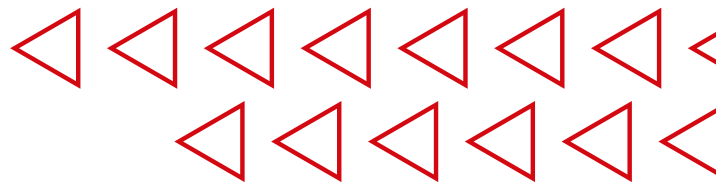




THE SOCIAL HERD



OUR MISSION

Bay Area Christian School exists to provide quality, Kingdom education to the next generation, empowering them to make disciples of Jesus at home, in society, and through the church.





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A message from our Head of School,

LES RAINEY

The school year is off to a solid start, and as we move into September, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on a theme that deeply resonates with a characteristic that we strive to instill in our students: love. Recently, I had the privilege of speaking in Chapel on the verse, "Love endures all things." The kind of love spoken about here is not fleeting or conditional—it is a love that perseveres through challenges and remains steadfast despite any circumstances. It is a love that reminds us of Christ's enduring love for us—a love that is a perfect example of grace and patience. Through the inevitable ups and downs, we are reminded to love not only in the easy moments but also in the difficult ones. It's in these times that our love, like Christ's, shines most brightly. As we partner together in Kingdom education and lead our students in developing a Biblical worldview, may this love guide us. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our school community.

This month's theme: Love

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. - 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Upcoming Events

- 9/16-18** Secondary Spiritual Emphasis Week
- 9/25** See You at the Pole (Secondary)
- 9/28** Kingdom Ed Seminar



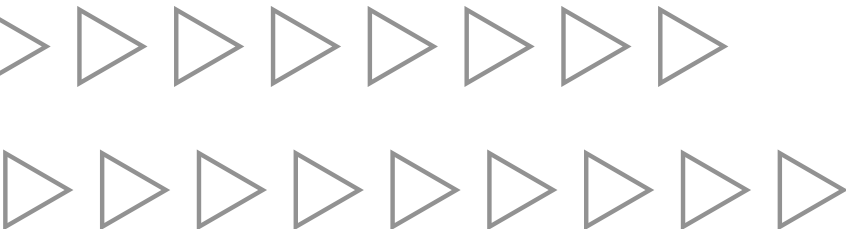


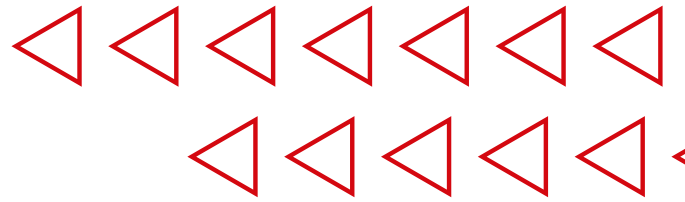
A message from our Admissions Director,
DENYS WATSON

Kindergarten applications for the 2025-2026 school year will be accepted beginning October 1, 2024 via the school website. Click [here](#) and go to the Admissions tab to apply. The student must be 5 years old before September 1, 2025.

If you have a child currently in our ELA that may be eligible for kindergarten, please be on the lookout for a communication from the Admissions Department in the next few weeks. It will contain specific information and instructions.

Tell your friends and family as spots fill up quickly!





A message from our Early Learning Academy Director,

ANITA PIERCE

This verse from 1 Corinthians reminds us that God wants us to love others in the way that He loves us. Be kind. We should try to give grace and mercy to others. You never know what someone else is going through. "A friend loves at all times," Proverbs 17:17. We will have ups and downs in our lifetime. It is important to show God's love to others.

Mark Your Calendar

- 9/25** Hat Day - M/W P2 class
- 9/26** Hat Day - All other classes
- 10/2** Picture Day - Full-time classes & M/W P2
- 10/3** Picture Day - Part Time & T/Th P2
- 10/11** Staff Inservice/Student Holiday





As Christ-followers,
we should strive
daily to be more
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A message from our Elementary Principal,
DANA DUNCAN

The Bible has a lot to say about love. Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. The second is to love your neighbor as yourself." Mathew 22:37-40. Jesus wants us to love God and love others. What does it mean to love God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind? It means that we love Him completely and above all. Loving your neighbor means to love others as much as yourself. "We love because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19 . Jesus came to show each one of us how much He loves and cares for us. He loves us so much that He died on the cross for our sin so that we can have eternal life. God's love remains steadfast. In Romans 8:38-39, the Apostle Paul assures us that nothing can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. This is a love that endures through every trial, every joy, and every situation. The Bible tells us that God is love, 1 John 4:8. What a wonderful opportunity that we have everyday to show God's love to others! As Christ followers, we should strive daily to be more like Christ and love others with our words and our actions. How amazing is God's everlasting love!

