

BRADFORD BULLETIN

BRADFORD ACADEMY'S PARENT UPDATE

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Aug. 15th**—Bradford Family Cook-Out & Open House.
- **Aug. 17th - First Day!!!** All students dismiss at noon.
- **Sept. 2nd - 5th** Labor Day weekend, no school.

PRAYER

- **Leadership** - Pray that the summer break would continue to be profitable and that many remaining projects would be completed well.
- **Staff** - Pray for wisdom and creativity as we make plans for the new year.
- **Enrollment**—We still have openings that we would like to fill. We would especially like to add a few more students to 3rd and 4th grades.

GREAT NEW LOOK!

The new Bradford Academy website will launch soon! Watch for more information.



SUMMER UPDATE



ANNAPOLIS MARYLAND, ON CHESAPEAKE BAY...THEY HAVE WONDERFUL CLAM CHOWDER!

The Bradford Academy staff spent a week training in Annapolis, Maryland with teachers from other Christian and Classical schools. It was a tremendously useful time to sharpen our skills and perspectives. We are excited about implementing some new ideas in the coming year!

The summer break is an excellent opportunity to learn and grow and experience new things! It is also a great time to nurture those family activities that will fill your child's memory. I hope you are finding time to do that. And, I hope you're also reading a good book together!

We've been busy making plans for the new year, so I thought it would be good to send out an update. The most exciting news is the hire of our new Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Amber Hicks! You can learn more about her on page 2.) We also have begun adding a few extracurricular activities you can learn about below.

The Lord has been very kind to us these past three years and appears to be smiling on our work as we head into the fourth.



Exciting things are happening at Bradford Academy and we are so glad that we have so many great families

invested in this work! Keep reading to see what is going on at school. Enjoy the last few weeks of summer! I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the Cook-out / Open House on August 15th! Peace and Grace!

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS: After school clubs are a good way to supplement the academic focus of our program. These ideas are in the germinating stage, but we did want to toss out these ideas to give you a preview of what's in store for this year. As the year begins, watch for more information!

Equestrian Leadership (3rd/4th Grade) (6 weeks in Fall) What does it take to be a good leader? Many of the same things it

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takes to care for a large animal. Students will learn the Biblical principles of stewardship and leadership as applied to the care of horses. This club will meet offsite at a private stable.

Running Club (1st through 4th)

(Fall and Spring) Students will be encouraged to develop endurance and practice proper warm-up techniques and running form. We hope to participate in several community races this year.

Chess Club (1st through 4th)

(Winter months) Interested students will learn the basics and some introductory level moves and strategies.

Garden Club (All Students)

(Spring months) Students will plan and maintain a small garden.

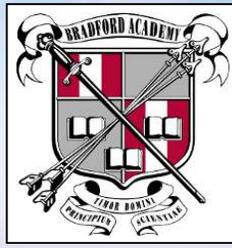
SPECIAL P.E.: Last year's trip to the Mebane Recreation Center's field was so much fun that we decided to make it a regular part of our 1st through 4th grade P.E. program. We have planned to make a special P.E. fieldtrip on the last Friday afternoon of August, September, January, February, March, and April. We plan to feature swimming, outdoor soccer, indoor soccer, basketball, baseball, and ultimate Frisbee.

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LOGO WEAR

Don't forget this opportunity to show your school spirit! T-shirts, mugs, & more!

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NEW STAFF!

We are pleased to announce the hire of Mrs. Amber Hicks as our new Kindergarten teacher. I first worked with Amber several years ago while teaching Sunday School with her as an assistant. The students will recognize her because she aided in our school regularly during her last year in the teacher education program at UNC Chapel Hill. She graduated with a BA in elementary education and is state licensed. She loves the Lord and is serving Him in many capacities at Grace Reformed Baptist Church, where she is a member. Mrs. Hicks fulfilled her student teaching at Efland Cheeks, has taught Sunday school, works with Vision Youth, and with her husband Ian recently took on the mammoth task of organizing and running the Vacation Bible School at GRBC with over 100 children in attendance. She will be teaching kindergarten in the morning and teaching ART, MUSIC, and PE to the 1st grade in the afternoon, among other things. We are very excited to have her on the team!

CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

Here is the schedule and class arrangements for the new year. If you can't visualize all this, that's OK. Your kids will get the hang of it all pretty quickly! We'll show everyone the classes on the night of the Cook Out/Open House on the 15th of August.

