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## How To Make Wearing a Mask Fun! *by Chloe Lee*

Everyone wears a mask. People walking down the street, in the grocery store, in schools. But how can we make wearing a mask fun? Georgia Shimotakahara, a 7<sup>th</sup> grade student at Bellevue Christian tells how she makes her masks fun. Now, I know you don't need to have more than one mask, but having more than one can be more convenient and more fun. Georgia says, "I think that having more masks can be helpful. If you accidentally lose or misplace your original mask, your other one could be a backup mask. It can also be a benefit because every day you can pick a mask to wear."

How else can we make masks fun? Patterns, any pattern could make a mask fun! For example, Georgia has bumble bees, stripes, and cherries. During these hard times we can sometimes lose faith and doubt. We must think about the positive side though. Going outside with a stylish pattern might make you remember to be happy and have fun with stylish masks.

Along with the fun patterns you can do more. Patterns can have color! So, you can have the ultimate fun mask. You can focus on what colors you may want on your mask. Pink, orange, purple, turquoise, green? Any color you like could be great. If you are not a fan of

big patterns and color, you can customize your own, for example, a plain white mask with a tiny flower in the corner or, an all light purple mask with a heart.

If you have a wide variety of masks it may be easier for you to match your mask to your outfit. Matching your mask to your outfit, can be a fun way to wear mask fashion. Combining your clothes and masks could make you feel more confident in your mask choice. You can wear a fun outfit and have a fun mask on all at once. Being inside so long could be boring, so you can take a walk outside and show

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## Mr. Hedin Brings a New Look to the Band by Caden Rowse

Mr. Kai Hedin, the new band teacher at Bellevue Christian, came to bring music and fun to the band students.

Mr. Hedin became a band teacher because he wants his class to be enjoyable and exciting. When he was younger his dad was a band teacher (a great band teacher); the students all enjoyed band and worked hard, but then he left, and the new band teacher was not as good.

The students were discouraged and left. Mr. Hedin is here to keep students wanting to play just like his dad did. Mr. Hedin also enjoys exercising, playing boardgames, and watching sports. He knows how to play fourteen different instruments, but he mainly plays strings. Mr. Hedin is very excited to be at BCS this year.



Photo: Mrs. Graves

## All About Mrs. Baker! by George Hermann

Mrs. Kimbra Baker is the new Dean of Students here at Bellevue Christian. She grew up in a town in California called Baker's Field. Mrs. Baker went to Biola University and Seattle Pacific for college. She then

Mrs. Baker's favorite vacation places are Kauai, Hawaii and Boston, Massachusetts. Some of her favorite hobbies include going on runs, gardening and spending time with her family. Her favorite movies are *Hook* and *A League of Their Own*, and her favorite books are anything from Roald Dahl when reading with her kids as well as *A Wrinkle in Time*. Mrs. Baker's favorite foods are fajitas and chile rellenos. Her favorite color is turquoise.

Mrs. Baker does not play a physical instrument, but she does sing which counts as an instrument.

I hope you have enjoyed reading about our new Dean of Students, Mrs. Baker!



worked as a high school and college history teacher before she came to BCS and became the Dean of Students. She came to BCS because she wanted to see Christ, and she felt like the people at BCS had a positive influence.

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off your whole new outfit. If you do not have the time to match your outfit to your mask, you can get a black or white mask to match with almost anything.

Many people have their own opinions. Do they prefer simple masks, or vibrant masks? Here is what Georgia thinks, "I prefer fun and vibrant masks because they help brighten what is going on in the world a little bit for me. It reminds me to turn it all into a better experience, and to not think of it so negatively." People may agree with her or disagree, but I think most can agree that we should do whatever makes us happy, whether that's matching masks to outfits or wearing plain masks. Wearing a mask for a long time can be difficult but, mask fashions can make it fun!