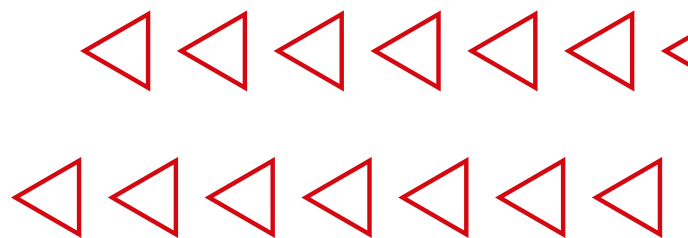
Mark Your Calendar

- 10/11** Student Holiday
- 10/17** Homecoming Pep Rally
- 10/18** Chili Cook-Off from 5:00-7:00pm

Announcements

- After school clubs have started this month.
- Helps Class is on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Please contact your teacher for details.





We are called to love others with a love that is uncommon and unconditional.

A message from our Junior High Principal,

JARED FUQUA

As Christ-followers, we are called to love others with a love that is uncommon and unconditional. Unfortunately, there is a worldview that is pushed upon us that tells us to trust our emotions and take matters into our own hands when we are wronged. However, the Lord tells us in His Word that we are created in His image. If we view others as created in the image of God, even when they wrong us, it will be easier to show love and grace. My hope is that our students will view one another as bearers of His image, and by doing so, create an atmosphere of love, grace, peace, and mutual respect.

Upcoming Events

9/13 Registration/Deposit Deadline for Texas and DC Trips

9/17 Progress Reports

9/18-20 Spiritual Emphasis Week

9/24 JH Pep Rally at 2:15pm in the Auxiliary Gym





A message from our High School Principal,
HAROLD PAYNE

In a culture that often elevates the loudest voices, it's easy to be drawn to those who promote self-interest and personal gain.



Imagine a bush with one bright green spot that demands attention, but it's not the voice of truth—it stands apart from the rest of the bush, which

quietly grows and thrives in unity. The bright spot may be loud, but the rest of the bush, representing patience, kindness, and humility, shows the true strength of love.

As 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 teaches us, love is not about boasting, arrogance, or insisting on our own way. Instead, it's about rejoicing in truth, bearing, believing, hoping, and enduring together.

The majority of the bush, standing in quiet harmony, reflects the enduring, selfless love that brings real life and growth. By choosing to align with the quiet strength of kindness, we contribute to a world rooted in true love, not fleeting noise.

Upcoming Events

9/25 See You at the Pole

9/30-8/2 Junior & Senior Retreat





A message from our Academic Counselor,
NANCY GADD

The word love appears in the Bible hundreds of times. God is love can be found in 1 John 4:8. As image bearers of God, 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 is a verse to use as a true measure of how well we are loving others. This includes the little things we do each day. A kind word versus an indifferent response to someone. Interacting with our peers whether it be in front of the lockers, on the way to lunch, or waiting for Chapel to start, we should look for ways to be intentional and considerate to someone else's needs. The Spirit of God calls to our hearts to love one another unconditionally without hesitation. Love is not something to be earned. It is given freely by our creator. At BACS, I pray we are continually seeking to show the love of God as we walk together in these halls.

Upcoming Events

Make it a priority to apply to the colleges you are interested in, and send your requests for letters of recommendation out as soon as possible. Working ahead of deadlines will avoid any delays in your college application process.

Testing Dates

Upcoming SAT options
www.collegeboard.org

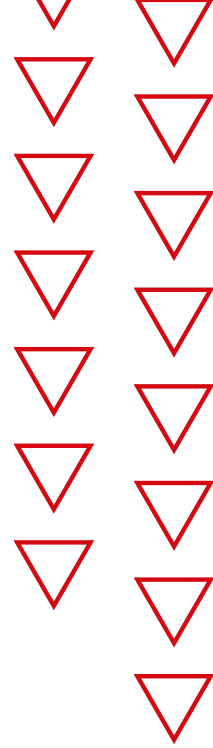
Upcoming ACT options
www.act.org

PSAT News

All 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students will take the PSAT on campus October 25th. The test is digital. Students will take the exam using their Chromebooks during an extended 1st period testing schedule. College Board digital testing information is linked below.

