

BRADFORD BULLETIN

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

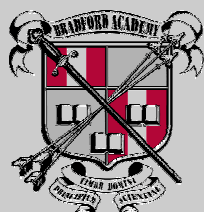
- Tent at the DOGWOOD FESTIVAL, Sat. April 24th.
- Sing at the MARC Friday, May 21st
- Patriotic Program Thursday, May 27st
- **Memory Verse:**
- Psalm 119:44-47
- **Songs:** *Morning Has Broken, Take Me Out to the Ball Game, You're a Grand Ol' Flag, America*
- **RAISE MONEY WHILE YOU SHOP...**
If you shop at Harris Teeter, please link your VIC Card to Bradford Academy. Our school code is #8111.
- **Donations of facial tissue and disinfecting wipes.**

PRAYER

- For growing interest from our community and enrollment for next year.
- Good turnout at the DOGWOOD FESTIVAL!

DRESS CODE NOTICE

Sweaters are optional during these warmer remaining weeks of school.



BUSY BEES



This past Monday, the 1st and 2nd graders were treated to a delightful experience. We were invited to the home of Joe Eiden to view the installation of a new bee hive. Mr. Eiden has been keeping bees for several years and is a certified journeyman beekeeper. I trust you have been able to hear from your child the many fascinating things we learned about bees. We were able to see inside the hive before the bees were put in, we watched as the new colony was introduced to the new queen, how bees are calmed, and much more.

One comment in particular has made me think. Apparently, one of the reasons bees have a relatively short life span is that they work so hard that their wings literally wear out. It seems that they will get to a point that they just cannot make it back to the hive. We are familiar with the saying, "As busy as a bee," or perhaps we might say the place was "as busy as a beehive." When we see an active beehive or meditate on the life of a bee, those sayings have much more meaning. Unfortunately, our busy-ness is often only bee like in appearance. In the case of the insect,

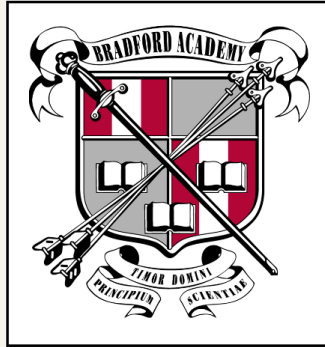
its frantic activity is very purposeful. Furthermore, it continues faithfully with single-mindedness until they wear themselves out, until death. The bee does it all for the hive with little thought for itself. It really is incredible.

Perhaps God has given us bees for more than merely producing honey and pollinating. Perhaps the bee is meant to be an example to us. Imagine, if we were to work with bee-like industry for the Kingdom of Christ surely our reward will be those words "Well done my good and faithful servant..." Perhaps it is a rebuke to check our busy lives. Do we do the things we do with single-minded intention? Are we willing to wear ourselves out in service and labor? Are the purposes and projects that fill up our time worth pursuing to the grave?

If the things we are chasing really have eternal value, then let us play the busy bee and be all about it... until our wings wear out and we drop while active in the tasks we're assigned. Peace and grace.

TIMOR DOMINI PRINCIPIUM SCIENTIAE

FROM
MR. JOHNSTON
1ST/2ND GRADE
& HISTORY AND SCIENCE



Language Arts:

- 2nd - This week we reviewed "scribal O" words. We also practiced dividing 3 and 4 syllable words. In grammar, both grades continue learning about prepositions, the object of the preposition, and prepositional phrases. We also began editing sentences for grammar errors.
- 1st - This week we continued "tion" and "sion" and read the story *Mission to the Moon*. We also learned the PH as F and ED for past tense.

Math:

- 2nd - The students continued to practiced adding money with a decimal, making change, writing three digit numbers, and comparison word problems.
- 1st - We continue adding two and three 2 digit numbers. We also continued to practice subtraction focusing on minus 7 facts, and continued counting quarters.

History:

- K - We continue to discuss the Medieval Period focusing on the Late Middle Ages and the rise of exploration and the Renaissance period.

Science: We continued learning about plants and trees. 1st and 2nd grade enjoyed their field trip to Mr. Eiden's bee hives



FROM
MRS. OGLE
KINDERGARTEN &
SPECIALS

Math:

- This week the students learned adding 9 addition facts, how to identify $1/2$, $1/3$, and $1/6$, and using comparison symbols ($<$, $>$, $=$)

Language Arts:

- We reviewed previous letters and introduced plural and possessives
- The students learned when to put an s at the end of a word (plural) and when to put an 's (possessive) at the end of a word

P.E.:

- Our indoor P.E. allowed the students to learn some new individual supports that gave them practice in balancing their bodies in a variety of postures
- Ask your child to show you the corkscrew, nose dive, fishhawk dive, and our favorite the bear dance

Music:

- This week we finished listening to Mozart's "The Magic Flute". In the end, Prince Tamino's love for the princess defeats the Queen of the Night's darkness and restores Sarastro's kingdom with the brightness of the sun. Papageno also finds his Papagena.
- We also talked a bit about what an opera may look like if one went to see it and the conductor's role in an opera

Art:

- We learned about apparent and implied texture and used lines and shapes to imitate simple texture in drawing

We are in need of the following items for an upcoming art project on the 5th of May : dried pasta, buttons, bottle caps, and fabric scraps . Please see Mrs. Ogle if you can donate any of these items. Thanks!!





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& CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS
Sine doctrina vita est quasi mortis imago

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This year's annual national conference for the Association of Classical and Christian Schools will be held in Durham, June 17th - 19th. I have attended the conference on two previous occasions and would highly recommend it to anyone interested in classical and Christian education. If anyone is interested in attending, please let me know. Since Bradford Academy is part of the association, we get special membership rates. More information can be found at:

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BRADFORD YEARBOOK PICTURES

Once again, Amy Fairchild has been busy putting together this year's yearbook. Since we produce so few of the them the cost will be \$35. It will be similar to the '08/'09 book. If you would like to see a copy of it, one is on display on the Bradford table in the church foyer. If you would like one, email Amy to order a copy by April 30th. She can be reached at acfairchild@gmail.com

Digital (CDROM) copies of the class pictures will be provided to every student at no charge. If you would like a digital copy of any of the pictures you see in the Bradford bulletin, please let us know. We would be glad to send it to you.

