



Giving Bain Elementary a PAWS-UP On the News!



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PTA Plans Events for Pupils & their Parents



By Jordan Houston and Miah Williams

There are two very important events for Bain parents and students which will be taking place soon! It's the time of the year we all look forward to! It's a time when we look forward to having a night with our special someone. We are talking about the Father-Daughter Dance and the Mother-Son Night! Whether you bring your parent or another special person in your

life, just be ready to spend the evening having fun with your special guest.

Okay, listen up girls because this section is for you! Your special night is quickly approaching and you don't want to be caught without enough time to prepare for this very special night out. The music, dancing, refreshments, take away favor, and *Chick Fil-a* coupon set the stage for an amazing night! You want to give yourself a few days before the dance to pick out your perfect dress and hairstyle, you know, get your glam squad together. Below, we have listed some behind the scenes details so that you can get started!

Here are some questions we asked of committee members in order to help you prepare for the dance:

When is the dance? *"The dance will be held on April 21, 2017 in the Main Bain gym."*

What is the theme of this year's dance? *"This year's dance will be 50's themed."*

What will be included in the dance? *"Light refreshments, dancing, and a take-away favor."*

How will this year's dance differ from the past? *"We are hoping to add a raffle this year!"*

What experiences do you want participants to take away from the dance this year? *"We would like all the girls to have a special night with their dad or special guest."*

Are there any other details you would like to give us? *"We would love to have more dance committee members this year."*

Some examples of 50's attire include: Poodle skirts, polka dots, bobby socks, saddle shoes, swing skirts, sweater sets, and long ponytails.

Now, for the boys! Setting aside time to spend with your mom or special guest is always something to look forward to! There will be many things to anticipate at this event, including fireworks, (unless the game goes on for too long) a race run by the mascots, and a reserved section for mothers and sons that is right by the field. This

makes the game very interactive. All of these things make the knights' game very fun for mothers and sons. Soon, your teacher should give all the boys in the class a sheet that will help you to buy tickets for the game. Have fun!



Here are the questions we asked of the Mother-Son Night Committee:

Will we have a Mother/Son Night this year? *"Yes, we will be having our 2nd Annual Mother-Son Night on Friday, May 5th."*

Will it be a baseball game again? *"Yes, the event will be held at the Charlotte Knights' Stadium again this year."*

What will be included in the activities? *"Bain moms and sons get to sit together to enjoy a baseball game."*

Will it be the same experience for participants as last year? *"It will be very similar to last year."*

Are there any more details you can give us? *"The Charlotte Knights will be playing the Gwinnett Braves from Lawrenceville, GA. Go Knights!!!"*

Stay tuned for more information about these exciting events from the PTA!

Stepping into History at the Mint Hill Historical Society

by Maddi Whitenight



Carl J. McEwen Historic Village Mint Hill, NC

If you went there you would probably remember something about it...mainly the leeches if you got to see them! What I am talking about is the field trip to the Mint Hill Historical Society. Bain is not the only school that goes to the Mint Hill Historical society. According to Mrs. McDonald, administrative director, "Students from Mecklenburg County and many surrounding counties visit the historic village."

Some other memories you may have of the visit are the outhouses (bathrooms that were outside in little closet-like rooms made of only wood). These outhouse had only one little toilet that was also made of wood, and it didn't flush so you had to dump out what ever was in it in the ground outside.

You may also remember them showing us the schoolhouse which was called this because they were like little houses with only one room. A fun fact was they didn't have electricity, so they depended on the sunlight for their light. If it wasn't sunny, they had no light!

Next, you may remember the well where they got their water for drinking, bathing and other necessary needs. Not so fun fact for some of you...if you were the youngest you had to take the last bath in the same water everyone else took a bath in! GROSS!!

In the historic doctor's office they had little splints for your arm if you broke it. They also had a rickety old dentist chair where you sat when you got your teeth pulled. Nearby, was the little shop where they got most of their stuff like paper dolls and some food. They had to keep food in a cellar because they had no refrigerators to keep the food cold.

We end our tour in the place where they grinded gold. They called it the assayer's office and people went there when they thought there was gold in a rock they had. The people that worked there had to weigh it to see what it was worth. They did this with scales and they kept them

in a glass case. A gigantic wheel crushed the rock that gold was in. You'll also get to see some real gold. It was so cool!!!!



