



Giving Bain Elementary a PAWS-UP On the News!



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Bain Elementary Has a Big Heart



By Maddi Whitenight

According to stopbullying.gov, bullying is “unwanted, aggressive behavior among school-aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance (such as physical strength, access to embarrassing information, or popularity—to control or harm others). The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time.” Bullying can be verbal, social (including the internet), and/or physical.

We are very lucky at Bain that most everyone here knows that bullying is wrong. Rarely when bullying does occur we have teachers and counselors that help us get through it. They also help the bully to understand why their actions are wrong. Mrs. Quattlebaum and Mrs. Swain, our school counselors, are a great resource for our students. We are so glad that we have our counselors to help us.

Another reason that we do not have a lot of bullying at Bain is because we started learning in



Bain Ambassadors meet to discuss peer mediation training designed to help students work through conflict.

kindergarten how important it is to treat others nicely. Each year our teachers teach us even more about caring, kindness, and respect towards others. We have also had school assemblies that talked about

respecting others and have even had special people come teach us about bullying like Mr. Sid. He is a musician and composer person that spent time at our school visiting classrooms and writing songs about bullying, people’s feelings, and being kind to others.

Finally, we have a new student group called the Bain Ambassadors and they are currently working on peer mediation to help other students work through problems. Mr. Cannon, our Dean of Students and Bain Ambassador leader says that Ambassadors use a training manual to prepare for peer mediations. One important part reads, “Peace is not something you wish for. It is something you make, something you do, something you are, and something you give away.”

In the end, we are fortunate that we don’t have a lot of bullying because we at Bain are all a family and we have a big heart. We call it the Bobcat family!!!

Ready, Set, Let’s Play: Recess at BAIN

by Tyler Johnston

Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders at Bain all go outside to expend energy and play. This is called recess. All people at Bain go outside for recess. They have different ways of staying active including playing four square, basketball, soccer, football tag, and sometimes just running around.

Some sports like basketball and football take some rules so that people are playing safe. Just running around the bus lot with your

friends can also get you running and active. Playing with your friends and including other kids can spread kindness throughout Bain and help Bain continue to be a safe school.

These are what some other people at Bain said about how they stay active during recess:

Edwin Martinez, a 4th grader at Bain, said, “I normally hang out with my friends by the playground.” Abraham Moreno, a 2nd grader at Bain, says, “I love to play football with my friends.” Also Jackson Wilde, a 5th grader at

Bain, had a similar way of staying active during recess, “I play football on the fields and if it is wet I play on the blacktop.” Fourth-grade Morgan Clark said, “I like to run around with my friends”.

As you can, see recess gives students an opportunity to run and be free... so don’t waste it. The thing students at Bain want to do is get outside and run around. So next time you go outside you can use one of these ideas or even one of your own and have fun!

Curtain Call-Plays for Kids in Charlotte

By August Aldrich

If you are reading a book and thinking how much you want it to be a movie, you can go to Imaginon Library and see if the theatre has made it into a play. The Children’s Theater of Charlotte is up-town at Imaginon Library, and it shows plays about certain books that you could check out. The plays are based on children’s books and last about an hour.

This season I have seen two of their spectacular plays. First, I saw *A Whole Year with Frog and Toad*. It followed most of the books and sometimes made up something extra and humorous. Then I saw *Grace for President* which included the actors coming up to the audience and giving us things to support the two fictional presidential nominees in the play.



The second graders at Bain went on a field trip to see *Grace for President* in October of this school year. Tucker Giles, a 2nd grader in Ms. Freer’s class said, “My favorite part of the play was when Grace won Class President for standing up for what is right.”

Some of these books are even here at our own library. So if you want to see one of these plays, you should go to the library and check them out. Then maybe, just maybe, your parents will take you to the Children’s Theater!

