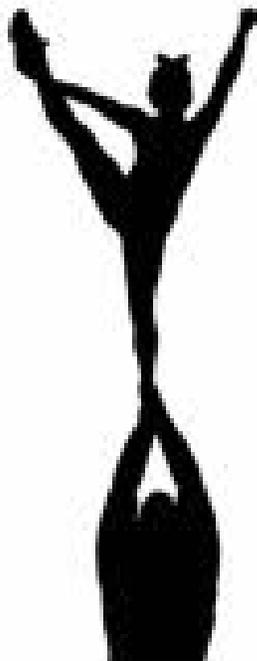
Her partner & Samantha Ratterree

Eat, Sleep, Cheer, Repeat *by Maddy Miller*

Kailey Yantis-Blank is a 7th grader who enjoys competitive cheerleading. She began competing when she was five and needed to release energy. She tried cheer and immediately loved it. She has been doing it ever since. She loves being a part of her team and she considers them family. She said one of the hardest things about cheer was being conditioned (trained/exercised). When her old gym closed, Kailey considered quitting, but she found a new gym and is loving it. Cheer has taught Kailey about perseverance and working hard for something she enjoys.



Kailey Yantis-Blank



Upcoming Events

- 3/8 No School
- 3/11 Incoming Freshmen Course Advising Meeting 7pm
- 3/18 State Trip Work Day
- 3/19 Early Release
- 3/21 JH Band Concert
- 3/23 BCS Signature Event
- 3/25 JH Choral Concert