## Interviews with the Math Teacher *by Connor Miniken*

On, September 24 from 3:00-3:30pm, Mr. Andrew Teng was interviewed over Microsoft teams and asked a series of questions about the BCS program to see his opinion about being a new teacher at BCS. Although he is a new teacher at BCS he is not new to the school because he graduated from here.

Mr. Teng says his favorite thing about BCS is the welcoming community and even went on to say it is a place to learn about God. When asked what other subject he would teach his response was science

because that was one of the only subjects he has not taught. Mr. Teng says if there was one thing that he would change about BCS it would be to bring the football games back. We were curious to know what the teachers thought of the food in the cafeteria, when asked about it, Mr. Teng says the muffins are good. Mr. Teng is pleased to be teaching at BCS and has no plan of leaving.

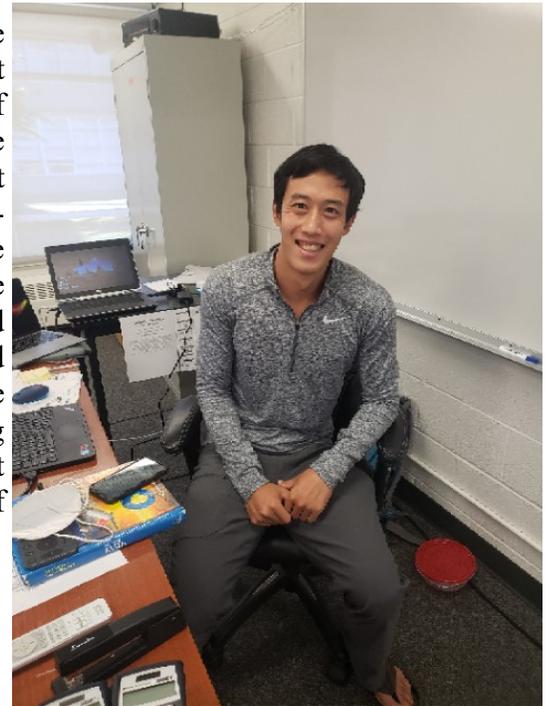


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## New Teacher starts making History at BCS *by Roquena Collins*

Clyde Hill welcomes new Social Studies and Spanish teacher, Mr. Scott Santos. Mr. Santos used to teach children's



ministry but decided that he wanted to teach full-time as teacher. He has been teaching for 5 years now and has moved from school to school. He heard about BCS through his friends and after all the wonderful stories, he decided to join our community.

Mr. Santos has always had a passion for History, especially US History. He loves to learn and teach new things about the founding of the United States. His favorite historical person is John Adams because of his giving and humble characteristics and his role in help-

ing to develop the US. Oh yeah, and he likes Pete Carroll too because he led the Seahawks to the Super Bowl! His deep hope for his students is for them to, "Journey through history and culture. I also want them to seek God's hand and to learn from the mistakes of the past."

After a long day of work, Mr. Santos loves to be active. He is a motorcyclist and has a cherry red motorcycle. Mr. Santos also loves to have adventures in the water while scuba diving. You know he's serious about history because he loves to lounge, and watch shows about interesting historic events that he can teach to his students. Mr. Santos is so excited to see his students in person and teach them all about history!

Photo: Mrs. Graves

## A New Teacher in Town *by Courtney Van Hise*

In the midst of the devastating Covid-19 pandemic, teachers such as Mr. Grant Phillips have been connecting with their students using online resources. Mr. Phillips is a new High School teacher here at main campus, born and raised in a small, diverse area of southwest Louisiana. It must've been difficult for him to move to a state across the country, sort that out, and teach kids he's never met before--while social distancing and not being able to physically meet his students. Admittedly, the culture in Louisiana has a significant contrast to here, but he stated that, "The people here that I've interacted with have been very welcoming." Mr. Phillips teaches Social Studies and Health, which are both very important to him.