[Grades 10th -11th](#)
[Grade 9](#)





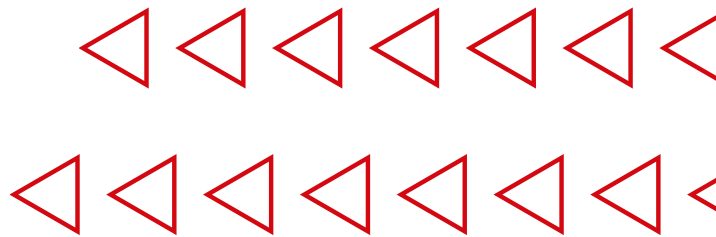
A message from our Fine Arts Director,
MARIANNE MORRISON

Christ-centered love as described in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 begins by practicing patience and kindness in every interaction we have with others. As humans living in a fallen world, it is much easier for us to focus on what is wrong with others rather than on what needs to change within ourselves. Christ calls us to resist the urge to envy or boast, and instead focus on genuinely expressing love for others - especially when they may act wrongly towards us. In a divisive and angry culture, let's work towards fostering a spirit of understanding and grace in our relationships with others. By doing so, you will reflect the true essence of love in your daily life, and you will enjoy more peace in the process.

After-School Music Opportunities

After school music programs began in September. If your child is interested in participating in our after-school Fine Arts programs, it's not too late! Please click [THIS LINK](#) for more information. After school art classes will begin in November.





A message from our Athletics Director,
KYLE KENNEDY

In the context of sports, love, patience and kindness are critical. Our student athletes often face intense training schedules, competition, and stress. Demonstrating patience with their teammates and showing kindness in both victory and defeat helps build strong, supportive relationships. This creates a resilient team culture where athletes support each other through both triumphs and setbacks.

Applying these principles from this verse (1 Corinthians 13:4-7) to our student athletes and athletic divisions promotes a healthier, more supportive, and successful athletic environment. It fosters respect, teamwork, and personal growth both on and off the field.

Fall Sports News

Football

Week 3 football game will be away this Friday night at Huntsville Alpha Omega at 7:00pm.

Volleyball

The volleyball team competed in the Fast Private School Tournament over the weekend finishing 2-3 in the tournament and that makes them 16-7 overall. They will start district play 9/19 at Logos Prep.

Cross Country

The Cross Country team competed in the LSA meet last Saturday at Challenger Park. The boys team finished in 6th place and the girls team finished in 8th place out of 20 teams.

Medalist: Top 20 overall

Diego Rivera - 6th place
Noah Wilkerson - 11th place
Kennedy Farrell - 16th place





A message from our Director of Curriculum and Instruction,

LINDA MUDGETT

This verse from 1 Corinthians reminds me that I cannot love in my own strength. I need God's love completely and fully in me so that I can demonstrate patience and kindness. My flesh gravitates so easily to envy, boasting, arrogance, irritableness, resentfulness, and rudeness. Insisting in my own way and feeling good when I think others get their just due is not difficult. These things are all easy, especially if someone is treating me rudely, but they are not the way of the Kingdom of God. They are not the Father's heart, who has such compassion for me.

Thank you, Bronco families

Thank you to all who stopped by our SkyTree Book Fair event on August 12. It was a success! Teachers received books that they wanted, and the school earned \$1,527.02 in SkyTree Bucks to purchase additional books for teacher libraries. Furthermore, we are confident that the books are of high quality and content.

Since I have freely received the heart of the Father, it is my job to freely give (Matthew 10:8b). I want to be able to look and listen to what the Father is saying, doing, and feeling about others so that I can partner and participate in what He is doing in their lives and be on His mission. When I experience God's heart for others and share it with them, most of the time, the atmosphere shifts. The Kingdom of God is near.





A message from our Director of Student Support,
MIKE AMMONS

This wonderful passage provides a practical list of descriptors for several characteristics of Godly love. Each of these characteristics tells us either what love is or is not and serves as key indicators of what the gospel should produce in the lives of believers. These are important reminders that our faith is not passive—simply a decision we made sometime in the past as we carry on with and direct our lives; rather, it is alive and active, initiated by our belief in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our faith is transformative. As we submit to God's perfect will, progressively, over time, our lives are purified, and we are conformed to the righteousness of Christ. This is the beauty of God's grace: not only does He lovingly save us from our sin, but over time He also restores us, giving us victory now.

