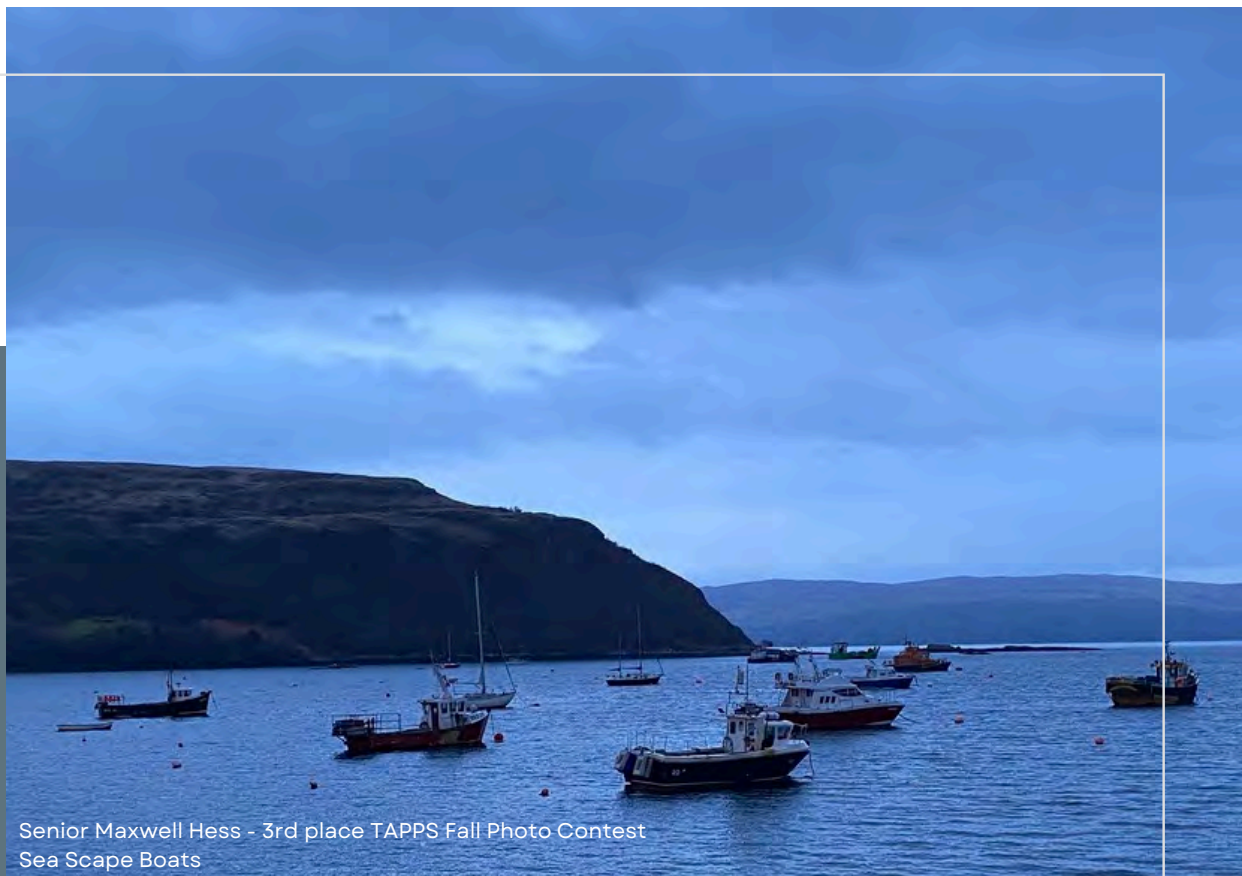


The SOCIAL HERD

Bay Area Christian School

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in Him.”

Lamentations 3:22-24



Senior Maxwell Hess - 3rd place TAPPS Fall Photo Contest
Sea Scape Boats

It's always a great day to be a Bronco!