KINDERGARTEN:

This year's Kindergarten class will be completely self contained with Mrs. Hicks teaching all the subjects. The classroom is located down the hall from last year's K room (2nd room on the right past the restrooms).

1st/2nd GRADE:

This class will remain in the same room as last year (1st on the right after the restrooms) in the morning under the instruction of Mrs. Ogle and Mrs. Morrison as the Aid.

1st Grade will do Art, Music, and PE with Mrs. Hicks and History and Science with Mr. Johnston.

2nd Grade will combine with 3rd for History, and Science (with Mr. Johnston), as well as for Art and Music (with Mrs. Ogle).

3rd/4th GRADE:

Mr. Johnston's class will remain in the same class across from the Office/Library. 4th grade will stand alone for History, and Science (with Mr. Johnston), as well as for Art and Music (with Mrs. Ogle). PE will be taught by Mrs. Ogle and Mrs. Hicks in a combined 2nd through 4th grade class.

Latin will be taught by the homeroom teachers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tax Free Weekend: The tax free weekend for general merchandise purchased in North Carolina is scheduled for **August 5-7**, and applies to the following items:

- Clothing, footwear, and school supplies under \$100
- Sports and recreation equipment under \$50
- Computers under \$3,500
- Computer equipment under \$250

Newsome Pool Party: The Newsome Family has again graciously invited the Bradford families to the Olde Forest Racquet Club, Tuesday August 9th, at 6 PM.

Cook Out / Open House: The Bradford Academy annual family gathering, cookout and open house is set for August 15th, at 6 PM. Dress comfortably, we'll eat at the picnic shelter. Bradford students should wear uniform polos so everyone knows who the students are. You'll have a chance to visit the classrooms after we eat. More information to follow.

First Day of School:

- School will begin at 7:55.
- Dress uniform (no sweaters)
- Coffee and donuts will be served for parents and siblings.
- Pick up for all students is at noon.

First Field Trip: 1st—4th grades will enjoy their first special PE outing on Friday, August 26th swimming at the Mill Creek pool.

Labor Day: No classes Friday, September 2nd and Monday, September 5th.



VOLUNTEERS!

We still have a few volunteer opportunities before school starts...

Thursday, 8/4 @ 1pm:
Washing desks & chairs

Saturday, 8/6 @ 9am—noon:
-General dusting/cleaning
-Classroom odd jobs

Library set up — contact Stacey James @ ssjames@mebtel.net

CONTACT INFO.

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OTHER NOTES

HANDWRITING: Don't forget that we use D'Nealian manuscript (sometimes called Modern Manuscript). 3rd and 4th graders will do almost everything in cursive this year.

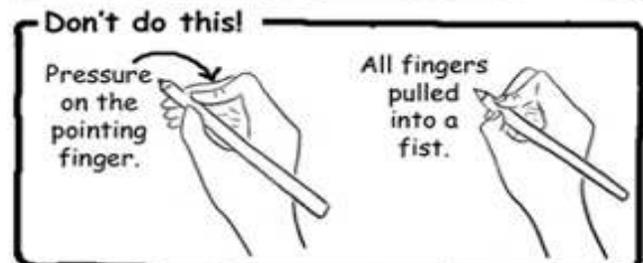
Students going into kindergarten should begin practicing holding a pencil correctly (see illustration). The younger students should practice coloring and just scribbling using loops formed in a counterclockwise direction. 2nd and 3rd graders can practice making loops on lined paper as a warm up.

FINE MOTOR SKILLS:

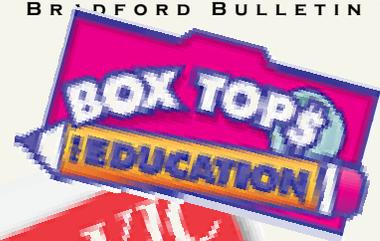
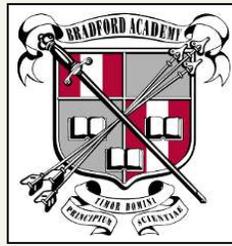
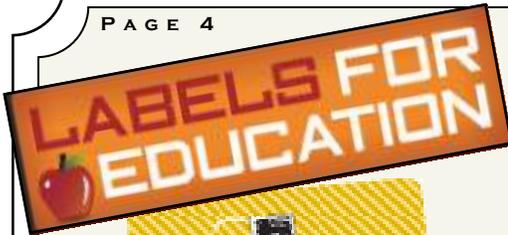
Young children need practice developing fine motor skills including coloring/printing, picking up and manipulating small things (i.e. coins, Lego pieces, etc.), tying their shoes, buckling belts, doing zippers, etc. It is often quicker to do things for our children but be sure to give them the opportunity to practice these skills.