Mr. Phillips had a teacher in high school that taught AP European History, who was ultimately the reason why he got into the subject. He began to see what he was being taught differently, and as "one great story, one great narrative..." Okay, but why pursue teaching? Mr. Phillips explained that even although he'd been teaching ministry, he didn't feel like it was the most effective place for him to be. So, he began exploring what other options he had. Still wanting to be able to share the gospel, he turned to teaching as a more "informal" way of spreading the word. Although the students he ended up teaching at first were difficult to say the least, he enjoyed what he was doing and felt that it was meant for him.

As mentioned earlier,

Mr. Phillips has worked in ministry. He has been raised as a Christian his whole life, but when he was 15 he began to get real with his faith, and reflect. He now knows that, "...being a Christian is not easy. It's something that takes great courage and great bravery, but it's also the greatest thing that makes sense." Tying back into academics, what he considered to be his biggest academic accomplishment is translating the book of Jonah from Hebrew to English. For him, this was painful, with a lot of sleepless nights, and was a struggle. But when he embraced the situation, he was able to learn and gain a deeper understanding of the book.

When it comes to enjoying things outside of school, and God's beautiful creation, mountain biking is the perfect hobby for him. Frankly, the part of the Loui-

siana he was living in didn't have any mountains. "I'm used to riding in the trails in the woods... you have to pedal as fast as you can to get as much fun as you can." Now that Mr. Phillips is able to explore Seattle's hills, trails, and beauty; according to him it's almost like he's arrived to "mountain biking heaven." He had moved to Washington at the end of July, and unfortunately in August his hometown was hit by a hurricane. His family's house, the businesses and restaurants he loved and grew up around have been destroyed. Things won't ever be the same in his hometown, but as he stated, "...our new home in Bellevue, is kind of where our new heart is."

From the pandemic, to social studies, to health, and more, Mr. Phillips is a wonderful teacher that loves what he does. Just like everyone else, he faces obstacles, and challenges. God has played a substantial role in his life and has helped him make important decisions. A piece of advice shared by him was that, "You'll have times in your life when you're uncertain, and things aren't clear, and you just know that, 'I have to trust God with this,' and I think those times of your life end up being some of the most beautiful times that you reflect on throughout your life."



Photo: Mrs. Graves

## Amazing New ELL Teacher *by Richard Wang*

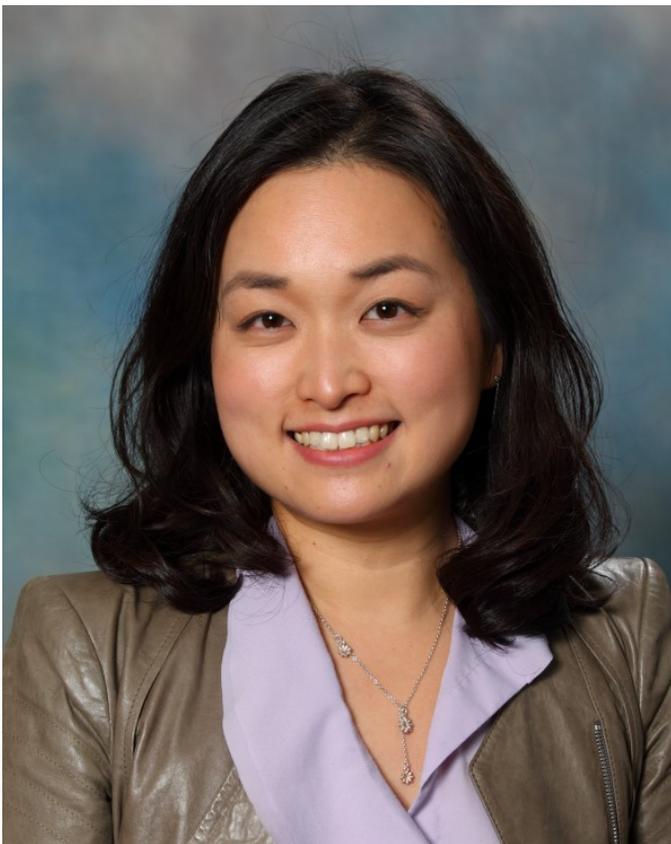
Mrs. Diane Kim is a new ELL teacher to our school, as well an instructor for our International Student Program. She does a lot for our school and we want to get to know her more.