BRONCOS
BAY AREA CHRISTIAN
January 2024 Newsletter

a word from our head of school

LES RAINÉY



Daily studies

I pray that 2024 is off to a great start in your household and that this new year would be one that sees your relationship with Christ strengthened. There are cycles of life where we can become unintentionally consumed with activities, that our daily walk with Christ is what suffers the most. Finding a rhythm of being in God's Word daily and having a regular engagement with Scripture deepens our understanding of God's character, and equips us to navigate life's challenges with a perspective rooted in truth. Let's recommit our families to spending time with Jesus each day.

Personally, I'm finishing up the Book of Hebrews in my daily quiet time. Two overarching takeaways for me are the emphasis on the supremacy of Christ and the encouragement for us to lean into His sovereignty, while persevering in faith despite challenges that come our way. Hebrews 12:1-2 tells us, "let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith."

BACS is a special place because of the people on this campus. Thank you for the sacrifice you make to have your students in Kingdom Education.

appreciation shoutout

I'm thankful for our maintenance team and how they selflessly serve on our campus. We couldn't pull off all of the events and activities without their hard work.



dates to remember

January 15:
MLK Day - No School

February 12 @ 6:00pm:
Donkey Ball

January 29 @ 6:30pm:



STATE OF THE SCHOOL ADDRESS & PREVIEW NIGHT

did you know?

925 YEARS

BACS faculty & staff have this much combined wisdom pouring into our Broncos!

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a word from our ELA director

ANITA PIERCE



important dates

Sunday, 1/14/24: Deadline to withdraw from Continuous Enrollment

Monday, 1/15/24: Closed for MLK Day

Tuesday, 1/16/24: Open Enrollment for siblings of current students

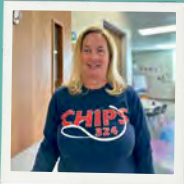
Wednesday, 1/24/24: Pajama Day MW 2's 100th Day of School of Full Time Students

Thursday, 1/25/24: Pajama Day for all other classes

Wednesday, 2/1/24: Open Enrollment for new families

if you were a season, which season would you be and why?

Spring, because everything blooms and it is a pretty time!
-Suela Roberts



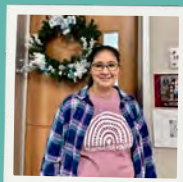
Summer, because I love the beach!
-Monic Ullrich

Spring, because I was born in spring, and it is a time of new beginnings!
-Erika Wolcott



Summer, because flip-flops and t-shirts are my favorite outfit!
-Christy Geiling

Summer, because of all the fun things!! And I get summer off!!
-Vickie Van Hook



The structure of ELA

The Early Learning Academy serves children ages 2 to 5 years. Our class placement (P2, K3, K4, and Bridge) is determined by the child's age as of September 1st. We have full-time and part-time options. We generally have a teacher and assistant per classroom depending on enrollment. P2 classes have 12 students. K3, K4, and Bridge classes are capped at 16 students. Our children participate in Music classes 3 days per week and attend Chapel weekly; Our Bible story is shared with the children daily. Click [here](#) to visit our website for more information.



appreciation shoutout

Shoutout to Susanna Hutson! Susanna is always willing to help in any way. She is a great representation of someone with a servant's heart!

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a word from our elementary principal

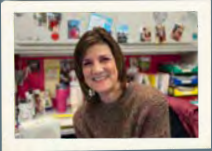
DANA DUNCAN

meet the leads

BACS is blessed to have a group of amazing grade level lead teachers. Lead teachers are committed and motivated to engaging classroom and grade level success. These teachers act as leaders in mentoring teachers and creating an environment that supports our mission statement and culture of our school. Our amazing team leaders are:



Kindergarten
Cynthia Lane



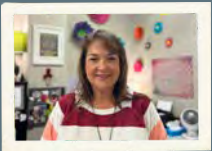
First Grade
Jena Westfall



Second Grade
Liz George



Third Grade
Carmen Atwell



Fourth Grade
Kelly DeGraaf



Fifth Grade
Kimberly Sink



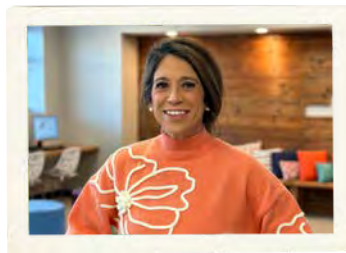
Sixth Grade
Christine Bridges



Preparing our hearts

Preparing and planning for the next school year is always an exciting time. We begin by preparing our hearts by prayer, diligently seeking the Lord's guidance in Kingdom Education. There are many initiatives and planning meetings that take place, where we collaborate as an administrative team. Being prepared helps us to create an atmosphere of positivity and sets the tone for a great school year. Our administrative team begins constructing the calendar for the next school year. Learning models for success, including evaluating and adding to our curriculum and instruction are looked at. Class schedules are reviewed and revised. Faculty and staff needs are analyzed to set teachers up for success. Preparation and scheduling of staff development and inservice are also created. We continually reflect on God's goodness and provision at BACS!

appreciation shoutout



I want to give a shout out of appreciation to a wonderful parent, Mindy Caltagirone! Mindy does an exceptional job at supporting our students and helping with exciting grade level events. Mindy is a light and shows the love of Christ daily. We greatly appreciate her love for our teachers, students, and school.

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a word from our junior high principal

JARED FUQUA



get to know Mrs. Garcia!

Where did you graduate from?

Texas Tech!

How long have you been teaching?

6 years!

Favorite book?

The Hiding Place by Corrie Ten Boom!

Favorite drink? From home or special place?

Hot Cinnamon Sunset Tea from home, made by Harney & Sons Fine Teas!

Describe your perfect day...

A sunny, brilliant day on the beach, at a Gulf Island National Seashore in Florida!

Who/what are you most grateful for?

I am most thankful for Jesus, family, faith, provisions, trials, and challenges that He has gifted me with!

Favorite thing to do on the weekend?

I enjoy relaxing with a run, or competing in a local foot race.



A word for the year

“Simplicity” is the word of 2024 for myself and my family. We got the idea from Rend Collective’s song “Simplicity.” My favorite stanza states, “Lord strip it all away ‘til only You remain. I’m coming back to my first love: only You.” This year, my family and I desire to strip away all the excess that can bog us down in the day-to-day, and focus on the true motives and state of our hearts.

appreciation shoutout



I’d like to give a shout out to 8th Grader Chloe Schrock. Chloe will be going on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic this summer. The focus of the trip will be orchestrating a VBS program while also providing dental services. Chloe is currently selling baked goods to raise financial support for her mission trip. It’s such a blessing to see our student body serving the Kingdom and spreading God’s Word to the nations.

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a word from our high school principal

HAROLD PAYNE

appreciation shoutout

A huge shoutout to Mackenzie Medellin, a rock star of positivity! Her leadership by example is truly inspiring, especially with her unwavering support at sporting events, spreading joy wherever she goes. Keep shining, Mackenzie—you're an incredible role model!



stepping in faith

As my one and only prepares for graduation, it is a very emotional time for sure. I am filled with excitement to see what opportunities God will put in Benjamin's path as he enters this new chapter of life. I am looking to the future stepping in faith into a new season with optimism and hope while embracing change holding on to God's promises. -Mrs. Hubbard



Game-changer

Our junior and senior retreat was a game-changer for our students! They were able to dig into what family means to them, and we received reports from multiple families that it really strengthened those bonds. Exploring the importance of their relationship to God gave them a deeper sense of purpose, and they left feeling more connected. Plus, diving into peer relationships made our school feel even more like a tight-knit family. It was an experience that left them feeling ready to take on anything with empathy, understanding, and support.

The freshman and sophomore retreat is February 26-28. Click [HERE](#) to sign up your student!



“It was great to make new connections with people I did not know well in the school.”

-Josh Tidwell

“I learned a lot about God. It was fun to connect with people who are not in my close circle.”