When life becomes overwhelming, it's easy to insist on "our way" or become irritable. Yet, love is not self-seeking or quick to take offense. As a family, practice putting the needs of each other first—always finding ways to support one another, even when it's hard.

Love "bears all things" and "endures all things." By leaning on the promises of God and on one another, families can persevere through any trial, producing deeper faith and greater trust in Christ.



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FAMILY FEATURE

Meet the Holzbach Family



Tell us about your family.

Jeremy, Jessica, Haley- 7th grade & Katelyn- 5th grade

- Jeremy- owner of Victory Chiropractic & worship leader at Sagemont Church
- Jessica- Mary Kay Beauty Consultant, BACS Substitute teacher & Student Ministry Leadership Team at Sagemont Church
- Haley- Student Council, Orchestra (violin), Friendswood Contemporary Ballet Company
- Katelyn- Band (clarinet), BeSomeone Mini Club Volleyball, Horseback Riding

Why BACS?

BACS is the only school our girls have ever known, they started in the ELA at 2 & 3 years old. We are so grateful for the Kingdom education our girls receive at Bay Area Christian School. It's such a blessing to have incredible teachers and staff partnering with us to disciple Haley and Katelyn in their walk with Jesus. We love the culture and community we have found at BACS!

What are your favorite family activities?

We love to travel! We're always planning our next trip. We also love family movie nights!



TEACHER FEATURE

Meet Ms. Fitch

ELA Bridge Teacher



Tell us your testimony.

I was attending a Christian school for PreK, and I remember during the Bible lesson, my teacher was telling us about the Lamb's Book of Life from Revelation. She explained that if our name wasn't written in it, we wouldn't go to Heaven. I remember very clearly how I knew immediately that my name wasn't written in it, and I also knew that I sinned. When I got home from school that day, I talked to my parents about it, they prayed with me, and I asked for forgiveness and accepted Jesus as my Savior that afternoon. Even though I don't have a very dramatic "before and after" story about believing, I feel so unbelievably blessed to have started my relationship with Jesus at such a young age and thank God for how this early belief has shaped my life.

Tell us about your family.

I am really lucky because I live in the same neighborhood as both my parents and my brother, so I always have my family close by and get to spend all of the holidays and special days with them.

How long have you been teaching in general and specifically at BACS?

I have been teaching for 15 years now and am in my third year at BACS.

What was your dream job as a kid?

A college music professor

Which extracurriculars did you participate in during your school years?

My favorite was definitely piano, and that kept me pretty busy, but I also dabbled in gymnastics in elementary and choir when I was older.



FAMILY FEATURE

Meet the Newell/Streeby Family



Tell us about your family.

Kendal and Kody (twins age 19) started at BACS as kindergarteners and both graduated two years ago as part of the Broncos class of 2023. Kendal is in his second year at Texas A&M University studying to be a mechanical engineer in the honors engineering college and is a member of the Century Singers Aggie Choir. Kody is in his second year studying logistics management at Alvin Community College. Kate started in kindergarten as well and is now in her junior year. She is a varsity cheerleader, as well as a member of the varsity soccer team. The caboose of the crew, little sister aka Ella Grace, just turned 5 and will be joining the Bronco family when she starts kindergarten next year. I've been a BACS mom starting in 2010 and, if all goes as planned, my youngest will graduate as part of the class of 2038. That will be 28 consecutive years as a BACS parent!

Why BACS?

I am beyond grateful to be a part of the family, as it has been a constant source of stability, support, and encouragement, and a partnership in raising Kingdom kids that I could've never done alone. It takes a village, and without a doubt, all of the teachers, staff, and families at BACS, have been our village. In addition to academic excellence, my priority as a parent is for them to fall in love with Jesus and know what it looks like to live a life in pursuit of Him. Hands down, BACS has been the best decision I've made as a parent for my kids.

What are your favorite family activities?

A few of our favorite family activities include movie dates, opportunities to serve together, water parks or theme parks, Bingo, and riding go-karts.