Upcoming Play Dates

February 3rd to February 19th: **Junie B. Jones is Not a Crook**

March 3rd and 4th: **Step Afrika!**

March 24 to April 8th: **Bud, Not Buddy**

April 7 to April 23rd: **Go, Dog, Go!**

April 15th to April 22nd: **PlayPlay! (ages 0-3)**

Mario Kart 8, Minecraft PE & Terraria

“Mario Kart 8” by Andrew Grella

Mario Kart 8 is a high speed racing game by Nintendo with all the excitement of the previous racing game, but better graphics, control, and circuits. The characters have many personalities, like the aggressive Bowser, Wario, Waluigi, and Bowser junior types, as well as the good-hearted characters like Mario, Luigi, Peach and Toad (debatable). Some good things about the game are the characters are easier to get, unlike Mario Kart for plain Wii, and the Power-Ups are much more useful. The only downside of the game is that the speed boosts are hard to control. Overall, I didn't like the game, I LOVED IT!!! On a scale from 1-5, I rate this game:

Violence: none

Fun: ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ (5)

Control: ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ (5)

Animation: ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ ☺ (5)

This game is preloaded on the Wii U. Rating: E for everyone.

“Minecraft PE” by Aden Karshner

Imagine this. You're playing Minecraft. You just started a mine, and you're getting pretty deep down. Then you see it. A glistening cluster of diamonds! But just then, you hear your mom say, “Honey! Turn off that game. We're going out.”

Have you ever wished that you could just pick up the computer and take it with you? Well, your troubles end here. As you may know, with a phone or tablet you can play games anywhere you go. Now you can take Minecraft wherever you go with Minecraft Pocket Edition (or MCPE).

MCPE has something for everyone. You can build whatever your heart desires in creative mode or give yourself a challenge in survival mode. The controls are easy for people of all ages to use. You can use the arrow keys to move forward, backward, left and right. You can also fly by double tapping the jump button or sprint by double tapping the up button. To squat, double tap the squat button and to stand straight double tap it again. It's just like real life...well, except for the buttons and flying!

Normal Minecraft looking a little bland? Buy a texture pack! You can get all sorts of texture packs. You could give your landscape a more robust look with the city pack or give your world a more natural feel with the natural pack. And if you want to make yourself look unique, there are a ton of skin packs to choose from.

I recommend this game to anyone that likes to build and fight. Minecraft PE gets a full five stars in my book. Just watch out for creepers!

Terraria by Bryce Gould

Terraria is a “fun for free” game. Terraria is like a 2D version of Minecraft, but more focused on story and adventure. There are two modes: survival and creative. Creative is easy and more fun in my opinion. In creative mode, you get to build and create things, such as houses and crafting tools. You can also dig and find rare treasures to build cool houses. Survival mode has some creative aspects in it, such as crafting weapons, but requires the skill of survival. For example, if a boss monster begins attacking you, you must react and do what is necessary to survive. You can use the weapons you have crafted or found to protect yourself. Once you defeat a monster, you can progress through the game and gain access to more things. For example, after you defeat Skeletron, you have access to the Dungeon.

The game is available on most gaming consoles, such as Xbox, PlayStation, and Nintendo systems; and for mobile devices such as iPhone or iPad. You can download it for free from the app store on your Apple or Android device. I think Terraria is a great game for Bain students to play. Go play Terraria!

From 1 - 5 rated:

Gore - @

Graphics - @@@@

Fun - @@@@



Books, Books, and More Books!

A Book Review: *There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom* by Louis Sachar

article by Meredith Buckanavage

Have you ever gone in the opposite gender's bathroom? Well sure enough Bradley Chalkers has! Bradley is in Mrs. Ebbel's class. On his way to the new counselor, Carla Davis, he took a wrong turn and ended up in the GIRLS BATHROOM! In his class he sits, as he says, “last seat, last row.” He was an island until a new student comes to his class named Jeff Fishkin. He chooses to sit next to Bradley. Bradley and Jeff's friendship doesn't start out as well as Jeff thought it would, but things may change.

Bradley wants to get a gold star. Everyone has one EXCEPT for him. So he goes to Carla almost everyday. Carla tries as hard as she can to help him and she also gives him her favorite book to read. Bradley calls it his lucky book because things happen after he goes to Carla. What happens you're wondering? Will Carla help him get a gold star? You have to read the book to find out!

Book Level: Q

A Book Review: *Abduction* by Peg Kehret

article by Jordan Houston

Abduction is a very good book. It is appropriate for kids in third grade and up. The only downside is that the beginning might be a little scary for some people. So if you are a person who gets scared easily, then I would not recommend this

book for you.