Students in Mrs. DeSeve's fifth grade class take a closer look at the leeches from the Historical Society.

When you're about to leave in the back there is a playground that is made entirely out of wood. They have a see-saw and some swings. You will have a great time and learn a lot if you "step back in history" at the Carl J. McEwen Historic Village and the Mint Hill Historical Society.

Spring Showers Bring OLC Flowers

By Jackson Konzelman

The OLC has 24 plants and trees that have begun to bloom this spring! Below is a guide to what you will see next time you are visiting the OLC. Perhaps you may even recognize some of the plants I've described below. All information was found in the Old Farmers Almanac at www.almanac.com and in the Monrovia Plant Catalog at www.monrovia.com/plant-catalog/

Black-Eyed Susans have yellow petals with a black center. They grow in pods with many flowers. A North American species. The scientific name is *rubeca hirta*. They are wild flowers and bloom from June to October. Bees and butterflies are attracted to it.

Light-O-Day Variegate Hydrangea is a bush with pink or blue flower heads surrounded by white flowers. They bloom in the summer and are low-maintenance, meaning they don't require a lot of upkeep.

Blue Heaven Butterfly Bush is a bush and is ever-blooming, which means it blooms through



most of the months of the year. It attracts both hummingbirds and butterflies. It looks like spikes of lavender blue flowers.

Junior Walker Catmint is a finely textured, aromatic, grayish-green foliage. It is excellent for cascading off walls and drought resistant in time.

Steeds Holly is an evergreen shrub that is easy

to grow and has an interesting pyramidal shape with dark green color and blackberries last all winter.

There are many more interesting plants in the OLC. Check out the list below and you will see that some of them have very interesting names.:

- Dwarf Yaupon Holly
- 'Kaleidoscope' Abelia
- 'Delta Blues' Vitex
- 'Little Henry' Virginia Sweetspire
- Tuscarora Crape Myrtle
- Drift Shrub Rose
- 'Chapel View' Cryptomeria
- 'Cona' hybrid Red holly
- 'Daub's Frosted' Sculpted Juniper
- 'Artic Fire' Red Twig Dogwood
- Goldmound Spiraea
- Shishigashira Camellia
- 'Little Princess' Spiraea
- Fragrant Tea olive
- Skylands Oriental Spruce
- Prostrata Plum Yew
- Red Bird Camellia on trellis
- 'Powwow' Wild Berry Coneflower
- Dwarf tickseed

Bounce, Wiggle and Move Your Way to Success

by Addy Lerch

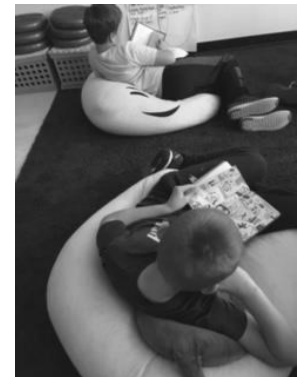
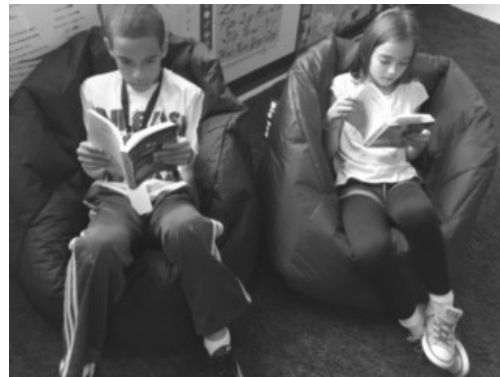
How teachers use flexible seating!!

Many teachers throughout Bain Elementary use flexible seating. The flexible seating can range from yoga balls to bouncy bands on a desk or chair.