-Chloe Symes

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a word from our counselor

NANCY GADD

dates to remember

Upcoming SAT Dates

Test date, 3/9

(registration deadline is 2/23)

Upcoming ACT Dates

Test date, 2/10

(late registration deadline is 1/22)

PSAT scores are in. PSAT scores are [available here](#). The College Board student helpline is 888-225-5427 if you need help creating or logging into your accounts. Also be sure to check out [Big Future](#) for college planning resources.

appreciation shoutout

I have a huge shoutout to the twenty-eight new National Honor Society members. Their dedication to academics is above and beyond, earning a cumulative grade average of 95 or higher. The induction ceremony is January 22nd at 6:30pm in the Student Center.



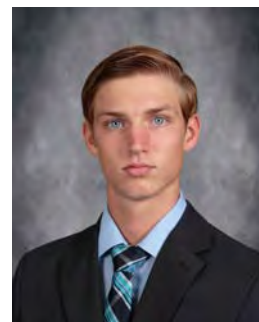
Blessings from the Lord

Year 2024 marks my twelfth year at BACS. When I started as the high school counselor, I had no idea how full my heart would be knowing God allows me to help students through their last years before becoming adults. It is my favorite thing to run into a former student and get to hear all the wonderful plans God intended for their lives. BACS has former students graduating medical school, serving the community as chiropractors, youth pastors, counselors, teachers, and getting married, starting their families, and bringing their children to BACS for a Christian education. It is a complete circle; a confirmation of God's goodness to see students thrive and receive blessings from the Lord.

Valedictorian
Carson Slafka



Salutatorian
Robert Farland



MEET OUR CLASS OF 2024

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a word from our director of student support

MIKE AMMONS



Bronco community

As I reflect on my first semester at BACS, I am encouraged by our campus community. One of the high points has been witnessing the maturity and resilience of our students, qualities that are clearly rooted in the strength of their Biblical worldview. It's inspiring to see how this Biblical foundation shapes them into young individuals of character and faith. I have also observed the incredible effort and intentionality of our dedicated staff. Their commitment to not just academic excellence but also to nurturing the spiritual growth of each student is truly commendable. They integrate Biblical truths in their teaching, further solidifying a firm foundation for our students' beliefs and perspectives. I am excited to continue to support and be part of our students' growth in both knowledge and faith.



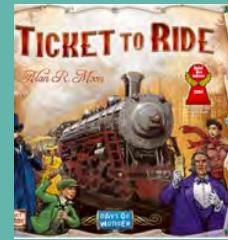
appreciation shoutout

There are so many people diligently working behind the scenes to make BACS the incredible place it is. One of those people is our Curriculum Coordinator, Mrs. Linda Mudgett! She is an invaluable resource to our staff and students alike, making sure everybody has the curricular tools and understanding they need to be successful. It takes tremendous effort, organization, and leadership. Thank you, Mrs. Mudgett!

top 3 ways you have fun

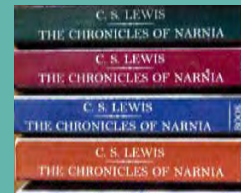
In challenging and uncertain times, reflecting on the attributes of God brings profound comfort. When facing uncertainty or stress, trusting in the all-powerful, loving Creator promising peace and victory to His people brings me hope regardless of circumstances. The practice of seeking God's presence always steadies my mind and eases my tensions as I anchor my hope to His will and plan.

1



"I'm a board game enthusiast and outdoor game fanatic - I'm always up for a round of Ticket to Ride or a spirited game of Kan Jam, categorically the most underrated outdoor game!"

2



"Diving into a great book for a reading adventure is something I love sharing with my kids. A family favorite is "The Chronicles of Narnia series."

3



"Crafting homemade pizzas, especially tossing the dough and experimenting with toppings like banana peppers and goat cheese, is a weekly tradition we enjoy in the Ammons' house!"