BATHROOM: On a related note, if your child is still struggling with independence using the bathroom,

please make this a priority in the remaining weeks of summer. Belts sometimes start out a little stiff, so I would encourage dads to help their boys work in the leather before school starts.



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Help Make BRADFORD ACADEMY Even BETTER!

We give praise and thanks to God for all the help and support we've received over these past three years at Bradford Academy. We wanted to make you aware of ways that you can earn money for Bradford Academy while you shop. In addition to continuing the **Box Tops for Education** program, we are participating in the Campbell's **Labels for Education** and in two fund raising programs through Food Lion and Harris Teeter. If you link your discount cards (MVP and VIC) to Bradford Academy, every time you shop you will earn money for our school. Here is how to sign up:

- 1) **Food Lion** - to link your MVP card to Bradford Academy, go to http://www.foodlionmvpwards.com/mvp_registration/cardno.php and enter and re-enter your card number (including the small numbers to the left and right of the bar code - 12 numbers in all). You will then be prompted to enter a school code. The Bradford Academy school code for this program is 218664. All Food Lion Brand products will earn a share of the donation for Bradford Academy, including: Food Lion Brand, Healthy Accents, Home 360, Nature's Place, On the Go Bistro, Smart Option, and Taste of Inspirations products. (Coordinator—Liza Hawkins)
- 2) **Harris Teeter** - to link your VIC card to Bradford Academy, go to http://www.harristeeter.com/community/together_in_education/link_to_your_school.aspx and fill in the information requested. Our school code for Harris Teeter is 8111. When you purchase Harris Teeter Brand, H.T. Traders, Harris Teeter Naturals, Harris Teeter Farmers Market, Hunter Farms, Top Care, More Value, Highland Crest, Yourpet, Harris Teeter Yourbaby and Harris Teeter Yourtot, a portion of your purchase will go to Bradford Academy. Even if you've previously linked your card to Harris Teeter, you must relink it for next year. All VIC cards were unlinked as of May 31st. You can re-link your VIC cards over the summer even though the official 2011-2012 year does not start until August 1st. (Coordinator—Liza Hawkins)
- 3) **Box Tops for Education** - Just look for the Box Tops logo on hundreds of products like Cheerios®, Betty Crocker® and Kleenex®, in almost every aisle of your grocery store. Each one is worth 10¢ for our school. All you need to do is clip them drop them off in the BOXTOP BOX at the school entrance. You can also join Box Tops for Education by going to https://www.boxtops4education.com/common/Register.aspx?sid=14353&WT.mc_id=SchEarnings. (Coordinator—Jennifer Newsome)
- 4) **Label for Education** - Just look for the Labels for Education logo on hundreds of products like Campbell's, Glad, BIC, Pepperidge Farms, Swansons, V-8, Prego, and many more. Each clipped logo and UPC or beverage cap earns the school points that can be exchanged for goods. All you need to do is clip them drop them off in the LABELS BOX at the school entrance. Be sure to check this out... <http://campbellsoup.promotionexpert.com/labelsforeducation/fs/index.html> (Coordinator—Dena Brown)

SUPPLY LIST 2011/2012

- one *Sterilite* 6 qt rectangle container
- pencils (wood #2)
- Crayola* 12 count colored pencils
- Crayola* 8 count crayons
- Expo* dry erase markers (low odor & washable)
We recommend thin markers for K/1st. The 2nd-4th may get either.
- Broad tip markers, *Crayola* (lighter shades)
- Fine tip markers, *Crayola* (darker shades)
- bookbag (please avoid cultural icons)

2nd - 4th only

- Drawing pencils... one set with at least # H, #2B, #5B
- 3 Ring binder - plain 1" D-ring (Look for quality over features.)

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING
TO THE CLASSROOM. THANKS!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> facial tissue (no lotion) | <input type="checkbox"/> Clorox wipes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> paper towels | <input type="checkbox"/> hand sanitizer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> white computer paper | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Dixie</i> cups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> wide rule notebook paper | <input type="checkbox"/> Band-Aids (regular) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> glue stick | <input type="checkbox"/> Band-Aids (large) |