



Our Mission ~ Bright Futures Christian School exists to glorify God by providing the finest Christian education that nurtures all student growth and development academically, socially, spiritually and physically by providing opportunities through education, guidance, and experience.

Calendar Check

- * **School Pictures**
Weds & Thurs, Oct 12-13
- * **Shining Lights Team (SALT)**
Weds, Oct 12, 3:30-4:45 pm
- * **No School - State In-service**
Friday, October 14
- * **Preschool to Pumpkin Patch**
Tues, Oct 18, 9:30 or 12:45
(NOTE: NO preschool on campus this day!)
- * **Fall Art Walk**
Friday, November 4, 6:00 pm
- * **No School - Veteran's Day**
Friday, November 11
- * **No School - Thanksgiving**
Weds - Fri, Nov 23, 24, 25
- * **First Trimester Ends (K-5)**
Weds, November 30
- * **K-5 Christmas Production Rehearsal**
Tues, Dec 6, 6:00-8:00 pm
- * **K-5 Christmas Production DRESS Rehearsal**
Friday, Dec 9, 6:00-8:00 pm
- * **K-5th Christmas Production "Have You Heard?"**
December 10, 5 pm & 7 pm
December 11, 9 am & 11 am
- * **Preschool Christmas Program**
Mon, Dec 12, 6:00 pm
- * **Christmas Break**
No School Dec 19-Jan 2
School Resumes Jan 3

Falling Back Into Step



Dear Parents,

Way to go students! Our second annual Fund Run was a huge success. The school proudly ran a total of 2,350 (long and short) laps. We are happy to announce that we anticipate meeting our goal of \$10,000. We are eagerly awaiting a few more pledge sheets. Please turn them in ASAP, as we will be handing out **awards** this week for our preschool and elementary students for their hard work! *(See prize winners & photos on the last page!)*

Hats off to our returning staff, and welcome to our new faculty members – Kari Silva, our new AM Kindergarten and Karen Humber, our new 2nd/3rd grade teacher. We also welcome Sarrah Snyder and Tina Redkey to our aide staff, and Bethany Suarez, preschool music teacher. Together, we serve over 80 preschoolers and 60 elementary students. What a great group of staff and students! I love coming to work to see them.

On that note, some of you may have heard that we will be losing one of our staff members in November. Shelley Brooks and her family will be moving later this fall, back to Texas-- their home! We will miss all that Shelley, Keith and their wonderful kids bring to our school community. We are excited to see God work in their lives, but it will be a tearful goodbye.

I am so grateful for our **ever-supportive parents** and terrific community. Your involvement helps assure the success our students' learning. We had fabulous parent and grandparent support for our Run. As well, the parents Chairing our Auction committee, **Tracy Tetro** and **Trisha Brotherton**, have been working hard to help you get involved. Our L.I.T.E. (*Lasting Impact Through Education*) Auction Committee invites you to join the excitement and fun. Please email Tracy at auktion@brightfuturesonline.org. **Caryn Plinski** will be coordinating for all of our Room Parents (yea!) and **Rachael Hallett** and **Amy Frickey** have pulled together a fabulous after-school Outreach club for our elementary students (see below)! THANKS!

I was reminded this morning of what proverbs 22:6 says, "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." It is an honor for us to be able to partner with you to make a positive impact in your child's life. Together we can raise up our children to do great things for Jesus!

Blessings for a great October,

Cindie

Shining Lights Team -- Be the Salt. Be the Light.

We are excited to announce the beginning of an exciting after school club for the elementary students at Bright Futures. (Preschoolers can come, if parents attend.)

The Shining Lights Team (SLT -- "*Salt*" for short) is dedicated to serving in our school, our community, and around the world. Kids are going to meet together once a month after school to learn more about how Jesus called us to be the Salt and Light of the world. They will get involved and be the leaders for school-wide hands-on activities to share the love of Jesus with others.

-- **The first monthly meeting is WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12th from 3:30 - 4:45.**

* Kids will discuss our school-wide October Outreach at **NW CHILDREN'S OUTREACH**. We will be collecting gently-used clothes, shoes and toys to donate!