Mrs. Kim worked at various Christian schools and public schools in Canada and the US and has taught Pre k – 12th grade. She started teaching as soon as she finished university, about 10 years ago. During those 10 years she has taught 6 years full time and 4 years part time. She has

taught many subjects such as Visual Arts, and other elementary subjects such as Math, Science, English, and other things like that. Most recently Mrs. Kim taught at Three Points Elementary.

When she was a child, Mrs. Kim said, “I wanted to be an artist, Miss Korea, and a teacher.” Her favorite part about teaching is, “because, I can help other students who are also experiencing growth and challenges, I faced when I was a child.” Mrs. Kim’s family were educators so they were good role models. Mrs. Kim likes teaching at Christian schools more than public schools because she can talk about God’s love and how it changed her.

Mrs. Kim is also talented and gifted! She is also super experienced and is a great teacher for us and will help our amazing students at BCS this year. If you get a chance, stop by and meet her.



## We teach the world

Our International Student Program (ISP) provides diversity and perspective to our campuses, and we warmly welcome students from all over the world.

## New Learning Program is a Success *by Morgan Buonerba*

In July 2020, Bellevue Christian announced an exciting new program dedicated to remote learning. This program is called BCS@Home! The way BCS@Home is structured is much different than last year, as this year more social interaction is added. Instead of most of the school day being asynchronous, students will be able to talk and interact with their teachers and fellow students, making this program feel more like a regular in-person school day.

Mia Buonerba, a new student here at BCS, is part of the BCS@Home learning program. She states that “last year, everything was kind of all over the place, but now that I am here and

doing BCS@Home, everything is a lot less confusing. There is nothing really that I would change. In fact, I think I like online school more than regular school now!”

BCS@Home is a learning program that students enjoy and has more benefits than just full-time asynchronous learning. For example, at the beginning of the school day, students get to check in with their teachers, and see what is going to be worked on for the rest of the day. Then they can work on the lessons that are being taught that day, and sign off for the rest of the day with the afternoon check-in.

One of Mia’s favorite

parts of the school day is the “afternoon break because then I have time to eat and take a break.” One of the good things about BCS@Home is that they include breaks in the students’ schedules, so that they have time to eat, play, relax, and let all their wiggles out. This way, students can be ready and prepared for the next part of their school day.

BCS@Home has a unique and creative approach to online learning, with social interaction and independent work time, along with lots of breaks. It is a great option for any student, and current pupils say that they enjoy the program very much.

## The New Band *by Jaxson Bell*

“The new online band is very challenging, but there are a lot of learning moments.” Mr. Hedin said the online band is very new and most people are not used to it. Mr. Hedin said he loves the new learning and is just happy to see everyone. Most people might not be used to online band, “people are adapting very well because they are used to rhythm.” Mr. Hedin thinks people know the rhythm and know what to do even though it is a little different, they know what to do and how to get it. Mr. Hedin said that he, “would rather do band at school, but only if it’s safe.” Mr. Hedin also said, “They can develop new skills and that there is more time for them to understand the music on your own time so when they are practicing you do not have to spend time on teaching the music.”

“The new band is pretty good/standard for online,” Courtney Bell, a ninth grade student in band, said. Courtney thinks that the new online band is standard for the new band but it is not bad. Courtney also says she would rather be at school. “I would rather be at school because you can learn better and meet 1 on 1 with the teacher. She also thinks that it is harder than regular band because you cannot hear everyone play or you have problems with Teams, and everyone gets muted, kicked, or Teams just crashes and you cannot have classes anymore. Courtney thinks she is adapting to BCS well because she is new, and this is her first year with this online band. Courtney also said, “It is good right now and they should not change the online band. “

## Choir @ Home

*by Maya Smith*

Choir at home is a new and exciting challenge for all. The class, which is taught by choir, drama and culinary arts teacher Mrs. Shockey, is experiencing a switch from in person choir practice to online choir practice.