I give the book *Abduction* 5 stars. It made me cry, laugh, and scream in horror all at the same time. It is a long book, which is another reason I would not recommend it for anyone younger than the third grade (even though people in lower grades can be great readers too).

The basic plot of the book is Matt asks to go to the bathroom during class. Danny disguises himself to get into Matt's school. Bonnie boards the bus expecting to see Matt, but now he has gone missing! Soon so has Bonnie! Are they hurt? Will they survive? Find out for yourself and read the book *Abduction!*

Book Level : T



A Book Review: *Ghosts* by Raina Telgemeier

article by Jackson Konzelmann

This book is about two sisters who need to move to a different town because the younger sister has lung disease. Everyone says the town is haunted by ghosts especially during the Day of the Dead celebrations. The main character, Cat, and her younger sister Maya, tour the new town and meet Carlos. Carlos ends up taking the two sisters on a ghost tour and at the end of the tour tragedy strikes. You will need to read this book to find out what the tragedy is. Do you believe in ghosts? Well, this town does! The author of this book also wrote the funny, graphic novels: *Sisters*, *Smile*, and *Drama*.

Book Level: R



Asking Miss Advice

A Listening Ear in this Big World
by Miss Advice

Hi! This is Miss Advice again. I am going to share a letter I received that was asking for my advice. I am hoping this letter and my responses will let you know that I am here to help you. Hopefully this letter will inspire you to write in for advice. I think the question below may be on the minds of other students as well. Even some of the best students struggle in this area.

The letter asks:

Dear Miss Advice,

I am having a problem with getting all of my work done at school. I run out of time and I can't always take things home to finish them. My grades are going down and I don't want my parents to get mad at me. What should I do?"

-Anonymous

Here are some suggestions that might help you with your problem

1. **Try to get a good night's sleep.** Doing this helps you prepare for your day at school. You'll be more alert and may have enough energy to stay focused on your work. Not having enough sleep can cause problems with concentration.
2. **Eat a healthy breakfast and lunch.** This helps provide your body with energy to keep going forward with the day's work and helps your mind also focus on the important things. Try to limit too many sweets!

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Tips & Tricks

by Neyla Sahbaz

How to Make a Healthy Lunch for You

Chicken Sandwich

You will need: wheat bread, cooked chicken, lettuce, tomato, healthy spread

1. Cut two slices of bread and put a healthy spread (if you want) on the bread.
2. Place as much chicken as you want on the bread.
3. Put lettuce and tomatoes on too.
4. Wrap in plastic wrap or put in sandwich bag.

Veggie Dip

1. Mix Greek yogurt, basil, thyme, salt, pepper, and crushed onions in a small bowl.
2. Chop two vegetables you like into tiny pieces and stir them in.
3. Use carrot sticks, celery, or broccoli for dipping.

Guess the Teachers Feature

Each issue we will feature Bain teachers. We'll give you the clues, you guess the teacher! Place your guess in the Guess the Teacher box in the Media Center. The answers will be revealed in the next issue of Paws Up.

In our first PAWS-UP edition we featured Ms. McElrath, Ms. Arthus, and Ms. O'Mahony. Congratulations to all of you who guessed it!

by Brooklyn Grubbs

- Q. What is the color of your hair?
Blonde
- Q. How old are you?
??????
- Q. How many kids do you have?
Three
- Q. What are their names?
Bryson, Caleb, and Andrew
- Q. How old are they?
24, 21, 19
- Q. What grade do you teach?
4th grade
- Q. What is your eye color?
Brown
- Q. What's your favorite food?
Chocolate
- Q. What's your favorite color?
Pink

By Jack Wehr

She loves to lead and she is very helpful in many ways. She is a third grade teacher and received the special areas award for first quarter in third grade. Her favorite book is, "Good to Great" by Jim Collins. It teaches you strategies for being great and he says, "good is the enemy of great."



Emma Laine Huffstetler and Emma Henley correctly guessed Ms. McElrath in our first issue of Paws-Up! Way to go!

This teacher likes to push herself and her students to go above and beyond. She was born in Henderson, NC. Her favorite animal is a turtle, but she just got a fish for her classroom pet. She has two children. One of her daughters goes to Independence High School and one goes to Georgetown University. Can you guess who she is?

