

BRADFORD BULLETIN

BRADFORD ACADEMY'S PARENT UPDATE

SUMMER UPDATE

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **August 11th:** Volunteer workday and fellowship!
- **August 20th:** Cookout and Open House - We will eat at 6 PM, Open House at 7PM.
- **August 22nd:** FIRST DAY of School — 1/2 Day, All students dismiss at noon.
- **August 31st to Sept. 3rd** Labor Day Weekend, no school Friday and Monday.

PRAYER

- **Leadership** - Pray that the summer break would continue to be profitable and that many remaining projects would be completed well.
- **Staff** - Pray for wisdom and creativity as we make plans for the new year.
- **Enrollment** - Praise and thanks for our growing community of families!



Inside you will find information on...
 "House" assignments
 Fund Raising Programs
 Open House
 First Day
 Supply Lists
 Teacher Bios
 & MORE!

I trust you are working hard to stay cool. My family has enjoyed a couple brief excursions and has enjoyed it immensely. It has been good to see some of the families and students as we travel about Mebane. I love living in a small town!

The Lord has again been very kind to us this year in increasing our enrollment to FIFTY-TWO students. Our goal has been to develop Bradford Academy into a community school serving a diverse constituency. We believe that Christian classical education is for everyone. This year we will be serving thirty-four families, thirteen of whom attend Grace Reformed and twenty-one families that attend a variety of churches throughout Alamance and Orange counties. It is wonderful to see the school grow to reflect the greater church body in our area. I believe we are enjoying the warm smile of our Lord!

VOLUNTEERS:

This coming year looks to be another great one blessed with many new opportunities and growth. As in the past we will be needing as much parent involvement as is possible. So don't be shy about volunteering! One area that we anticipate greater need is in the maintenance of the facilities. Bradford Academy is not a ministry of Grace Reformed Baptist Church and we do pay rent for the facilities. The church has been very generous towards us but our presence does add stress to the cleaning regimen. If you are available after school on Wednesday to clean and then again on Friday to help set up the classes for Sunday school please consider making that a regular part of your routine. We also need a few more men from Grace Reformed

to help re-set the classrooms on Sunday night.

FUNDRAISING:

Uniform Sale - A special thanks goes out to Bobbi White and Amanda Davis for heading up the uniform sale. I think it was a great success and helped many families. Thanks to all those who donated used items. We raised over \$300 dollars that will go towards future playground improvement.

Hotdog Sale - While the hotdog sale seemed slow this year, we were still able to raise a little money and put a face on the Bradford name.

Boxtops - You can earn Boxtops by ordering your uniform items through the Boxtop website. See page 4 for more details.

Peace and grace!

PSALM 127

Unless the LORD builds the house,
 They labor in vain who build it;
 Unless the LORD guards the city,
 The watchman stays awake in vain.
 It is vain for you to rise up early,
 To sit up late,
 To eat the bread of sorrows;
 For so He gives His beloved sleep.

Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,
 The fruit of the womb is a reward.
 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior,
 So are the children of one's youth.
 Happy is the man
 who has his quiver full of them;
 They shall not be ashamed,
 But shall speak with their enemies in the gate.

TEAM BRADFORD



ELLEN MITCHELL

Mrs. Mitchell (Kindergarten) Ellen has been married to her husband Brent for 26 years. Of their six children, Hannah & Lydia have completed their education and are working, Jacob is in college, Aaron is a high school senior and Mary Grace & Andrew will be attending Bradford Academy. Ellen homeschooled her older children for 15 years. Part of that journey included being introduced to classical education through Classical Conversations where she taught various classes and ages. For the past several years, the younger three children have been enrolled

in the public school system. This broad spectrum of experiences has been an education in itself and has honed her desire to re-enter the classical arena. She loves serving the Lord and with her husband currently coordinate the K-5 children's ministry at Crosslink Community Church where they also teach the K / 1st class.

Mrs. Prentice (4th, PT) - Mrs. Prentice is the middle child of three, born and raised in Laurinburg, NC. She attended



KATHERINE PRENTICE

Campbell University, where she met her husband, Jonathan Prentice. In her free time she enjoys reading, exercising, studying nutrition, playing with her dog Clive, and traveling with her

husband. Mrs. Prentice has been teaching for six years and has spent most of her career in middle school. She is excited to join the students and faculty of Bradford Academy, and is especially looking forward to the adventures that teaching a class of 4th grade boys will bring!

Mrs. Hicks (1st Grade)

Amber returns to Bradford Academy for her second year; this time as our 1st grade teacher! She considers herself a Florida girl but has spent many years living here in Mebane. She is married to Ian. She graduated from UNC Chapel Hill where she studied elementary education. She is looking forward to coaching the Running Club again this year! She has come to love Bradford Academy because of her freedom to surround the children with the grace and love of Christ.



