

October 14, 2009



Dear BCA Community,

It was great to get to spend time with many of you at our first BCA Family Retreat **J**. **A big thank you** to Mike York for making it happen and to the Ziemers for hosting us all! Hopefully even more of you can join us next time **J**.

As I'm sure you're aware, flu season is approaching. There's a lot of information available online on both the seasonal flu and H1N1 (swine flu). The doctors in our community (Achim, Hansons, and Kay) all recommend vaccination against the seasonal flu. The vaccine (Vaxigrip) is available at local pharmacies or at the Hanson's clinic. If enough people are interested (adults and children), the Hansons are willing to come to BCA on Thursday, October 22nd at 3pm to give the injections, for a small fee. If you would like to participate please call the BCA office by Monday, October 19th at 4pm. You can either buy the vaccine and bring it with you, or let us know and we'll have it available for you to purchase when you arrive. If you choose the latter, you will be responsible for paying for the vaccine even if you are unexpectedly not able to make it on the 22nd.

The vaccination for H1N1 in Romania is being developed locally. The earliest it will be available is December, most likely to a limited number of the population. At BCA we are working on a school closure plan, in the event that we have an epidemic in our community. It is highly likely that we will ask students to take books home and that assignments will be posted via the internet or disseminated through email. If school closes, it will initially be for 7 days, after which time we will re-evaluate the general health of our community. It is currently being recommended that schools consider closing when 1% of the population is infected, in an effort to keep the virus from spreading. However, it's critical that if BCA closes students do not congregate in other places (the mall, homes, etc) or it will negate the effect of not having school as normal. We will keep you informed of our plans via email and/or the phone tree.

Progress reports will be coming home with secondary students on Monday, October 19th. After reviewing them, if you have questions, please feel free to contact the office or individual teachers to discuss any concerns you may have.

Finally, there are some exciting activities and events happening at BCA in the next month. Check out the announcements and calendars. I look forward to seeing each of you in the days ahead **J**!

With joy,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jennifer Lipp".

Jennifer Lipp
Director

Reminder: There will be no school tomorrow (Oct 15th) or Friday (Oct 16th).
Enjoy your Fall Break **J**!

The Yearbook Staff Needs You! If you have personal pictures of students or staff of BCA or any BCA events that you would like to share, please send them to: amintiryearbook@yahoo.com. They will be added to the bank of potential yearbook pictures, and greatly appreciated! **J**

Build to Equip—BCA's Campus Project

FALL HARVEST GATHERING

Tuesday, October 27

Gather with us to enjoy some fall treats as we present our plan to “harvest” some funds to build our new school!

Choose the best time and place for you...

2:00pm BCA Activity Room (childcare provided)

3:15pm BCA Activity Room (childcare provided)

7:00pm Steve and Robin Grahams' apartment (no childcare provided)

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We want our entire community to be energized, educated and empowered. You will receive a personal invitation by phone. Please plan to attend!

This event is sponsored by BCA's Development Committee:
Mike York, Thomas Kay, Heather Kooiman, Robin Graham,
Jennifer Cox and Tom Clark

Advent Celebration: Mark your calendars for the BCA Family Advent Celebration Wednesday, November 25 at 2:15pm. All elementary students, their younger siblings, and parents are invited to participate in the activities. Watch for more details in next month's newsletter.



BCA Cookbook: Back by popular demand...we're going to create a BCA cookbook. Recipes can be emailed to Laura Westrum (Lwestrum@bcaromania.org) between now and November 15. Be sure to send in your own and request that others send in recipes that you've really enjoyed.

BCA Yard Sale. Saturday, October 31st from 8:00am-12:00pm. Want to get rid of some of your extra stuff? Then rent a table for only 30 RON. Contact Megan Klansek (0732-128-479) by October 23rd to reserve a table.

Please join us that day and pick up some new treasures. We will also have treats, coffee, cider, hot chocolate and lunch available. You can also donate items to sell to the Senior Class. Drop off these items at BCA starting Monday, October 26th.

Grounded! Don't forget that Grounded Coffee Shop is open every Monday and Thursday after school. Come down to the basement of the main building to enjoy a cup of hot apple cider, freshly ground coffee, delicious hot chocolate, or perhaps a one leu treat.