When asked about the switch to online teaching, Mrs. Shockey says, “I think it has caused us to focus on different things than usual, and for me, I think it has helped me to learn new skills.”

Teams, the Microsoft platform grades 7-12 have been using to attend classes online, has many updated features since the 2019-2020 year, and most are new to teachers. The students and teachers are exploring this new

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## Distance Learning 2.0 Challenging, but Successful *by Dane Bold*

Last year the pandemic began, and everyone all had to quarantine. Everyone needed to lock themselves in their house and schools had to close and students had to do online school. That was 1.0 of distant learning. Now everyone is doing distant learning 2.0. Is distant learning 2.0 working? Mr. Olson thinks that distant learning 2.0 is working well.

But there are some challenges to it. Mr. Olson said teachers are limited in what they can do because of covid-19. They cannot teach in person. They are not always sure how to help people. Students and teachers are having tech problems and it is hard to help them because it

is online. School is personal and so much more so if it is online it becomes not personal and just information and people do not like it.

But there are a lot of good things too. Like students are still learning. Also, people are still making new relationships between students and teachers, and between students and other students. All the staff are working hard to keep the school running and all the students are working hard to learn. When he was questioned about if sports were going to happen Mr. Olson said, "I think so, if the state allows it." Distant learning 2.0 has been a success but there are some ups and downs.

## A Different Way to Play! *by Britton Banke*

Because of COVID 19 we are taking all our classes at home, including PE. Ms. Steffen teaches Junior High PE Tuesdays and Thursdays. PE looks totally different now. Tadem Wilson a student in the class, said "I would rather be in school, but honestly it's not that bad at home. I don't mind the circuits and *PE with Joe*, but I'd rather be in school doing it." Tadem says he likes to do PE in his garage where he has his own workout equipment and a training area.

In PE, Tadem and his classmates do lots of different things. Tadem says "We do PE circuits and we try to do as many reps as we can until our times up. Also, we do workout videos with a cool guy named Joe. We do a lot of core workouts and soon we're going to start doing cardio." Tadem says the reason he chose to do PE at home is because he loves being active and wants to get into shape for basketball.

In addition to PE and other exercise, Tadem pushes himself by practicing basketball daily. Tadem does PE with many people including his PE teacher Ms. Steffen, who has been teaching for about 20 years. Tadem's favorite part of PE is knowing that he is working hard and getting himself in better shape.

Students have different places and equipment to workout with, Tadem says "I use my own workout equipment that's in my garage, which includes weights,

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technology side by side through this online learning.

"It's just kind of changed the priorities, focusing more on learning music theory and less on the performance side of things, at least for now." She comments, referring to the adjustment of not learning as many music pieces due to lack of time. The annual choir performance near Christmas is an example of the performance aspect of choir, and Mrs. Shockey continued saying that the Christmas concert will be a virtual concert, most of it be previously recorded and produced.

"Students have been having the opportunity to hear themselves a lot." Mrs. Shockey continues when asked about the positive influences of online choir practice. "We've been doing recordings using Flipgrid and so I think that's been a good thing that students get to hear how they're doing and get that immediate feedback." She progresses on to say how it is too early to tell whether or not the changes are one hundred percent successful for her students.

Choir at home felt like a blessing in disguise. The technological aspect of choir practice was difficult due to uncharted territories within Teams, but ultimately, the students of Mrs. Shockey's choir class are continuing to improve in their musical abilities and Mrs. Shockey herself feels satisfied with their progress.

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a pull-up bar, resistance bands and a bench press.” Tadem told me about the funniest thing that has happened to him during PE, he said “I got my new shoes and I asked the class to take a vote to choose what color laces I would put on them.” You’ll have to ask Tadem what the class chose.



