

BRADFORD BULLETIN

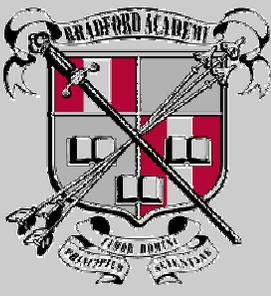
BRADFORD ACADEMY'S PARENT UPDATE

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Nov. 22nd** - Bradford Day—Students remember William Bradford and the Pilgrims!
- **Nov. 23rd - 25th** Thanksgiving Break!
- **Dec. 2nd** - Mebane Christmas Parade
- **Dec. 16th** - 10:30 AM Sing for the Seniors at the M.A.C.C., class Christmas Parties to follow.
- **Dec. 17th to Jan 2nd** - Christmas Break
- **Jan 3rd**—First day back to school.

PRAYER

- **Financial Aid Fund** - Please pray for success in our effort to raise funds to provide aid to families who would like to attend Bradford Academy.
- **Students** - Please pray for spiritual fruit among our students.
- **Staff** - Pray for health and creativity as we plan.
- **Enrollment**—Please pray for next year's enrollment!



GREAT & HONORABLE ACTIONS

This time of year is one of my favorites. I love the cooler weather and the autumn colors. I especially love the celebration of Thanksgiving, the only truly "Protestant" holiday. I also enjoy remembering afresh the testimony of William Bradford, for whom we named our school. Each year as I reflect upon the life of this saint, I am encouraged by his fortitude and faithfulness. Let me share one passage from his journal that has always amazed me.

He writes in third person but was present during these events. The *Mayflower* had arrived in Cape Cod Harbor 400 miles north of their intended location as winter approached. He and several men took a small sailing sloop to find a suitable site for the colony and was immediately attacked by natives firing arrows. They retreated to the boat... *"After some hours sailing, it began to snow & rain, & about the middle of the afternoon, the wind increased, & the sea became very rough, and they broke their rudder, & it was as much as two men could do to steer her with a couple of oars. But their pilot bade them be of good cheer, for he saw the harbor; but the storm increasing, & night drawing on, they bore what sail they could to get in, But suddenly they broke their mast in 3 pieces, & their sail fell over board, in a very grown sea... yet by God's mercy they recovered themselves, & having the tide with them, struck into the harbor..."*



[The Mayflower at Sea by Gilbert Margeson](#)

They spent the night in cold and misery fearing another native attack. When they eventually made their way back to the **Mayflower**, he learned that his wife had slipped overboard and drowned.

"...all great & honorable actions are accompanied with great difficulties, and must be both enterprised and overcome with answerable courages.

It was granted the dangers were great, but not desperate; the difficulties were many, but not invincible..." *Bradford*

Despite these trials, there is no record of his grumbling or complaining against the God he served. When they landed at the site for the colony, called Plymouth, he wrote this, "They fell upon their knees and blessed the God of heaven." The first Thanksgiving feast, which they celebrated ten months later was not their

first expression of gratitude to God. It was the culmination of the continual praise and thanksgiving that characterized those hearty saints. May we be so thankful in trial! Peace and grace.

TIMOR DOMINI PRINCIPIUM SCIENTIAE

MRS. HICKS

Math: Addition, subtraction, identifying time to the hour and measurement.

Phonics: Handwriting, Museum Song, Alphabet Song, group reading and re-telling strategies.

Centers: Reading Corner, computer math games, handwriting, Wrap-Ups.

Science: Weather Observation.

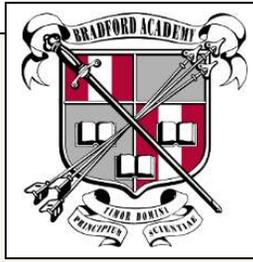
History: B.C. History Fact Song vs. 1-7 and introduction to Roman History.

Art (K/1st): Patterns in Art. Kindergarten and 1st grade created patterned fish.

Music (K/1st): Rhythm and Duration, singing for an audience and following a director.

P.E. (K/1st): Skipping, relay race and movement with rhymes.

Verse: John 14: 6 "Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.""



MR. JOHNSTON

3rd Reading: *Black Ships Before Troy*

4th Reading: *Beowulf!*

3rd Math: Be sure to keep reviewing the speed drills when you can. We studied pie graphs and reviewed, measurement, and fractions on a number line.

4th Math: Percents, adding fractions, and comparing fractions with unlike denominators.

3rd Latin: *Latin for Children A* - Chap. 10, REVIEW (Test on Tuesday)

4th Latin: *Latin for Children B* Chap. 10, REVIEW. (Test on Tuesday)

2nd/3rd Grade Science: Unit on North American Mammals and sound off.

4th Grade Science: Scientific Terms

1st Grade History: North Carolina

2nd/3rd Grade History: Hagar and Ishmael

4th Grade History: Alfred the Great

MRS. OGLE

1st grade Phonics: Final "ble", s as z, and "The Brave Monk"

1st grade Math: Trading pennies for dimes, measuring to the nearest inch, and adding 10 to a two-digit **number**

1st grade Grammar: Nouns (things) and addresses

2nd grade Phonics: "Baby Island" (Chapter 1), "Floss", "Frog and Toad" and "Harry the Dirty Dog".

2nd grade Math: Adding two digit numbers using mental computation, naming triangles (scalene, isosceles, equilateral), and identifying a missing digit in an addition problem

2nd grade Grammar: Article adjectives, adverbs, nouns, verb, adjectives and Improved sentences

2nd grade Latin: Review & Chapter 12

Specials:

4th grade Music: Rhythm

2nd/3rd/4th grade P. E.: Track and Field (Long jump and sprinting)

SCHOOL GOVERNANCE

A couple people have asked recently about the school board and board meetings. As a rule of thumb, when I'm teaching and two students ask a similar question I usually review it with the group because there are probably more with similar questions. So, if you ever wondered about our corporate structure, here are the basics:

- Bradford Academy is governed through its headmaster by a self-perpetuating board of directors (Tony Fairchild, Jimmy Thrasher, and Brad Morrison). The board is responsible for establishing all policies at the monthly meetings.
- The qualifications for a board member are (1) a knowledge of and willingness to learn more about classical education, (2) substantial agreement with the *2nd London Baptist Confession of 1689*, (3) willingness to labor for the good of the school, and (4) approval by the elders of Grace Reformed Baptist Church. We have established these standards with the goal of maintaining both theological and philosophical integrity.
- That board, *The Christian Education Society of Mebane, Inc.*, is subject to all the laws regulating 501(c)3 charitable corporations.

If you have any questions or suggestions, don't hesitate to send me an email at jjohnston@bradfordacademy.org.



Garden Club News!

Our Garden Club project is in the works. We will continue to meet each Monday after school as well as a few other special meetings as needed. Each HOUSE will design and maintain one quarter of our ornamental garden. We planted bulbs this week! Please feel free to email with any questions. wogle@bradfordacademy.org