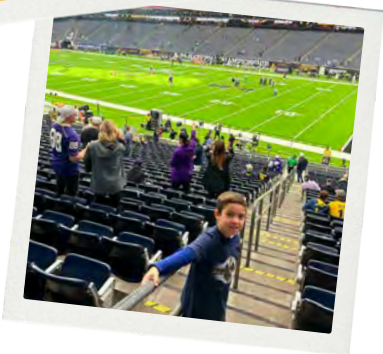
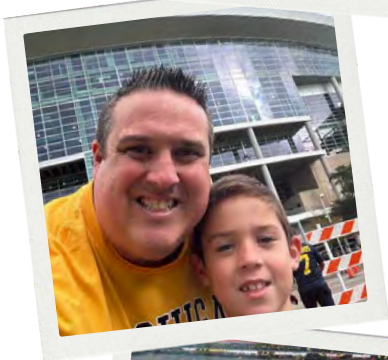
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a word from our athletic director

KYLE KENNEDY

making memories

Coach Kennedy was able to take his son, Lawson, to the National Championship. Michigan beat Wisconsin 34-14. Coach Kennedy is from Michigan and has been a fan since he was little. They had a blast being able to attend the championship since it was in Houston this year. For sure a memory that they will remember forever. Go Wolverines!!



Working towards growth

When I first arrived at BACS (2015), we had 25 total team sports in the junior high and high school combined. We now have 44 total teams in the junior and high school. Over this time, we have added sports like Wrestling (HS/JH), Tennis (JH), Softball (JH), Baseball (JH), Soccer (JH), Swimming (HS/JH) and also 6th grade sports. Looking toward the future at BACS athletics, I would love to be able to add 4th/5th grade sports as a way to continue to develop our athletes at an early age. Also, I would like to have “Bronco Team Sports” (1st-3rd graders) where the students would be able to learn sports as an after-school program over the course of the year.

appreciation shoutout

Just wanted to give a shoutout to our Athletic Trainer, Tom Bradley, for all that he does for our Junior High and High School athletes. Tom has so much knowledge as an athletic trainer and we are blessed to have him at BACS. Thank you for all that you do.

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6TH ANNUAL BRONCO BACKER GOLF TOURNAMENT



MARCH 25

MONDAY, 2024

MAGNOLIA CREEK GOLF CLUB

1501 WEST BAY AREA BOULEVARD

REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST at 8:00AM

TEE TIME at 10:00AM

LUNCH & AWARDS at 2:30PM

BREAKFAST SPONSOR

\$2,750

Foursome with carts and awards lunch

Signage in tournament meeting location

Player Swag Bags

Acknowledgement on Bronco Athletics Website

One Available

LUNCH SPONSOR

\$2,750

Foursome with carts and awards lunch

Signage in tournament meeting location

Player Swag Bags

Acknowledgement on Bronco Athletics Website

Two Available

DIAMOND SPONSOR

\$3,000

Foursome with carts and awards lunch

Sponsorship signs on 2 holes

Premium player swag bags

Acknowledgement on Bronco Athletics Website

BEVERAGE CART SPONSOR

\$1,200

Foursome with carts and awards lunch

Signage on beverage cart

Player swag bags

Acknowledgement on Bronco Athletics Website

Two available

HOLE SPONSOR

\$500

One tee box sign with company logo

INDIVIDUAL GOLFER

\$175

Golf for one with cart and awards lunch

FOURSOME TEAM

\$650

Foursome with cart and awards lunch

Player swag bags

PLATINUM SPONSOR

\$1,500

Foursome with carts and awards lunch

Sponsorship signs on 1 hole

Player swag bags

Acknowledgement on Bronco Athletics Website

AWARDS SPONSOR

\$1,500

Foursome with carts and awards lunch

Signage in lunch room

Player swag bags

Acknowledgement on Bronco Athletics Website

One available

LOWER YOUR SCORE

\$200

1 Per foursome

1 Tiger Drive - Start a par 5 from 150yds out laying 1

1 Gimme putt - 1 approach shot from off the green that stops within the grips of club is considered holed out

1 Sand save - 1 free toss from a sand trap; does not count as stroke

1 Splash save - 1 free toss from nearest entry point of a water hazard; does not count as a stroke

4 Mulligans - total of 4 mulligans to used by each foursome during the round



SCAN TO
REGISTER

It's always a great day to be a Bronco!