* **PARENTS:** If you had a job at our Fund Run, don't forget to "log" your Volunteer Service hours for the time you worked!

* **ELEMENTARY:** Please use the "Sign-in/Sign-out" Book when arriving late, taking your student out for an appointment, or picking up early. Many thanks!!



Preschool Points

Making Music

Preschool music classes are off to a great start this year! It is such a pleasure getting to know all the students and experiencing their musical development at this early age. Each day in class the kids use critical listening in a variety of ways; interpreting sounds in nature and at home, and repeating rhythmic and tonal (singing) patterns. We sing together, dance together and use our imaginations. Beginning this week we're focusing on our Christmas concert coming up on December 12th. Stay tuned for more information on the concert and practice materials coming soon. ~ *Mrs. Suarez*

WHY DOES YOUR CHILD NEED BREAKFAST?

As many as 60 percent of parents say their kids skip breakfast. Here are four reasons this is one meal they should never miss.

1. A morning meal helps kids do better in school, including improved reading and math test scores.
2. Breakfast eaters report less tardiness and fewer school absences and trips to the nurse's office.
3. A full tummy in the A.M. has been linked to better behavior in the classroom (less aggression, more focus).
4. Starting the day on empty makes you more likely to overeat later, which can lead to obesity.

Dance

We are having so much fun in our dance classes! We are working on body isolations (head, shoulders, and hips), as well as learning some basic ballet and jazz movement. The kids love to share what kind of animal "jumped through their window" (demi plié) and what color butterfly they are. I can't wait to start working on our Christmas program in the next few weeks!
~ *Mrs. Silva & Mrs. Marcella*

DANCE VOCABULARY:

- * **First Position**
- * **Second Position**
- * **Demi Plié**
- * **Parallel**
- * **Point & Flex**

Spanish

Hola, hola! For the month of September we have been learning how to greet each other, share how we are feeling and state our names, ALL in Spanish! We have also been singing about the 5 vowels: **A** (like in August), **E** (like in egg), **I** (like in ski), **O** (like in orange), and **U**, (like the sound a monkey makes – Ooo, ooo, ooo). Counting from 1-10 in Spanish (and beyond!) is part of our class time. We have been learning the names of farm animals, and the sounds they make. We use lots of hand motions to help us remember the names of the animals. We have also been playing Pato, Pato, Ganzo, (Duck, Duck Goose) and switching-up the animals. Feel free to join us for class anytime!
~ *Maestra "O" and Mrs. Brooks*

Mrs. Anitra's Morning 3 & 4-year old "Moose Class"

This "Moose" class is living up to its name! Watching them interact is "like watching a moose herd" -- they plan their play and stick together, even on a playground full of students from other classes. Most of the Moose class are returning students who started out with friends from last year, but quickly engaged other students to grow their group of friends. Meeting four mornings each week helps keep them 'stuck together.'

They are creative, talkative kids who impress Mrs. Anitra and her aides with their kid-directed imaginative play. They are an early blossoming group, as evident by their ability to play "together" and not just play "next to each other."

A focal teaching area for this class right now is "table endurance": the ability to sit and stick to a skill until it is done well and complete. This discipline reaches over into fine and gross motor skills, for they may be asked to "endure" the task of cutting, drawing, or a painting.

Mrs. Anitra is excited to see this class's readiness for learning to write some 3- and 4-letter words... but they are nice words! The class is working on proper letter formation and discovering beginning- and ending-word sounds. What a joy to see such great social and academic strides so early in the year by such a young class!