## Elementary School in Person

*by Olivia Reynolds*

The elementary has gone back in person! Three Points student, Grace Reynolds shares her favorite thing about going in person, “seeing all the teachers, and friends.” Although it is very exciting the elementary has gone back to in person learning, there are still some difficulties and hard things about it. Grace says, “wearing a mask all day gets hard.” There are also many things that are different than what used to be called normal school like, “being split up in groups, masks, and specialists coming into the classrooms.” She says, “overall, it has been very nice, to get back into in person school, even with all the hard things, overall, I think it has been really good! It’s a hard time right now, but the teachers make school fun, and make you feel welcome.” Grace says, “one little thing that makes each day better is that, in math, my teacher lets us listen to music, I know it is just a small thing. But it can make all the difference.” For the kids there were many things to be nervous about going into the school year, and many changes they had to adjust too like getting back on schedule and meeting new people which was harder this year. “Each day there are so many fun things I can look forward to, seeing everyone, and getting to learn in person not over a computer,” says Grace. So excited to hear what this year holds for the BCS community!

## 30 New 7th graders *by Matthew Boon*

30 new 7th graders came to Bellevue Christian School this year. George Herman, 7th grade student says that BCS is a fun school with, “Better teachers than his old schools.” He says that the teachers are very nice and are very helpful, and although they would rather be in person, online school is not as bad as it used to be. The first few days were stressful, but he found the teachers and other students to be very kind and helpful. Jaxson Bell, another one of the new 7th graders, finds the teachers to be helpful with any questions he has. George also likes how the classes are all interesting and how some of the teachers described what they would be learning in the year, so the students would have a better understanding of what to expect in 7th grade. Although not much has happened online, Jaxson still finds Video Production to be very fun and enjoys doing Algebra 1. George finds Math very fun as well. Even though we can’t see anyone in person yet, we can still reach out and be kind to all of the new 7th graders.

## A Day in the Life

*by Julian Wray*

I interviewed Drew Lowry to discover what it is like to live a life of a 7th Grader. He wakes up between 7:00 and 10:00 am depending on the day. He attends online school and he likes online school because he can wake up a bit later than if he attended a physical school. He wants to experience going to school with in person learning. Before online school begins, he takes a shower and brushes his teeth. Then, he eats breakfast before going to his online classes. Some of his classes are English, Bible, Video Reproduction, and PE. His favorite class and teacher are Mrs. Graves and English

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because he likes to read. His favorite books outside of school are fantasy, and myth stories. If it weren't for COVID he would take gym classes outside of school. He does his homework between and after classes. If it's one place he could go anywhere in the world, he 'd choose Hawaii. I really enjoyed talking with Drew and learning something about how he lives a life as a 7th Grader was inspiring.

## Remembering B.E.A.R. Week!

*by Meghan Davis*

**BOOK ALERT! BOOK ALERT!** In the middle of math, students drop their assignments and dive into the world of reading! How many of you remember B.E.A.R week? It takes place the last week of October at Three Points Elementary with different activities throughout the week to do all over campus. It is a time for students and little buddies to get together and bond through reading. The name stands for Be Excited About Reading.

BEAR week has been going on for as long as anyone can remember. B.E.A.R week's focus is to enhance students love of reading. It also focuses on the relationship between buddies. It has multiple different events that go on during the week including, a guest author, book character day and a raffle for whoever can read the most throughout the whole month of October. Book character day is when you and your classmates dress up as a specific book character and bring your book into class to share. The guest author is when an author comes in and talks to the

## JR Remembers *by Jason Wang*

Today, we are going to talk about JR Collins' "Frist Day Jitters" at school. He started Bellevue Christian school in 2015, Three Points campus, He started his second grade after summer break, he felt nervous as he stepped onto the campus.