a word from our fine arts director

MARIANNE MORRISON

appreciation shoutout

I am so thankful for Kerry Jones! Kerry is the Tech Arts Director for Bay Area Church and Christian School. He works tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure the technical aspects of our services are well planned and executed. He also partners with the Tech Arts class at the school to mentor students and teach them basic audio/visual and technical skills. He is a gift and we are blessed to have him on our team!



dates to remember

January 29th - High School Orchestra performs at SOSA

February 23rd - TPSMEA Choir Solo & Ensemble Festival

March 21st - BACS Talent Show



Leading worship

BACS is blessed to have the best Chapel Praise Band leaders! Chapel Praise Band is led by BAC Associate Worship Leader, Jonathan Loy, and is available to high school students. Students who participate in Praise Band complete an evaluation process with Jonathan and rehearse once a week during 6th period. Involvement in praise band helps students develop the skills of playing instruments skillfully, singing, and creating a worship filled atmosphere for our student body. We currently have 14 students involved, and are thankful for the ways they serve us with their gifts and talents each week!

Perfect Pawrents



We are the proud pawrents of 3 dogs, Max (our rescue dog and oldest that we've had for 10 years) and our twins Parker and Coltrane (named after saxophone greats Charlie Parker and John Coltrane) that we've had for 8 years. Max is pretty much all business all the time but also the best copilot on road trips and the twins pretty much love collecting socks, being pet by anyone that gives them attention, and naps!

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a word from
our director of curriculum & instruction

LINDA MUDGETT



Do not worry

Romans 8:2, “For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death” [NKJV]. The New Living Translation says that because I belong to Christ, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed me from the power of sin that leads to death. Whenever I’m discouraged, agitated, worried, or in fear, I try to quote this scripture and release Christ’s life over my circumstance. I ask God what He wants to give to me and release into the situation. The spiritual answer is more powerful and full of life and peace. Romans 8:6 says, “to be spiritually minded is life and peace.”

appreciation shoutout



8th Grade Creative Writing Classes – they inspire me and encourage me everyday. They are creative and imaginative.

dates to remember

February 16 -
TABS Convention

April 8-11 -
Achievement Testing

our many hats...

- Iowa Achievement Testing
- Professional Development & Title II Funding
- Curriculum Review Process
- Manage curriculum materials-ordering, counting, sorting, & distributing
- Teach SAT Prep Verbal
- Teach Creative Writing Wheel Class
- Write up Faith Talks
- Help with TABS Convention
- Curriculum mapping

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getting to know

OUR BACS FAMILY

The Alonzo family

Tell us about your family.

Eliud Alonzo, Brenda Alonzo, Brooke Alonzo (age 14, Grade 8) EJ Alonzo (age 11, Grade 5)

Why BACS?

We have been at BACS for 11 years. We are at BACS because we were praying for a good education for our kids and when we came here, we felt that God was leading us to this school and telling us that this was the one we needed to be at.

Favorite activities?

Brooke is involved in basketball and band and plays the flute and loves it! EJ just started band this year and plays the saxophone and enjoys it very much! We love sports so we love to go to sporting events here in Houston. We have been to many MLB and NBA games and we have the best time cheering for our teams.



Mrs. Garner

JH Science teacher



Tell us your testimony.

I accepted Jesus as my savior when I was in the 2nd grade. I remember it vividly, I was sitting in a small rural church, Ephesus Baptist Church and Brother Ray was preaching. I distinctly remember the yearning of the Holy Spirit that day to give my life to Christ.

Tell us about your family.

Married to Matt Garner, EDO of church and school and we actually celebrated our 19th wedding anniversary on Dec 4. We have two kids, Faith, a senior and Hallie, a freshman, here at BACS.