I became very curious about this and decided to talk to a variety of different teachers. Some of these (like mine) use pillows, wobble chairs, etc. Here are some of the items that Bain teachers use for flexible seating:

- little bicycle pedals under desks
- studio chairs
- standing desks
- gamer chairs
- Beanbag chairs
- Stools
- Crates with cushions
- yoga balls
- wobble chairs
- stadium chairs
- pillows
- carpet squares.
- "Candos (K-an-doe)" that you can sit on

Teachers use this seating in many ways. They also organize who sits where in different ways. Some teachers have an "A" day, "B" day schedule to determine where students sit. Other teachers set of a rotation so that everyone gets to sit everywhere at some point. Also, teachers make seating calendars to manage the flexible choices in their room. In addition, some teachers have students "captains" that get to choose the seating. No matter how teachers organize their flexible seating, it is most important that students use the seating as it is intended, work safely, and enjoy the awesome choices beyond a chair in the classroom!



DC: Decoding the City

By: Meredith Buckanavage

Have you ever visited Washington D.C? Well in 5th grade you have a chance to go! For one of your optional field trips you have a chance to experience it. When you go you may visit... Monticello, Mount Vernon, the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument, the Capitol, the Vietnam War Memorial, the Korean War Memorial, the Arlington Cemetery, etc., and you even get to see the White House from a distance!

Some food places you might go to are... Golden Corral, Mickey Tavern, etc. You also might have a breakfast buffet in your hotel! A lot of fifth graders had fun. Emily Kelly said, "I learned a lot I did not know before, and seeing it in person is better than seeing it in a book." Aubrey Conner said, "We saw a lot of cool and interesting things." Travis Ho-



gan said, "It was AWESOME! My favorite part was Monticello. I would definitely want to go to DC again."

When you go you have a journal you carry around and take notes. At the end of the trip you have a whole other week to complete a project on what you learned. This year the 5th graders were gone from February 7th - 10th. A lot of people want to know what you do if you don't go to DC?

If you do not go to DC you still have to go to school. Since the people that went to DC have to do a project, so do the people that stay. If you stay you get to do a project on the 3 branches of government. This year there were enough people staying to put them in just 2 classrooms. In class you still learn all of the other subjects just a different way and about different topics. If you stay you still have specials just on different days. You also still have lunch and recess. I did not go to DC so I did all of this. The two teachers that stayed were Mrs. McElrath and Mrs. Bevis. You also do a lot of special stuff, like... oh wait I can't tell you it is to special!

I hope you are now excited to go on your 5th grade DC trip or stay and have fun. Here's a tip, when you go... DRESS VERY WARM, it is freezing!!! If you are lucky you may go and it could turn out to be a little warm, but usually it is FREEZING!!! Well... I hope you learned a lot and are excited!

Hilarious Hudson Jokes Around

Q	What do you call a magic owl?
A	WHOO-DINI!!!
Q	What happens when you mix dinosaurs and pigs?
A	JURASSIC PORK!!!
Q	What is the Big Bad Wolf's favorite magazine?
A	PORKS ILLUSTRATED!!!
Q	What do you get when you play tug-of-war with a pig?
A	PULLED PORK!!!
Q	What do you get when a pig reads the newspaper?
A	NEW PORK TIMES!!!
Q	What is a pig's favorite karate move?
A	THE PORK CHOP!!!
Q	What happens when you play monopoly at Thanksgiving?
A	THE HUNGER GAMES!!!
Q	Why do LEGO people hate going to the hospital?
A	BECAUSE PLASTIC SURGERY COSTS A FORTUNE!!!
Q	What do you call a bear who had his teeth removed?
A	A GUMMY BEAR!!!

Moana Movie Review

By August Aldrich

Moana is a Polynesian girl that is chosen by the water to save her island. A demigod, Maui, has stolen the heart of Te Fiti which has the power of creation. He has awakened a despicable monster that has separated him from his magical fishhook. The heart is lost in the ocean. It is now up to Moana (and a stowaway chicken HeHe [pronounced hay-hay]) to go find Maui and to not only save her island, but the whole world. There is also music every now and then to add suspenseful and humorous effects.



I personally loved this movie with all the humorous quotes and all the suspense. There were always parts that made my family laugh at the characters. One thing that surprised me is that Maui's voice is played by Dwayne Johnson (also The Rock in WWE).

I think people should watch this movie because it has hilarious scenes and is a funny story to get some laughs out. Kids and parents think this movie is appropriate for kids 6+ and has fantastic reviews. This movie releases on DVD March 7th.