Playing outside & working on "table endurance"



Mrs. Anitra's Morning Moose Class

Elementary Update

Dance

I am so excited about the progress that develops each week. We are learning proper jazz technique including "parallel" vs. "turned out" positions, flat back, and laterals. Specifically, we are keeping our legs straight, feet pointed, and arms strong. Everything we are learning will benefit your student in other areas such as sports, martial arts and even playing video games! :)

~Mrs. Silva

DANCE VOCABULARY:

- * Demi Plié
- * Tendu (pron.: tawn-dew)
- * Déagé (pron: day-guh-zhay)
- * Chassé (pron: shaw-say)
- * Jazz Square

Music & Piano

We've had a great first month in elementary music. There's been a lot of dancing, singing, tapping, shaking, and keyboarding! **I love the voices of your children**, and it's so exciting to see their musician-ship develop in all sorts of ways. Please, please keep practicing the piano. The experience will help them learn, even if they don't get it right each time. I'm looking forward to the holidays and all the music that comes with, so be watching for more info coming regarding the Christmas Program! If you like making costumes or sets, let me know. We love to have the kiddos' families involved in our productions. We couldn't do it without you!

~ Mrs. Idsinga

P.E.

PE is off and running! Get it?... *Running!* We are running every-where! The students are excited and learning so much. We have new Health program called "Five for Life." It incorporates well into the fitness section of our class. September and October are fitness months. We are stressing the components of fitness (Cardio and Respiratory Fitness, Muscular and Endurance Strength, and Flexibility). Grades K-1 are strengthening motor skills (running, skipping, galloping, gliding, hopping etc). Grades 2-5 are preparing for fitness testing. The program we will be using is FITNESSGRAM through The Cooper Institute. You may Google "Fitnessgram" and find out everything you wanted to know about the testing we will be doing. ~ Mr. Burnham

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~ **Maestra "O"**

Focus on 4th & 5th Grade

Appropriate self-expression is a **valuable trait** for students to learn. Mrs. Schlauch's class uses art a wonderful teaching tool. To our 4th & 5th graders **Art** is more than glue and crayons; it is an valuable expression of emotional and spiritual being. The class has studied basic elements of art including Line, Shape, and Primary and Secondary Color (see photos below). Next, they are headed into a focus on Complimentary and Contrasting Colors, followed by Shadow and Positive and Negative Space. They will soon be learning more about artists themselves.

The students are also focusing on the **valuable trait** of regularly being in The Word. They use a "HABITS" Sheet, which highlights different Scriptures, and is used in class discussion. Students come to class prepared to discuss or write about the "habits" they are reading about in Scripture. Additionally, their Bible Curriculum provides a Memory Verse to help them "hide God's Word in their heart" (Psalm 119:11).



*Edible Art wheels show
"Primary & Secondary" colors*

Fund Run Sponsor Winners:

As of October 6, we have received \$9830!!
 Highest pledge student \$308 - Lauren Boyles
 Highest pledge family \$495 - Sobolik Family
 Most Sponsors - Genevieve Feliciano

STUDENTS RAISING \$ 150 OR MORE: ==>

Fall 2011 Fund Run Photos

ISABELLA KASTEN, SYDNEY RIEMER,
 LAUREN BOYLES, ZACHARIAH HAMM,
 KENNEY KOCEJA, SAMANTHA TYLER,
 ISLA GASTON, GEORGE GASTON,
 BREVIN PRICE - **WAY TO GO!!!**

**Plus: 40 kids won an Ice Cream Party
 for having 10+ Sponsors!!**

Sincere "Thanks" to FitRight Northwest owners (Dave and Julie Sobolik) & the Fund Run Committee for putting together a fantastic event.

Parents, Grandparents, Family (pets!), and Special Guests helped create a fun family atmosphere.

GET THAT \$\$ TURNED IN!!
 We are expecting \$10,000 in pledges - but it's up to YOU to bring it in!!



Preschool - 1st grade - October Snack

Family Name	"Storable"	"Fresh"
Oct 3: A-C	Pretzels, Wheat Thins or Cream Cheese & Bagels	Oranges or Grapes
Oct 10: D-I	Ritz, Cheez-Its or Go-gurts	Bananas or Apples
Oct 17: J-R	Cream Cheese & Bagels or Goldfish, String Cheese	Oranges or Grapes
Oct 24: S-Z	Kix Cereal, Pretzels or Go-gurts	Bananas or Apples

Please LABEL snacks with YOUR FAMILY NAME.

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**Get those
 BOX TOPS
 coming!!**