

December 15, 2009



Dear BCA Community,

Christmas is almost here! With the overnight snow, and the anticipation of tonight's Christmas program, the excitement is palpable at BCA today J! My prayer for each of us this Christmas season is that we would be drawn nearer to the Christ who came as a baby, lived among men, and died a sinless death that we might have life! May you rejoice in the wonder of our Savior!

Wishing you a joyous Christmas,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Lipp".

Jennifer Lipp
Director

Note: School dismisses at 11am on Friday, December 18th.



Build to Equip—BCA's Campus Project

Building Update: Our project continues to move ahead. We have signed a contract with a PUD (detailed urban plan) architect. It will take approx. 6 weeks for this plan to be completed and submitted. While this work is taking place, we are submitting requests for six permits that can be approved even while the PUD is in process. Pray that God will give us favor with officials as our project makes its way over many desks. Pray that they will deal with us fairly, legally and in a timely manner. Groundbreaking is still scheduled for spring and estimated time for construction is 90 days. **We hope to be in our building when school begins next August.**

Fundraising Update: Donations continue to come in from inside and outside our community! Thank you again to all who have pledged to make a donation. Our website has all the information you will need to follow through on your pledge. Just go to www.bcaromania.org/support.cfm where there are options for online giving, bank transfer, donation by check, as well as information for igive and idonate (non-cash). Also, case statements have been printed and can be mailed to any individual that you feel may want to get involved in our project. Send mailing addresses and any additional information we would need to equip@bcaromania.org.

We have received our first non-cash donation through idonate (via our website)—a car! Remember that almost any non-cash item can become a tax-deductible receipt for the donor and a gift for BCA. Also, as we spread the word about www.igive.com/bucharestchristianacademy, more free money can benefit our school. So far, over \$300 has been raised through igive!

Have a blessed Christmas season!

Jen Cox, for the BCA Board and Development Committee
equip@bcaromania.org

The Search for BCA's Next Director

In February 2009, Jen Lipp announced her desire to step down as BCA's director in order to pursue starting a preschool that will be connected to BCA. She will resign from the director position in June 2010. The BCA community was informed of her decision then, but we realize that some may not have read the announcement. We are actively recruiting for this position, which is obviously a critical need. Our Director Search Committee includes Donna Brown (chairman), Jan Cunningham, Tedi Corbell and Jen Lipp. If you know of a potential candidate, please email Donna at dmcbrown_2000@hotmail.com. The position opening announcement and related forms are on the website— www.bcaromania.org.

Free Online Test Prep. Grockit, a new online social learning game company is making its SAT and ACT online test prep and learning services available free to students. The program allows students to practice with and help each other, as well as learn from experts. For more information, go to www.grockit.com/sat or www.grockit.com/act.

Apartment available March to October, 2010. Drs. Milt and Linda Hanson will be in the US on home assignment from March 7 until early October, 2010 and are looking for someone (or 2) to stay in their apartment during that time. It is a 4 room apartment in Drumul Taberei (in the same building and entryway as Dave and Jen Cox). They would expect the renters to care for their 3 cats (declawed in front) and their plants, and to pay utilities and bloc fees and, if possible, a small amount of rent. For more information, please call 021-413-2623 (home), 021-444-1994 (clinic) or 0722-295-529 (mobile) – or email at lindamilth@gmail.com.



It's All About Reading

@the BCA Library. As usual, we have been busy in the library. On Thursday we had our **holiday story time**, with the *Grinch*, *The Crippled Lamb* (Max Lucado) and other favorite songs, in English and Romanian. Thank you to the Mathers for loaning us the *Grinch*! **Next story time will be Thursday, January 7 – the week we return to school after holidays!**

- Meanwhile, an elementary class held the movie party they earned in the library.

- We've had visits from **secondary classes for research and computer work**, including the World Cultures class whose research on Egyptian Pharaohs and missionary biographies culminated in their entertaining and educational presentations last Friday.
- We continue to process donated books to update the collection and add variety. Check out our **New Books** section, and the **Parenting collection** which have expanded in the past month.



