

January 15, 2010



Dear BCA Community,

Welcome to the new year! I trust you all had an enjoyable Christmas break and are now comfortably settled back in the school routine. We're nearing the end of first semester. For secondary students it means that finals are just around the corner—beginning next Tuesday (19th). Please encourage them to prepare well for their cumulative tests and to get adequate rest, so they're able to put forth their best effort.

Recently some issues related to dress code have arisen, particularly at the secondary level. Low hanging pants on guys (showing boxers) and low cut tops on girls (showing cleavage) are in direct violation of BCA's stated dress code. You as parents are the first line of authority in your children's lives. Please help guide them in choosing appropriate and modest clothing. Teachers have been reminded of their responsibility to enforce our dress code (as well as all other school policy). Students in violation will be given alternate clothing to wear from the office. In addition, secondary chapel on the 27th will be used to address why modesty matters to God and how what we wear affects the opposite gender. Mike York will be speaking to the boys, Jen Cox will speak to the girls, and then they will switch. It's my hope that through these frank but godly discussions, our students will have a more clear understanding of the reasons behind our dress code guidelines. If you have questions or concerns about this, please don't hesitate to talk to me.

Please continue to pray for our students, staff, the building campaign, and our administrative and staff needs for fall!

Blessings to you,

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

Jennifer Lipp
Director

Build to Equip—BCA's Campus Project



Funding Update: Thanks again to everyone who has made a donation to help BCA get into its own building. In 2009, \$17,521.19 was donated from within and beyond the BCA community (total donations from 2007-2009 were \$78,993.65). In the first two weeks of the new year, an additional \$4,100 was given and a loan offer of \$125,000 was made. Also, our capital funds grew last year by approx. \$60,000 thanks to interest on our accounts and a strong dollar. Our fundraising goals for this project were \$255,000 in donations and \$400,000 in loans. **Taking all these gains into account, we now have a donation goal of \$173,400 and a loan need of \$275,000!** We thank God for His amazing provision and encourage you to pass on the good news to those who care about you and by extension BCA. Our new website has information about the project and how to get involved--www.bcaromania.org. If you have questions or need more information, contact Jen Cox at equip@bcaromania.org.

Jen Cox, for the BCA Board and Development Committee

The Search for BCA's Next Director

As the search for a long-term director continues, we recognize that hiring an interim director will likely be needed. Ensuring the health and stability of our school is critical as we prepare for a major move. We believe God could raise up someone from our own community to serve as interim director for 1-2 years. Important qualifications for this person will include strong interpersonal and communication skills as well as organizational ability.

If you know of a potential candidate for either the interim or the long-term director position, please email Donna Brown at dmcbrown_2000@hotmail.com. The director position opening announcement and related forms are on the website— www.bcaromania.org.

Looking for a handyman... with great character (but low English skills)? Contact Vicentiu Patrascan at 0730.005.703. He's in Bucharest and available every Monday through Thursday. (Recommended by Dave Cox)



From Dr. Hanson: Various studies have shown that people with higher vitamin D levels have lower incidences of diseases, including wheezing disorder (like asthma) in children. Women who get higher levels of vitamin D in youth have lower rates of breast cancer even decades later. There's similar data for men regarding prostate cancer. And for both men and women there's less colon cancer for those with higher vitamin D levels. It also helps strengthen bones and maintain better overall neurological function.

The American Academy of Pediatrics has raised the recommended daily dose to 400 units for all children. We recommended 1000 to 2000 units per day for adults. Most multi-vitamins have 400 units. Also, vitamin D is added to milk in the US, but NOT in Europe(!), at least not most milk. Bucharest, Boston and Minneapolis are all at the same latitude and we get NO vitamin D from sun exposure from October through March. The sun rays come in at too great of an angle.

A good brand of vitamin D in Romania is "*vigantolekten 1000*" which costs about 7.70 lei per box of 28. There's also a liquid oil form (just a few drops per day) for children. Both can be purchased at most pharmacies.



It's All About Reading

@the BCA Library.

We had a "very good, very bad" day for story time this month – and lots of fun. Next month fun stories about **friends and friendship** in Romanian and English.

Next story time will be Thursday, February 4th at 10.00 am.

T We hope to see you all, as we all get settled into the new year. T

Books that went out over Christmas break are back on the shelves! Check out *Millicent Min*, *Girl Genius* (and the sequels); *Artemis Fowl*; and we have a few of the *Warriors* series.

The section of **parenting books** is expanding, including books on College planning --right above the **Short Stories** – which have some treasures.

Jesus: Joy & Justice – Thinking about what it means to follow Jesus in the new year— serving Rwanda; North Korea; Haiti. Of course, **compassion is** also needed. We have an assortment of books under the subject headings. I plan to display books on the subjects for February.

Come by and add a Bible **verse or article** for our **bulletin board!**
Questions? Contact: Susan White, Librarian. Susan.white@efca.org
Phone: 072.631.7671 (or call the BCA office)



BCA Events-January 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
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 3pm Grounded 3:15pm Bible Study</i>	15	16
17	18 <i>3pm Grounded</i>	19	20 <i>2pm School Dismissal</i>	21	22 <i>End of 1st Semester 7th-12th Girls' Retreat</i>	23 <i>SAT</i>
24	25 <i>Beginning of 2nd Semester 3pm Grounded</i>	26	27 <i>Pizza</i> <i>2pm School Dismissal</i>	28 <i>3pm Grounded 3:15pm Bible Study</i>	29 <i>Musical Auditions Progress Reports Go Out</i>	30 <i>5pm Youth Group at Graham's Home</i>
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BCA Events-February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>3pm Grounded</i>	2	3 <i>2pm School Dismissal</i>	4 <i>10am Story Time</i> <i>3pm Grounded</i> <i>3:15pm Bible Study</i>	5	6 <i>ACT Middle School Banquet</i> <i>4:30pm Youth Group at Quarles' Home</i>
7	8 <i>3pm Grounded</i>	9	10 <i>2pm School Dismissal</i>	11 <i>Hot Lunch</i> <i>3pm Grounded</i> <i>3:15pm Bible Study</i>	12 <i>3:15pm Super Bowl Party</i>	13 <i>High School Banquet</i>
14	15 <i>3pm Grounded</i>	16 <i>8:30am Board Mtg</i>	17 <i>No School—Teacher In-service</i>	18 <i>No School—</i>	19 <i>Winter Break</i>	20 <i>5pm Youth Group at Grahams' Home</i>
21	22 <i>3pm Grounded</i>	23	24 <i>2pm School Dismissal</i>	25 <i>Hot Lunch</i> <i>3pm Grounded</i> <i>3:15pm Bible Study</i>	26 <i>Golden Bowl</i>	27 <i>2pm Women's Tea</i>
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