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Triple I Time: Inquiry, Information and Imagination

By Emily Dyer and Neyla Sahbaz

Have you ever heard of Triple I Time? Well Triple I Time stands for Inquiry~ Information~ Imagination.

Third, fourth and fifth graders do this every other week in the media center. During Triple I Time you can checkout books, use iPads, or Chromebooks to research a topic of your choice. Mrs. Getz provides great websites on the student portal for your online research. Then you use the information you find to complete a project. Mrs. Getz says that students, "gather, create, and share" during Triple I Time.

The thing we like the most about Triple

I Time is that you can pick what you want to learn about like animals, sports, fruits and vegetables, etc. You get smarter by gathering facts and choosing to make a presentation of that information. You can create a Google slideshow, a video, a Powtoon, a book or something else. There are many more choices but these are the most popular. Whatever you create you want to make sure you use all of the information you gathered and present it clearly. Before you present, it is helpful to share it with some friends and get feedback on your work. Once you have all of you feedback and you've made changes you will be ready to share the final

version. TA-DA!!

We like Triple I Time because it helps kids to add more wrinkle to their brain! In other words, it makes you smarter. It also teaches kids about how to use technology and create something. Mrs. Getz says, "It is great for personalized learning because students choose their own topics and work at their own pace. I am very proud of the work all of the students are doing." If looks like we all think Triple I Time is a great learning process. It look like our kindergarten-second graders have something awesome to look forward to!

Book Review: I Survived the Nazi Invasion

By Andrew Grella

I Survived the Nazi Invasion is a historical fiction book written in 2014 by Lauren Tarshis. It is about an 11 year old boy named Max, and his 9 year old sister, Zena. Their father is arrested by the Nazis for being Jewish, and Max and his sister are left in the ghetto to fend for themselves. Max escapes the ghetto and finds a group from the resistance in Poland and he must choose to fight the Nazis or die.

During this period of time, the Nazis were capturing the Jews and sending them to concentration camps. They took over places including Copenhagen, Denmark. It was a very dark time for the Jewish people.

I think this book is great because I enjoyed the characters and the story was very exciting but very sad. I think other kids would like to read this book because it teaches them history while entertaining them.

On a scale of 1-5 I rate this book:

Plot:****

Entertainment:*****

Character development:****

Writing style:*****

Relevance:*****

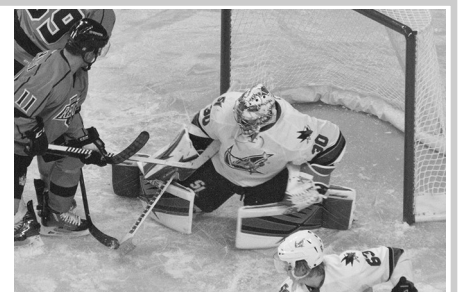


Charlotte Checkers

By Jack Wehr

The Charlotte Checkers are our home hockey team. The Checkers mascot is Chubby. Chubby is a polar bear. The record of the checkers are 26 wins and 29 losses. According to the official website of the charlotte team, "The original team was called the Clippers. Their original stadium burned down, so they came to Charlotte for the last 5 games of the season. In February 2010, Checkers owner Michael Kahn, who purchased the team in 2006, announced that the American Hockey League approved his purchase of that league's Albany River Rats franchise and its subsequent move to Charlotte to begin play the following season. The team would retain the Charlotte Checkers name while entering an affiliation agreement with the NHL's Carolina Hurricanes for the first time."

Some key players are Levko Koper number 14 and Sergey Tolchinsky number 16. On record play on ice would be five stars. Did you know you could give a high-five to the players when they come out of the tunnel? When the family night was held the checkers won 6 to 1! Every year they have something for cancer appreciation month which is every October and it is called "Pink in the Rink."



RUBIK'S CUBE CRAZE !!!!!

By Hudson Mesiti

Ok, so it goes, left, up, left, back...OH um... Hey I didn't see you there. I was just trying to solve this Rubik's cube here, but while I try to solve an average 3x3 cube in a couple of hours, other people are solving 4x4's to 13x13's and even triangles, pentagons, and even ones that have all different shapes on them in almost so time at all!!! These people are called Speedcubers. Fortunately, we actually have a couple of Speedcubers at our school and luckily for you I have interviewed two of them!