Senior Store certificates are still available to purchase and can be redeemed at the senior store and at Grounded.

You are invited to Family Life's "A Weekend to Remember" marriage conference! Come anticipating that "you will leave with encouragement, hope and practical tools to build your marriage and strengthen your legacy". It will be held on Friday, November 13th 6pm -8:30pm & Saturday November 14th from 9:00 am –5:00pm in Craiova, Romania. Speakers will be Jerry & Nancy Foster from Family Life (speakers for 5+years). The conference will be translated so both Romanian and English speakers are welcome. It's hosted by the Craiova Evangelical Free Church & International Messengers. Cost: 50 Ron per couple + Hotel (includes 2 workbooks, snacks and lunch on Saturday). Registration info: Tom & Jill Clark E-mail Tom@tjcmision.org or 074.575.1712. Registration deadline: November 8th. Hotel Information: Rich Millhouse : 075.574.4512.



It's All About Reading @the BCA Library.

Greetings from the BCA Library J

- As you may have noticed, we have shifted shelves to make room and we've updated signage. Hopefully things are easier to find.
- We are adding new books each week, from recent donations, as well as the boxes of previous donations. We have been blessed with help cataloging and processing by Kathleen Hicks, as well as Bo Young Cha and Young Leem Jeong (part time ESL students), and from others who have offered help when you stop by.
- Come visit us and see our **New Book shelves**—we have added to junior fiction series (2nd-6th grade) *Animal Ark*, *Cam Jensen*, & *Geronimo Stilton*, as well as new books for secondary students and adults.



Please come by to browse or study (or help J). Exceptions: 12:30-2:30pm Tues. & 1:00-3:00pm Thursday when elementary classes visit (it might be a little crowded J).

STORY TIMES: We had a Very Hungry Caterpillar story time October 8, to Read for the World Record. **Thank you to everyone who made it a success!**

Next story time for preschool and other BCA family members will be on **Thursday, November 12th, at 10am, in Romanian and English.** Stories for a variety of ages, from toddlers through primary grades, with songs and fingerplays.

Theme: Pigs, pumpkins, or turkeys (to be determined)

If you have questions, please contact: Susan White, Librarian. Email: Susan.white@efca.org, mobile: 072.631.7671, or call the BCA office.



BCA Events-October 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 12pm School Dismissal <—BCA Family Camp—>	3
4	5 3pm Grounded	6	7 2pm School Dismissal	8 8:30am Board Mtg	9 Pizza Lunch End of 1st Progress Report (7th-12th) <——StuCo Retreat——>	10 4pm “Go Deep” at the Quarles’ Home
11 StuCo Retreat Ends	12 3pm Grounded	13 School Photos for Yearbook	14 Hot Lunch 2pm School Dismissal	15 No School— Teacher In-service	16 No School— Fall Break	17
18	19 3pm Grounded Progress Reports Go Home	20	21 2pm School Dismissal	22 PLAN test for 10th grade 3pm Grounded	23 PLAN test for 10th grade	24 ACT 5pm Gathering at Graham’s Home
25	26 3pm Grounded	27 2pm, 3:15pm 7pm Fall Harvest Gathering	28 Hot Lunch 2pm School Dismissal	29 3pm Grounded	30 Pizza Lunch End of 1st Quarter (1st-6th) “Regressive” Dinner	31 8am-12pm Rummage Sale
		<——Senior Pumpkin Sales——>				

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8	9 <i>3pm Grounded</i>	10	11 <i>2pm School Dismissal</i>	12 <i>10am Story Time</i> <i>3pm Grounded</i>	13	14
15	16 <i>3pm Grounded</i>	17	18 <i>Hot Lunch</i> <i>2pm School Dismissal</i>	19 <i>3pm Grounded</i>	20 <i>End of 2nd Progress Report (7th-12th)</i>	21
22	23 <i>3pm Grounded</i>	24	25 <i>2pm School Dismissal</i> <i>2:15 Family Advent Celebration</i>	26 <i>No School—Thanksgiving Vacation</i>	27	28
29	30 <i>No School—</i>					