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Perspective

Discover the Difference
Spring 2017

The mission of Byron Center Christian School is to provide for children of the Christian community
AN EXCELLENT EDUCATION ROOTED IN GOD'S WORD preparing them
FOR LIFELONG SERVICE in God's Kingdom.

Upcoming Events

Junior Kindergarten & Kindergarten Open House

6:30 PM March 15, West Campus

8th Grade Play: Peter Pan!

March 24 & 25, East Campus Gym

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

March 25

Grandparents Day

April 20

BCCS Auction

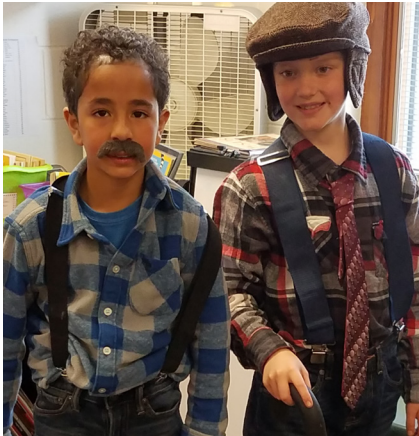
April 21

Preschool Graduation

May 24, First Byron CRC

8th Grade Graduation

June 8



K-2 MUSICAL 2017
"NOT YOUR AVERAGE JOE"

Answered Prayers: TANKSGIVING WATER PROJECT

By: Holly Leyen

This year one of our goals has been to strengthen our relationship with our sister school, Victorious Primary School (VPS), in Uganda. This past fall Southern Uganda was experiencing a devastating drought. For our Thanksgiving / Christmas project this year, we asked VPS how we could help. During an all school chapel, we learned about the needs that the students at our sister school faced. Not only did they need rain, but they needed water tanks in which they could collect the rain. Their two water tanks emptied quickly during the dry season. With just two more tanks, the school would not run out of water. However, two water tanks would cost about \$1200 and our Thanksgiving / Christmas Project usually only raised about half that.

By the second day of raising funds, we had half of what we needed and we were amazed. By the end of the first week we had what we needed to buy the water tanks. But, the students didn't stop there. At the end of our collection, the students had raised over \$4,420! Isn't God amazing! With the extra money, the school was able to install solar lighting

in their classrooms and complete a multi-purpose building for chapel, a place to eat their meals, and take their state exams.



While sending money was meeting a need of theirs, showing the VPS students that we care about them, and helping them get to know us a little better were also important to us. So, we decided to make them a video. Since Ugandans love to sing, Mrs. Bouwman taught our students a song

in their language, and we recorded students singing that song and a few others at an all school chapel. Also taped were some students sharing on topics from favorite foods and activities to what they want to do when they grow up. We also created Christmas cards for each VPS student.

We just got word from VPS that they received our gifts and felt incredibly blessed and loved! Our theme this year is about God's love, and God is using a school on the other side of the world to grow our hearts to love like God loves.



BREAKING GROUND!

We praise God for His amazing goodness to Byron Center Christian School! This past January, the school's Board unanimously approved moving forward with a spring 2017 groundbreaking of Phase I on the East Campus.

As a result, we will see a wonderful addition to the East Campus that includes more classrooms, a new multi-purpose room, more space for our Educational Support Services and a new office suite. In September 2017, first grade classes will move to the East Campus. Kindergarten, Junior Kindergarten, and preschool will remain at the West Campus, which will receive some renovations.

With nearly 90% of the funds raised, we continue to ask for donations. If you have not had a chance to give to the BCCS Capital Campaign, please consider this very important project and phone 616-878-3347 or email gbfaith@bccs.org for giving instructions.

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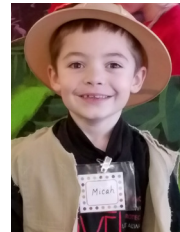


“NOT YOUR AVERAGE JOE”

A Story of Forgiveness and the Nearness of God in Difficult Times

A 1950's version of the biblical story of Joseph made for a fun night full of adorable costumes, catchy tunes and lots of fun. God's fingerprints were all over this K-2 Musical! From the connection made with Fremont Christian School in finding this script and their willingness to loan us so many of their props, to the sacrifice of teachers and focused cooperation of our students during long rehearsals. What a credit too, to many parents who rehearsed for months preparing their children for this packed house production. Well done, Mrs. Bouwman and crew! Musical Photos Courtesy of BCCS Mom, Kate Bruinsma of Photos by Kaity





Discover The Difference

From Administrator John Kramer:

For the past 18 months, BCCS has been working on its CSI Accreditation. The culmination of all that work was a thorough examination by our site visit team, who spent three days and many hours in January at our school, looking at us from many different angles.

Several weeks ago we received their report which details all of what they did and found at BCCS. I would like to share with you some of the quotes from that report:

- “The site visit team commends BCCS for making faith integration in all areas a clear priority for staff and students.”
- “The staff is passionate and gifted in teaching Christ-centered education, displaying love for all their students.”
- “Students articulate that their education is great, varied, ‘never boring,’ and is taught by Jesus’ followers.”

- “We commend the school for their commitment to inclusive education which promotes education for all of God’s children.”
- “The Christian community of BCCS is very apparent.”

When we talk about what makes BCCS a special place to be, it is very heart-warming to know that others see it as well.