



BETHELBUZZ

January 2018 - Newsletter

A WORD FROM MR. MAYER

Training up a child in the way he (or she) should go. This verse from Proverbs is a guiding standard to many parents and Christian educators and yet I feel “the way we train kids” is often misunderstood. For me, as a young parent, “the way” was training my children to be rule followers and keeping them locked away from all the bad things. For my kids, my keeping them safe and giving the structure felt like I was boxing them in with fear and intimidation. By the time my oldest was in high school I found my methods had the opposite effect of my intentions. Fortunately for me Danny Silk introduced me to a “new way of training.” I began to rebuild my understanding of what I was training my kids in. I needed to lead my kids in making choices and letting them live with the consequences of poor choices. All the while keeping a balance with how much of the world’s influence I let them be exposed to. Parenting actually got a lot harder. I could no longer parent as I was parented. I had to stop telling my kids and start listening to them. I had to give them choices, hold my tongue when they made a poor choice, and not rescue them from their consequences. I had to be the voice of calm and reason that loved them when they weren’t being very lovable. What I did not see at first was I was now teaching my kids by example! I became someone my kids wanted to be like rather than the one they tried to hide their failures from. Now 20 years later I see the fruit of my parenting change. It

is my hope that this short article will encourage parents to keep pressing into parenting with Danny Silks Loving on Purpose it is worth the effort to see your children grow up in the way they should go.

-Mr. Mayer



January 19th

7:15 am- Dining Room

Donuts with Dads

This is an event that you do not want to miss. Every year this is a super fun time between fathers and their children. Our students love it when their parents come to school with them for any event and certainly this is a fun one. I hope you will mark this on your calendar.

All proceeds go to teacher appreciation.



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January 22nd

BCS Talent Show-6:30 pm

Sanctuary

BCS definitely has talent! Every year we are delighted by our students and their creativity. Before you come to watch your children perform, plan on attending the **8th grade Soup Dinner Fundraiser**. Mission teams from the 8th grade will be going to Switzerland, France, and Mexico this spring. They need to raise funds to make these trips happen. Some of our 8th grade students will be serving Chili or Chicken Noodle soup with bread from 5-6pm in the Dining Room. The price is \$5 for adults and \$4 for children 10 & under. Please make your reservation for this event with your student's teacher no later than January 18th.

Sports

Boys basketball has started. We have some terrific teams. Our cheerleaders have been working hard to prepare some great cheers to help excite our teams on to victory. Please see the school office for game times to come and cheer them on.

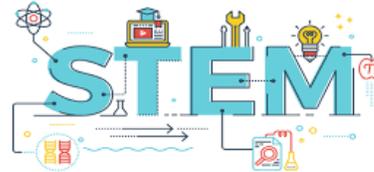
The ski/snowboarding club will be getting started as soon as we have enough snow. We need to pray for snow and rain.

Ski Trips Planned (pending snow)

5th and 6th Grades- Feb 28th

7th and 8th Grades- March 1st

More information to follow when it snows.



**Exciting News Happening at BCS
S.T.E.M. Fair-2018**

February 15th

As a school, BCS strives for excellence and originality. We would love to be the forerunners in education and helping our students become leaders in all of the "Mountains of Influence". Last year after the annual Science Fair, Ms. Novosad and Mrs. Driscoll began to dream about what it would look like to have a S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Fair in lieu of the Science Fair. Mr. Mayer, knowing the huge difference S.T. E. M. is making not only at our school, but also in schools across the world, said yes to this thrilling new opportunity.

This year we are excited to have our students creating a S. T. E. M. project for our ground breaking fair. A S.T.E.M. project awakens the inner scientists in us all! Students will get to have hands on discovery and problem solving challenges to complete their projects. This is not only fun for the kids, but also launches them into a future where we are fast growing in a S.T.E.M. saturated world. We would love our students to become pioneers in these areas.



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As this is the first year of this type of fair, there will be bumps and snafus along the way and we fully expect and actually embrace this. We are all learning in this process. We have so much grace for this year and excitedly welcome the lessons we will learn along the way.

We cannot wait to see what Holy Spirit has lined up for our school as we take on this exhilarating challenge! We are on the cutting edge of science and student critical thinking. We see breakthrough in the areas of science and technology in our city, beginning with our Bethel Christian School students!



Birthday Book Program

Celebrate your child by donating a book to the library in their honor. If this sounds fun to you, be sure to fill out a form with \$15 in the school office at least 2 weeks before your child's birthday. Mrs. Lyons will read the story to your child's class on their birthday and let everyone know that the book will be available in the library in their honor.

7th & 8th Grade Spring Musical

Auditions: Thursday, Jan. 18th

3-5:30 Dining Room

Call Backs: Friday, Jan. 19th

3-5 (invitation only) Dining Room

No School

Jan. 15th- Martin Luther King Day

Feb. 16th-19th- Presidents' Day

Thank You BCS

Mr. and Mrs. Cushman would like to say Thank you to our BCS Family for the surprise offering at Christmas. It was a huge blessing.



The sliming of Mr. Mayer