He couldn't stop thinking "Am I going to fit in? Are the teachers going to be nice?" He wandered through the building trying to find his class, when he went into the classroom, the students seemed nice enough. When the class started, the teacher held the door open. The teacher smiled at him, knowing that he was new to the campus. JR felt like he was a part of the class for once. During snack time, JR doodled a perfect drawing, at least for everyone but him, he balled up the paper and tossed it into the recycle. The teacher got curious and picked it up and looked at it, which caught attention of the whole class. All the students circled around her, looking at the paper, then looked at JR The teacher held up his drawing and said, "JR, why do you toss this away? This drawing is perfect!" JR started to feel like God had set his plan for him. At lunch, a group of people invited JR to eat with them, they asked what video game and hobbies he liked. It turned out his hobby was similar to the other boys, so they invited him to play basketball with them. JR's basketball skills seemed to be superior right there on the court, probably more than anyone else at the basketball game, which made him very popular on the first day. He realized this school is a gift that God has made for him. "At first, I thought my parents told me I should go to this school, but I never realized that the one behind all of this is God himself," said JR.

"I thought my first day is going to be very awkward and I will never fit in, but turns out, God is always behind my back. Miracles will never cease to happen because God will always protect me."

whole school about his/her book and explain the whole story leading up to it. According to Mrs. Brassuer, the 1st grade teacher at Three Points, finding a guest author is the hardest part. Mrs. Brassuer is the head of B.E.A.R week. She has been leading it for more than ten years and it's been extremely fun for her. Her favorite author over the years was Dana Sullivan, He was so involved with all the students and allowed them to engage in the presentation. When asked about what she remembers, Naomi Mathew said, "My favorite part was seeing my buddy, especially the little preschoolers." B.E.A.R week is a fun week that becomes a special memory from elementary school.

**"My favorite part  
was seeing my buddy,  
especially the little  
preschoolers"**

7th Grader Naomi Mathew

## BEAR Week at Mack by Cameron Bakke

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Ms. Elaine Gibbs, the fifth grade teacher at Mack said that her favorite part of B.E.A.R. week is when the Principal calls over the intercom, "Drop Everything and Read!" The purpose of B.E.A.R. week isn't for students to wind down, but to emphasize reading which is an important life skill. Ms. Gibbs loves the week because she loves reading and the week itself makes her feel joyful. If she could describe the week in five words she would use: Unique, Important, Different, Fun and Joyful.

Some years an author comes as a guest speaker, but Ms. Gibbs said her least favorite part of the week is when that author is not prepared for the writing session that follows.

Overall Ms. Gibbs would give B.E.A.R. week an 8 out of 10.

## What's popping in the Library?

by Lux'e Fischer

Some new 7th to 8th grade books are:

- *Inside Out and Back Again* by Lai Thanhha
- *Find the Good* by Heather Lende
- *Restart* by Gordon Korman
- *The Perfect Girl* by Gilly MacMillan
- *Wish* by Barbara O' Connor.

The new fiction books are:

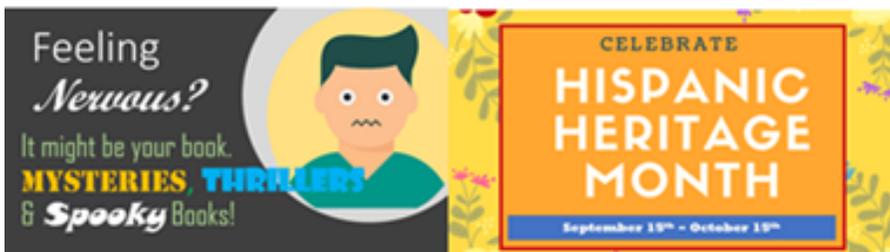
- *Green Glass House* by Kate Milford
- *When You Reach Me* by Varian Johnson
- *The False Prince* by Jennifer A. Nielsen
- *The Lost Hero* by Rick Riorden.

The new non-fiction books are:

- *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand
- *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly
- *Enchanted* by Margarita Engle.

School books are sorted in genres and categories based on the books. There are about 20-50 new books this year. To find some of these books you can go to a author that has similar books, and try to find some. To find a book your looking for, you have to go to the book's genre, and try to look for the author and then find the book. More action and thriller books are coming. Need help finding something? Ask Mrs. Johnson. What are some changes on the library? This year Mrs. Johnson said the school desktop computers will not be used or in the library.