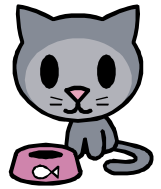
Our wonderful volunteers have been more and more involved in music, ♪ for the Christmas concerts, December 5, 6 and 15. ♪ Sadly, Young Leem had to return to Korea on Sunday, December 13. She will start university in March. We will miss Young Leem's sweet, cheerfulness.



- Looking forward to **Christmas break?** Come check out books and videos (extensive collection of VHSJ) for the time after Christmas--we'll be here until Friday Dec.18 at 11am. See you for **family story time** January 7. **TT TT TT TT**

**Questions? Contact: Susan White, Librarian. Susan.white@efca.org
Or phone: 072.631.7671. Or call the office.**

Kitten-Sitter Needed. Ismene Reeves and her daughter Melody recently adopted a kitty. It needs somewhere to stay from Dec 18-January 3rd while they're in the UK. If you're able to help them out please email me (director@bcaromania.org) or call Ismene at: 074.901.9135.



Hope 139. A former BCA teacher and community member (Anne Winter) is currently working for an organization called Hope 139 (www.hope139.com). The company provides neuro-feedback therapy for adults and children dealing with a variety of issues. They serve people with issues including ADD/ADHD, mood disorders, depression, anxiety disorders, migraine/headaches, sleep issues, chronic fatigue, varied Autism spectrum disorders, and others who do not have a diagnosis but struggle with focus, anxiety, wanting to increase their productivity, etc.

The Winters began using the program with their oldest son while they were living in Budapest. They then made it available to other members of their school community. Brain dysregulation is inherited (if a parent or child struggles with learning, etc. one or more members of the family may also have areas that could be helped by neurofeedback). Brain dysregulation is also impacted by stress and hardship in living experience, and/or can be caused by brain injuries.

Anne has spoken with the company and they are willing to work with, and make the program available to, anyone in Bucharest who is interested. If you'd like more information please let me know (director@bcaromania.org) and I will forward you a list of options, prices, contact information, etc.

BCA Events-December 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>No School— Unirii Day</i>	2 <i>SAT January Early Registration Deadline 2pm School Dismissal</i>	3 <i>3pm Grounded</i>	4	5 <i>SAT</i>
6 <i>4pm Choir Christmas Festival</i>	7 <i>3pm Grounded</i>	8	9 <i>2pm School Dismissal</i>	10 <i>8:30am Board Mtg 10am Story Time Hot Lunch 3pm Grounded</i>	11 <i>Pizza 3pm 7th-12th grade Girls' Retreat !</i>	12
13	14 <i>3pm Grounded</i>	15 <i>SAT January Regular Registration Deadline 5pm BCA Christmas Concert</i>	16 <i>2pm School Dismissal</i>	17 <i>3pm Grounded</i>	18 <i>11am School Dismissal</i>	19
20	21	22	23 <i>Christmas Vacation!</i>	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 <i>See you on January 4th!</i>	31		

BCA Events-January 2010

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3	4 <i>School Resumes!</i> <i>3pm Grounded</i>	5 <i>Registration Deadline for ACT</i>	6 <i>2pm School Dismissal</i>	7 <i>10 am Story Time 3pm Grounded</i>	8	9
10	11 <i>3pm Grounded</i>	12	13 <i>Pizza</i> <i>2pm School Dismissal</i>	14 <i>8:30am Board Mtg</i> <i>3pm Grounded</i>	15	16
17	18 <i>3pm Grounded</i>	19	20 <i>2pm School Dismissal</i>	21	22 <i>End of 1st Semester</i>	23 <i>SAT</i>
		←-----Secondary Finals----->				
24	25 <i>Beginning of 2nd Semester 3pm Grounded</i>	26	27 <i>Pizza</i> <i>2pm School Dismissal</i>	28 <i>3pm Grounded</i>	29	30
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