TEACHER FEATURE

Meet Mrs. Hutchison

Junior High Science Teacher



Tell us your testimony

I was blessed to be born into a Christian home and I vividly remember asking Jesus to be my Savior at an early age and being baptized shortly after. My parents were faithful in taking me to church, but it seemed to have stopped there. When I went to college, I had quenched the Spirit in my life so much I rarely even thought of Him unless I was around my parents. I made a lot of mistakes during those years and I had no accountability because I surrounded myself with nonbelievers. As I look back on that time as shameful I am thankful for the glimpse of how easily people are led astray. It gives me a greater perspective to what many go through in similar situations. It helps me appreciate the mercy and forgiveness of God. When I graduated and moved home to attend graduate school I started volunteering with our youth group at my home church. The conviction I felt during that time was painful and powerful. It was at that point that I rededicated my life to Christ and started taking baby steps back to His arms. I made a few drastic changes, but the process was sadly slow. I realize now that I was trying to make changes on my own without working on my personal relationship with Christ. Once I started reading my Bible continually and studying God's word I fell deeper in love with Christ and there was no turning back.

Tell us about your family.

My husband, Hutch, and I just celebrated our 20th anniversary. We are blessed with four amazing kiddos. We are all transplants to Texas from either Virginia or West Virginia. Gracie is a junior here at BACS, Judah and Jillian are sophomores, and Hadassah is in 7th grade.

How long have you been teaching in general and specifically at BACS?

I had the privilege of homeschooling all four of my kids for the past 10 years. Last year we all transitioned over to BACS and I taught 3rd grade and those 20 kiddos will have a special place in my heart forever. This year I am so excited to be teaching 7th and 8th grade science. I absolutely love science and how it continually declares God's glory.

What was your dream job as a kid?

I had a few...1. Be an Olympic gymnast, 2. Be a diver/acrobat at Sea World with Shamu, which now I actually have nightmares about. 3. And at one point I wanted to be an astronaut.

Which extracurriculars did you participate in during your school years?

I was a cheerleader pretty much my whole life...even cheered in the National Football Championship for Virginia Tech in 2000. I played softball at Tech as well. And I played volleyball in high school.



HOMECOMING IS ALMOST HERE!