By Bryce Gould

(This is an important person at Bain, but not a classroom teacher).
Where I was born: Winston Salem, NC
My birthday: February 29
Do I have kids? Yes

How many kids do I have? 3
How many letters are in my last name? 6
Some of my favorite foods are: Reese's cups, steak and potatoes, and salad
In my spare time, I like to: play tennis, hang out with my family, and watch football
My favorite teams: University of Alabama - Rolltide! and the Carolina Panthers
A crazy thing about me: My birthday is on February 29, which means I only have a birthday every four years - when there is a leap year. So, actually I am only

11 years old!
Need some help? Here are a few hints to help you solve the puzzle:

1. A lot of you see me at least once every day.
 2. I have blonde hair.
 3. My last name begins with a "K".
- Have you guessed who she is yet?

By Addy Lerch

My teacher is...wait...sorry I can't tell you! Let me give you some clues. She was born in May of 1971 in Stockholm, Sweden. She is an assistant teacher and she has three children: Jack is 19 years old, Maddie is 15 years old, and Ben is 12 years old. She has been teaching at Bain for one year and taught preschool for seven years. This teacher's favorite color is blue, and her favorite food is avocado. Here are some other fun facts about her you probably don't know:

1. She speaks two languages
2. Her favorite animal is a goat
3. One time she spent the summer on an island with NO running water and NO electricity!!
4. Her children altogether have gone to Bain for 10

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years.
Don't worry, you will find out who they are next time in our...Guess the Teachers Feature!!

(Miss Advice column continued from page 2)

3. Make sure you have the right tools to learn.

Things such as your books, paper, and pencils help you to be prepared for your school day, and will help to aid you with getting your work done because you will have the materials needed to complete your work.

4. Arrive a little earlier. If you can arrive at school in enough time to get to your class and be in your seat 10 to 15 minutes before the late bell rings, this may help you get your day off to a good start. Getting to class earlier may give you an opportunity to start and complete your school work.

5. Stay focused. While in class, be sure to focus on

getting your assignments complete. Make sure you have an understanding of the assignment. Remember, you can always ask your teacher for help if needed.(refer to 8 and 9)

6. Work outside. You may be able to take your incomplete work to recess to avoid getting a failing grade. Be sure to ask your teacher first because that may not be an option.

7. Homework. Completing the assignment at home may be an option as well. Your teacher will decide if this is okay.

8. Limit distractions. If you find yourself being distracted by others around you, you may need to talk with

your teacher. Distractions can hurt your success in the classroom.

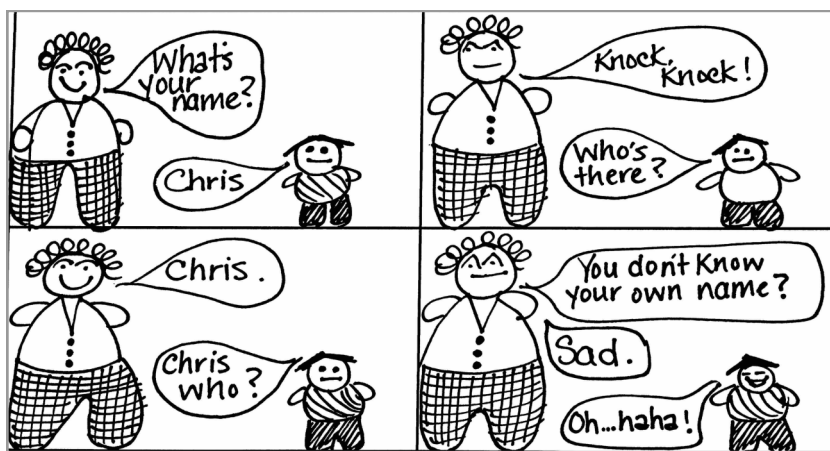
9. Support systems. Don't forget to talk with your parents or guardians. They are here to help us be our best so, if you are struggling in any area of school (or life), talk it out with them.

10. ASK. If all else fails, it doesn't hurt to ask for more time if you need it. Your teacher will decide if this is an option.