## October Library Themes



**Understanding Racism**



## Student Council with Ms. Steffen *by Andrew Lemery*

According to Sawyer Shirley there are 15 kids in total in Student Council, 14 boys and 1 girl. In Sawyer's own words he states, "To get into Student Council you must be the person you are. You don't want to get into Student Council by not being who you are." The main goal of Student Council is to bring people together and to have fun and relieve stress of homework. Being online limits what you can do in Student Council. Sawyer states that it is not as fun. Some of the activities Student Council runs are a Basketball tournament, hot chocolate

day, snow cones, etc. The most favored student Council activities are the basketball tournament and hot chocolate day. Some ways Sawyer says he has grown as a person is that he has become more responsible and he was given a chance to help others. Some advice Sawyer gives to the new Student Council students is to not be afraid to share your ideas. Ms. Steffen doesn't have any new plans for Student Council, but she is very organized. Student Council continues to help students come together.



## The New Normal at School *by JR Gill*

At school, the new normal is different than the past years. Many things have changed such as, kids are required to wear masks at school all day and stand six feet apart. I interviewed my mom, Alisha Gill, who works in a 4th grade class at Three Points Elementary School about The New Normal. She explained she does not like enforcing kids to wear masks. She said, "I do not like enforcing kids to wear masks at school all day, it is not a natural thing. God did not create us to cover our faces."

She explained she does not like wearing masks at school. "No, I do not like wearing masks it is uncomfortable and makes you hot." She also explained it is hard to show expression. "I try to do it with my hands and eyes." Some types of masks make it hard to talk and breathe through.

School is different this year than the past years. We have to keep kids 6 ft apart at all times and there is less group work. They split up into two different groups, they are also split up into two different classrooms. She explained how the school keeps kids 6 feet apart. We use tape and yard sticks to show the kids how to stay 6 feet away. They also play a game with their arms to teach social distancing.

She explained how they teach all the kids at once. The teachers split up their classes into two different classrooms. They live stream a video of the teacher teaching in the classroom the teacher is not in. They both have microphones so that the kids can ask questions and answer questions. The kids get to switch classrooms every two weeks. They will not go on any field trips this year, because everything is closed and shut down, we also cannot all ride a bus together.

During the new normal things are very different but the school has figured out how to social distance kids at school. Even though there are many rules everybody loves coming to school. She said that BCS is setting an example to other schools that school can be done in person wearing and mask and social distance.

## Chapel Goes Online *by Alex Williams*

Reverend Daniel Rogers, or better known as “The Rev” is the school chaplain at Bellevue Christian School. He also teaches eighth grade bible class but is best known for running the school’s chapel gatherings. Chapel happens once a week at all three campuses. This is the Rev’s third year at BCS, and chapel has always been in person before, but this year, because of the coronavirus, chapel is very different from how it used to be. It is now on-line.

This means a lot of extra work for the Rev. He is working really hard to put together a chapel video for every campus every week. He even visits the elementary school campuses to shoot video clips of the students for his chapel videos. To produce his videos, he has Zach Goo, who is a senior at BCS and who is his teacher assistant. Mr. Ramquist helps The Rev when he gets stuck on video questions, and Mr. Tollefson helps with the music for the videos.

Our theme bible verse for this year is John 15:5, which says “I am the vine, and you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.” Ms. Albright and the Rev came up with an idea to talk in Chapel about what it means to have a fruitful life. There are nine fruits of the spirit and ten months in the school year, so they decided to have one for every month of the school year starting in October. Right now, the JH/High School kids watch the chapel videos whenever they please. The elementary school kids are watching them in class. Once we move back to in-person school, the JH/High School students will watch the chapel videos in a specific class. Chapel in the Commons will probably be the last thing to come back since it is with a big group.

The Rev is a super supportive teacher at BCS, and he can’t wait to see all of the students again.



McKale Granados & Mr. Tollefson sing for chapel



Rev. Rogers speaks in chapel

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