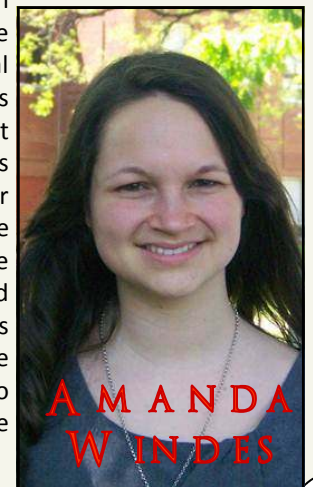
AMBER HICKS



RACHEL STEVENSON

Miss Stevenson (2nd Grade) - Miss Stevenson lived in Mebane for a short time in the mid nineties and is excited about returning. Rachel is the oldest of seven children and loves working with kids. She graduated with a major in language after attending Wheaton and Wright State College in Dayton, Ohio. She holds a TESL certification. She became a Christian as a young person and believes the Bible gives a solid reference point for all things, keeps the world in perspective, and is the greatest source of comfort. Miss Stevenson looks forward to sharing that faith in an academic setting. She lives by Phil. 4:6-7, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Miss Windes (5th Grade) - Miss Windes graduated from Grove City College in Pennsylvania as an English major and History minor and is both thrilled and honored to be joining the Bradford team as their fifth grade teacher! She hails from Kingsport, Tennessee where she attended Concordia Lutheran Church and grew up with one older sister (who now is a nurse in Durham) and two younger brothers. While her grade school education included elements of a classical Christian education, her excitement about it was sealed when she spent time observing and teaching at Rockbridge Academy in Maryland. Now that she has graduated, she looks forward to sharing with her students the same love of learning blended with a love of the Lord that her teachers and professors have shared with her throughout the years. Having danced all her life, while at Grove City she taught ballet classes and directed a small ballet performance to fill the time when she was not reading. She enjoys reading, but also likes to run, play Frisbee, do ballet, experience the outdoors, and a cup of tea never goes amiss.



AMANDA WINDES



Mr. Johnston (3rd/4th Grades) - Mr. Johnston became convinced while in teachers college that there must be a better way to educate. That was when he was introduced to the fledgling renaissance in Classical and Christian education. While he worked as a teacher and administrator in various contexts throughout his career, his heart has always been in Christ-centered and classical teaching. He had the opportunity to help form Bradford Academy in 2008 and has worked as its

Headmaster and an instructor. He is very excited about Bradford's fifth year and working alongside the fantastic team of godly Christian instructors. He has been married to his beautiful executive assistant, Laura, for 12 years and has three wonderful children who all attend Bradford Academy.

TINY FINGERS AND THINGS

HANDWRITING: Don't forget that we use D'Nealian manuscript (sometimes called Modern Manuscript). 3rd graders and up will do almost everything in cursive this year.

Students going into kindergarten should begin practicing holding a pencil correctly (see illustration). The younger students should practice coloring and just scribbling using loops formed in a counterclockwise direction. 2nd and 3rd graders can practice making loops on lined paper as a warm up.

FINE MOTOR SKILLS: Young children need practice developing fine motor skills including coloring/printing, picking up and manipulating small things (i.e. coins, Lego pieces, etc.), tying their shoes, buckling belts, doing zippers, etc. It is often quicker to do things for our children but don't rob them of the opportunity to learn and be sure to give them the chance to practice these skills.

BATHROOM: On a related note, if your child is still struggling with independence using the bathroom, please make this a priority in the remaining weeks of summer. Belts sometimes start out a little stiff, so I would encourage dads to help their boys work in the leather before school starts.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tax Free Weekend: The tax free weekend for general merchandise purchased in North Carolina is scheduled for **August 3rd to the 5th**, and applies to the following items:

- Clothing, footwear, and school supplies under \$100
- Sports and recreation equipment under \$50
- Computers under \$3,500
- Computer equipment under \$250

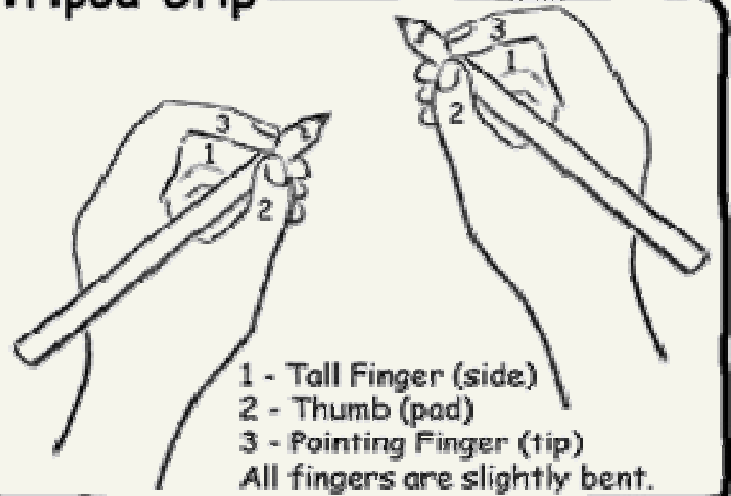
Cook Out / Open House: The Bradford Academy annual family gathering, cookout and open house is set for August 20th, at 6 PM. Dress comfortably, we'll eat at the picnic shelter. Bradford students should wear uniform polos so everyone knows who the students are. You'll have a chance to visit the classrooms after we eat.