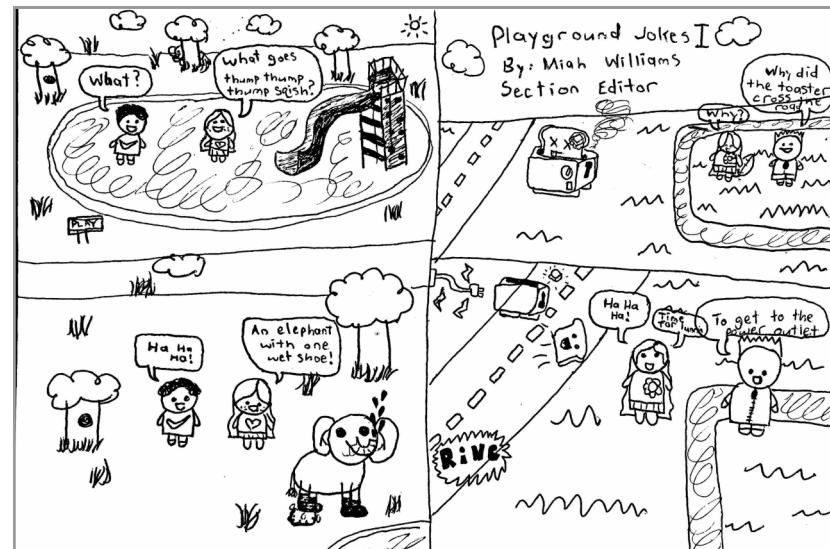
While, these suggestions may only be a start, I'm hoping this will put you in the right direction of having a successful school year!
-Miss Advice

Comics & Club Corner

Comic by Jackson Konzelmann



Comic by Miah Williams



Comic by Aden Karshner



CLUB CORNER

By Emily Dyer

Do you get happy when you listen to music? Do you get happy when you sing? Do you get happy when your special is music? Well, then chorus club is just right for you (of course when you get in fifth grade).
Chorus is especially fun because Mrs. Hofmann teaches chorus. Mrs. Hofmann said, "I love working with my chorus students. They are fun to work with and they have beautiful voices."
When you are in fifth grade, you try out at the beginning of the school year. There are 50 students currently in chorus. They meet every Thursday morning from 7:30 to 8:10. The great thing about chorus is they get to do several performances throughout the year for students, parents, and the community. Stay tuned, you may hear them singing in the hall!

Mark your calendars for Bain's 3rd annual

We ♥ Our School! Family Fun Night

Friday, March 3rd 5:30pm – 8:00pm
in the Bain Elementary Cafe, Gym & Media Center

Admission and entertainment are free for all Bain students, teachers, staff and families.

The purposes of this event are to strengthen our school community, inspire guests to read and write, and raise funds for educational resources at our school.

Watch your student's communication folders for order forms and more important information about this event. We hope you'll join us for the fun!

T-SHIRT SALE: I ♥ Bain t-shirts will be sold prior to the event. T-shirt Order Forms must be turned in to teachers by Wednesday, February 8th.

POSTER CONTEST: Express your creativity and tell us "Why I Love Bain" by entering this year's poster contest. Poster contest guidelines and entry forms will be sent home in student folders. One winner will be chosen per grade level and each winner will receive a fun prize pack from local businesses. Poster Contest entries are due to the media center by dismissal on Wednesday, February 22nd.

FOOD: Bain PTA will pre-sell dinner options from Mint Hill Rock Store BBQ. During the event, meals, desserts and snacks will be available in the Bain Café (in the main building). Meal Order Forms are due to teachers by Friday, February 24th.

ENTERTAINMENT: Entertainment will be performed on the gym stage by local elementary, middle and high school groups including a special Teacher Feature performance by our favorite Bain teachers and staff.

Bobby the Bobcat will host our 3rd annual Mascot Mania where he will compete with other local school and community mascots.

Mint Hill Library will join us to perform an interactive puppet show and share how to be a part of their OneAccess and reading programs.

AUTHOR VISITS & BOOK SIGNINGS: Since this year's event falls during Read Across America Week, we have invited several children's authors to our event to interact with guests and inspire kids to read and write. Their books appeal to a variety of age levels and can be purchased and signed by the authors in the media center.

RAFFLES: Raffle tickets for exciting prizes will be sold for \$1.00 each during morning drop off the week leading up to the event and during the event itself. Live drawings will be held on stage at 7:30pm.

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