The speedcubers that I interviewed were Michel Oliva and Ethan White. When I interviewed them I asked them to solve a classic 3x3 cube. And of course they were able to solve it under 1 minute...but as a bonus, Ethan was able to solve it with his EYES CLOSED! That is amazing!

'CLASH OF CLANS' App Review

By Aden Karshner



Need a little action in your life? Then you need Clash of Clans. Clash of Clans is great for people of all ages as it has lots of action without all the blood and gore. You get to build a village, fight greedy goblins, upgrade your defenses to defend yourself from other players, join a clan with your friends, chat with people worldwide, and build an unstoppable army!

Your town hall is the center of your village. Build walls and defenses to keep raiders away from it. Just as other players can attack you, you can attack other players. Just tap (or click) the campaign map and hit "find a match". But attacking other players costs coins, so you'll probably want to start by attacking goblin camps.

If you're going to attack anyone at all, you're going to need troops. Unfortunately, troops cost elixir, so let's start with the basics. First, you're going to need an elixir collector and an elixir storage (you should also get a gold mine and a gold storage but we're talking about troops and elixir, so let's put on the BIB [Mrs. Blackmon will explain]). Then, you will need a barracks. Soon a small bubble with a picture of a drop of purple goo will pop up. Collect it by tapping it, then you just tap the barracks and train the night away!

Nothing gets done without builders. In the beginning of the game you have one builder's hut and it will tell you to spend 250 gems on another one. You can have up to FIVE builder's huts. The more huts you have the more things you can build at one time. Upgrading things makes them better, so save up that gold!

Let's bring it back to attacking for a second. You're probably worried about people destroying the base that took three weeks to build and having to start over. Well luckily, your village is built on a ley line so it will repair itself over time (a few seconds). Well, that's about all you need to know, and I'll leave the rest to you to find out. HAPPY CLASHING!!!!!!

DISCLAIMER: This app contains social media in the form of clans. Players can share their thoughts through clan chat, so NEVER join a clan with people you don't know.

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Rules of Rolling

By Bryce Gould



Wait, do you have your helmet? It is important to stay safe while you are skating into spring. Here are few tips to stay safe on the sidewalk and in the rink.

Roller skating safety:

- Warm up stretch! Make sure you're body is prepared for having fun!
- Make sure your skates are tied. You don't want to trip over laces!
- Watch out for kids! Make sure you are mindful of people around you.
- Wear a helmet, elbow pads, and knee pads. Knee and elbow pads can avoid you from getting cuts and scrapes.
- Don't make sharp turns. Practice will help you get better, but in the beginning just stay on a straight path.
- Skate on a flat surface. Simple things like bumps and hills or branches can be dangerous ground for skating.
- Be aware of your surroundings and have fun!

Bain Elementary's 3rd Annual We ♥ Our School! Family Fun Night

Thank you to all the students, families, teachers, schools, mascots, businesses and volunteers that participated in and helped us have a fun and successful event!

We appreciate you sharing your time, talent & generosity to benefit Bain Elementary. YOU & your support a big reason why We Love Our School so much!

American Girl	Food Lion	Mint Hill Library	Showcase Dance Centre
AMF Carolina Lanes	Fuddruckers	Mint Hill Middle School	Spotlight Theatre
Away To Go Travel	Girl Scouts	Mint Hill Rock Store BBQ (Josh Taylor)	Stephanie Van Horn (Math Rapmatics)
Big Guys Pizza	Independence High School	North Carolina Transportation Museum	The Painted Pint
Butler High School	Jamie Brown (Bea Is For Business)	North Carolina Zoo	The Produce Box
Chick-fil-a (Albemarle Road location)	Kannapolis Intimidators	Papa Johns Pizza	Tim's Tennis Camp
Christy Pope (ABC & 123 Charlotte)	Little Sprouts Cooking School	Park Road Books (Sherri Smith)	Toys & Company
Dan Nicholas Park	Marcos Pizza	Pelican SnoBalls	Trail Dynasty Miniature Golf
Edible Arrangements	Matthews Playhouse	Riverbanks Zoo and Gardens	Tweetsie Railroad
Edventure Childrens Museum	Mint Hill Athletic Association	Shelby Bach (The Ever Afters books)	