How long have you been teaching?

I am in my fifth year of teaching and seventh year of coaching here at BACS.

Your idea of the perfect vacation?

My idea of the perfect vacation is spending it in Costa Rica watching the macaws fly by while I rest on the beach or sit near a waterfall.

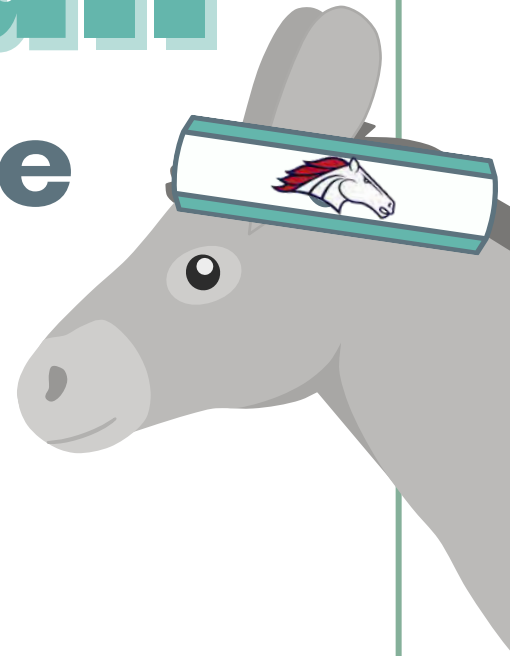
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Donkey Ball

Basketball Game

Monday, February 12 6:30 pm

\$5 Free tickets for teachers and elementary students



Balaam's Bodacious Ballers



Burro Ballers



Band of Burros



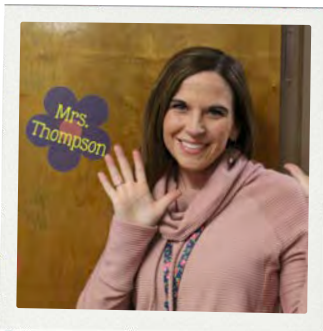
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giggles with

OUR BRONCOS



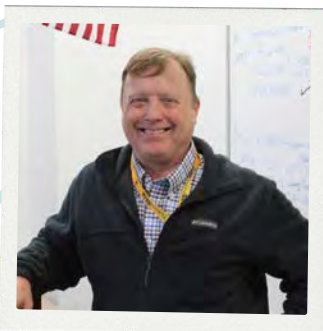
What do teenage ducks hate?
Voice quaks!
Mrs. Thompson



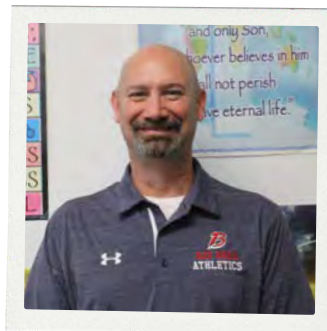
Cual es la fruta màs còmica?
La naranja-ja ja ja!
Señorita Smith



How does Moses make his coffee?
He-brews!
Maestro Meyer



Why was 6 afraid of 7?
Because 7 8 9!
Mr. Billingsley



What did the ocean say to the shore?
Nothing, it just waved!
Mr. Rötthaler



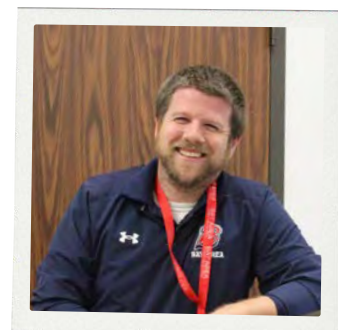
Did you know all the books in the library are the same color?
They are all read!
Mrs. Helm



What do you call a cup that coughs?
A coffee cup!
Mrs. Lilley



What do pirates do for Christmas?
Deck the halls!
Mrs. Rainey



How did Benjamin Franklin feel after he discovered electricity?
Shocked!
Mr. Buehler

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