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BRADFORD BULLETIN

BRADFORD ACADEMY'S PARENT UPDATE

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Labor Day Weekend No school on Friday, Sept. 4th and Monday Sept. 7th.
- **Field Trip Oct. 12** Colonial Days at Alamance Battleground
- MEMORY Prov. 1:7

PRAYER

- Playground Improvement Committee: Pray that God would give to us wisdom and success in this project. We regret not making much progress over the summer, but we have come to recognize our increased need for more workers.
- Students Praise God for all the new faces. We are so blessed! Pray that we would abundantly serve the needs of every child.
- Enrollment We will begin promotion for the 2010/2011 enrollment soon. As always, pray for God's direction and blessing!
- One another Mrs. Ogle and I are in need of constant spiritual strength. We know you are as well. We have been given a stewardship and we intend to glorify God by it. Pray that God would give to us what He requires.



OUR SECOND YEAR: \ SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH!



Summer has come to a close, and another school year has begun. We have already felt the tremendous blessing of our growing community. It is so much fun to see the kids simply running around and enjoying each other. As we move past the practice of routines and review in these first few days, expect your child to feel more and more challenged. We will move at a rigorous and steady pace, but one that I trust will serve all the children well. With that in mind, please be sure to keep us informed of any concerns you may have. Also, make sure they are getting the sleep they need.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you all of those thoughts I shared at the Cook Out. One of our goals is to move the hearts of our students towards godliness and grace. Remember the words of Christ in Matthew 15:7-20, "Hypocrites! Well did

Isaiah prophesy about you, saying:
These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me ...

...out of the heart proceed evil thoughts,...

We cannot be content with mere external good behavior or religion. We DO NOT want our children to be among those who Jesus called hypocrites. In Matthew 23:27 we again hear this judgment, "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like **whitewashed** tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness." C.S. Lewis put it this way,

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"Education without values, as useful as it is, seems rather to make man a more clever devil." With that in view, remember these three exhortations...

1. SHEPHERD YOUR CHILD'S HEART: I highly recommend Ted Tripp's book by that title. In essence it is a wonderful help in getting beyond merely parenting the external behavior of children. Too often our temptation is to focus on the physical needs of our children or their external behaviors. We care about what goes into the mouth but ignore what is coming from the heart. We make sure they are "white washed", but is the heart full of dead men's bones?

Keep your **hear**t with all diligence, For **out** of it spring the issues of life. Proverbs 4:23

2. KNOW YOUR CHILD: Be vigilant and honest about your own child. Consider your child's threefold relationships: to God, to others, to himself. Ask yourself these questions* to help get to the heart of your child...

His relationship to God?

Is there a biblical fear of God? What is your child's view of authority? View of submission? View of God? View of Law and Grace? Humility before God?

• His relationship to others?

leader/follower, preferring others, man-pleaser, selfishness, pride, servant mindset, etc.

• His relationship to himself?

self-control, motivation, knowing and accepting limitations, self-concept, personal standards, self-talk, discipline, humility

(*adapted from <u>Shepherding the Heart of a</u> <u>Child in the Classroom</u>, by Ted Tripp) 3. PRAY FOR US: These things are hard. We want to do our best to work with you in this task. We want to shepherd the hearts of the students. Please pray that God would give us WISDOM and GRACE.

Thanks again for your support and your vision for Christian and Classical education. Together we will surely make a difference in this society. Peace and Grace!

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Talk to Mr. Johnston or Mrs. Ogle. Thanks!

- Teacher Aid:
 - Flashcard drills
 - Read aloud
- Friday afternoon clean-up
- Fundraising:
 - Many retail and grocery stores donate money. We need some one to do the leg work, register our school, etc.
 - Set up BOXTOPS program



MEMORY REVIEW

(for 1st and 2nd grades)

Bible Verses to Review

Gen. 1:1, Ex. 15:2,
Ps. 18:28, Ps. 75:1
Ps. 92:1, Prov. 1:7
Prov. 10:19, Prov. 14:34
Prov. 21:23, Ecc. 9:10
Is. 40:28, Micah 6:8
Matt. 6:9-13, John 1:1
John 3:16, John 14:6
Rom. 11:33-36
1 Cor. 10:13, 1 Cor. 13:4-7
1 Cor. 14:40, 1 John 1:9

Other Memory Work & Songs (From Last Year)

The Pledge of Allegiance
Preamble to the Constitution
Quote: Declaration of Independence
The Doxology
The Star Spangled Banner
Grand Ol' Flag and America
America, The Beautiful
The Caterpillar
The BC History Fact Song
Nouns Chant*
Action Verbs Song*
Pronouns Song*
Hearts Like Doors
A Petition
Work