Homecoming Pep Rally

Thursday, October 17, 2024 | 6:30PM

Chili Cook Off

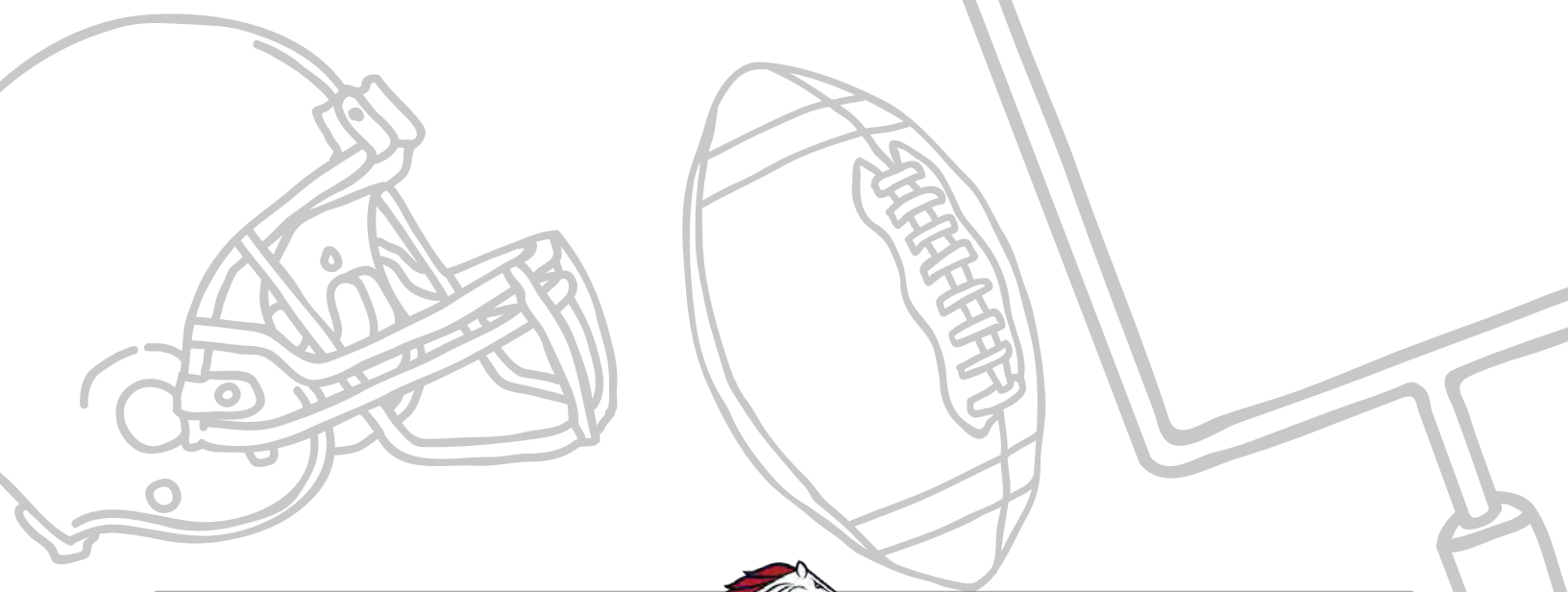
Friday, October 18, 2024 | 5:00-7:00PM

Homecoming Football Game

Friday, October 18, 2024 | 7:00pm

Alumni Tent

Stop by the tent at halftime for a goodie bag!



BRONCO ANNOUNCEMENTS



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TEACHER **Friday, October 11** will be a **Teacher Work Day**. Students have the day off and a work day long weekend, but teachers GET to work!



Mark your calendar for the **2024 Homecoming Parade and Evening Pep Rally** on **Thursday, October 17 at 6:30 pm** on our campus! The All School Evening Pep Rally will be held on the football field following the parade. Parade participants will be needed! Click [here](#) for more details.



Many **Teachers** still have items on their **wishlist**. If this is something you would like to help with, please click [here](#) to view. Thank you so much to all of you who have already blessed our teachers with your generosity!



Please **STOP** at all stop signs on our campus. We want to keep everyone safe!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

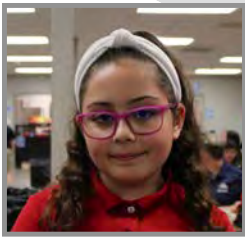


Join the ladies of Bay Area Church on **Friday, September 20th and Saturday, September 21st at Moody Gardens Hotel**. National speaker and award winning author, Robyn Dykstra is the keynote speaker. It starts at 7:00pm Friday evening and ends at 3:30pm on Saturday. They have an amazing girl's weekend planned with powerful worship, inspiring teaching, and great fellowship. Click [here](#) for more details.

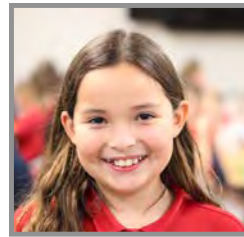


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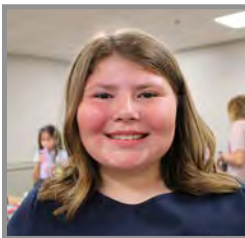
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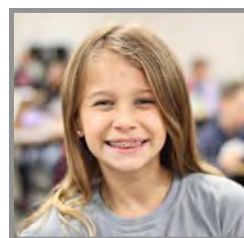
How many dance teachers does it take to screw in a light bulb?
5,6,7,8
-Madison Morelli



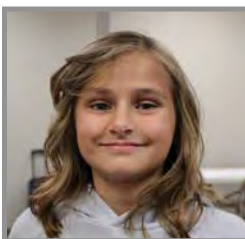
Why didn't the skeleton cross the road?
He didn't have the guts to.
-Briella Martinez



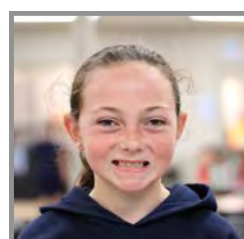
What did the pencil say to the other pencil?
You're looking very sharp today.
-Ava Garner



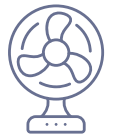
What did the flower say to the other flower?
Hey bud!
-Willy Pugh



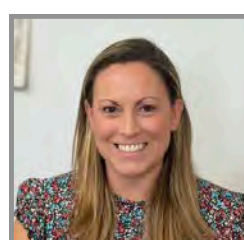
Will you remember me in 10 seconds? Ten minutes? Ten years?
Knock, knock... Who's there?
I thought you said you'd remember me!
-Ella Benefield



Why did the stadium get hot after the game?
All the fans left!
-Estelle Challenger



What did the rain use to tie it's shoes?
A rainbow!
-Collins Adams



What did the student say after someone poured sodium chloride on them?
That's a salt!
-Mrs. Taylor Maier



The English book said to the math book:
Why are you so said? What did the Math book reply?
I have so many problems!
-Mrs. Samantha Kroese



If April showers bring May flowers, what do Mayflowers bring?
Pilgrims!
-Mr. Michael Williams