First Day of School:

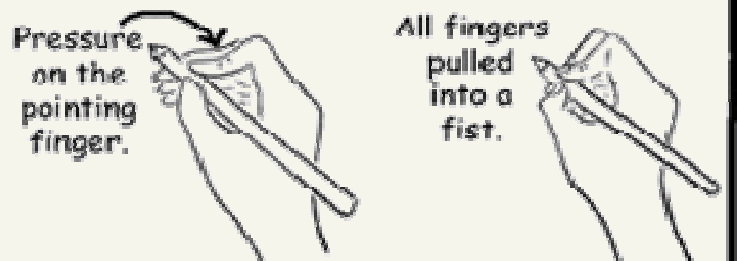
- School will begin at 7:55.
- Dress uniform (no sweaters)
- Coffee and donuts will be served for parents and siblings.
- Pick up for all students is at noon.

Labor Day: No classes Friday, August 31st and Monday, September 3rd.

Tripod Grip



Don't do this!





Help Make BRADFORD Even BETTER!

We give praise and thanks to God for all the help and support we've received over these past four years at Bradford Academy. We wanted to make you aware of ways that you can earn money for Bradford Academy while you shop. In addition to continuing the **Box Tops for Education** program, we are participating in the Campbell's **Labels for Education** and in two fund raising programs through Food Lion and Harris Teeter. If you link your discount cards (MVP and VIC) to Bradford Academy, every time you shop you will earn money for our school. Here is how to sign up:

- 1) **Food Lion** - to link your MVP card to Bradford Academy, go to http://www.foodlionmvpwards.com/mvp_registration/cardno.php and enter and re-enter your card number (including the small numbers to the left and right of the bar code - 12 numbers in all). You will then be prompted to enter a school code. The Bradford Academy school code for this program is 218664. All Food Lion Brand products will earn a share of the donation for Bradford Academy, including: Food Lion Brand, Healthy Accents, Home 360, Nature's Place, On the Go Bistro, Smart Option, and Taste of Inspirations products. (Coordinator—Liza Hawkins)
- 2) **Harris Teeter** - to link your VIC card to Bradford Academy, go to http://www.harristeeter.com/community/together_in_education/link_to_your_school.aspx and fill in the information requested. Our school code for Harris Teeter is 8111. When you purchase Harris Teeter Brand, H.T. Traders, Harris Teeter Naturals, Harris Teeter Farmers Market, Hunter Farms, Top Care, More Value, Highland Crest, Yourpet, Harris Teeter Yourbaby and Harris Teeter Yourtot, a portion of your purchase will go to Bradford Academy. Even if you've previously linked your card to Harris Teeter, you must relink it for next year. All VIC cards were unlinked as of May 31st. You can re-link your VIC cards over the summer even though the official 2011-2012 year does not start until August 1st. (Coordinator—Liza Hawkins)
- 3) **Box Tops for Education** - Just look for the Box Tops logo on hundreds of products like Cheerios®, Betty Crocker® and Kleenex®, in almost every aisle of your grocery store. Each one is worth 10¢ for our school. All you need to do is clip them drop them off in the BOXTOP BOX at the school entrance. You can also join Box Tops for Education by going to https://www.boxtops4education.com/common/Register.aspx?sid=14353&WT.mc_id=SchEarnings. (Coordinator—Jennifer Newsome)
- 4) **Label for Education** - Just look for the Labels for Education logo on hundreds of products like Campbell's, Glad, BIC, Pepperidge Farms, Swansons, V-8, Prego, and many more. Each clipped logo and UPC or beverage cap earns the school points that can be exchanged for goods. All you need to do is clip them drop them off in the LABELS BOX at the school entrance. Be sure to check this out... <http://campbellsoup.promotionexpert.com/labelsforeducation/fs/index.html> (Coordinator—Dena Brown)



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VOLUNTEERS!

We will have a few volunteer opportunities before school starts...

Thursday, 7/26 from 10-noon:

- Labeling and organizing supplies for new year. Contact office@bradfordacademy.org

Saturday, 8/11 @ 9am—noon:

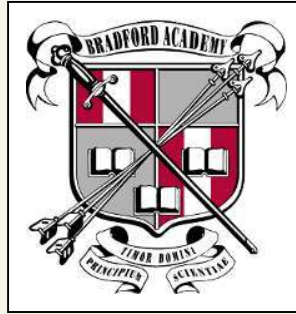
INDOOR

- General dusting/cleaning
- Classroom odd jobs
- Restrooms deep cleaning

OUTDOOR

- Raking and spreading mulch
- Improving trail

Library set up — contact Stacey James @ ssjames@mebtel.net



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Houses

Bradford Academy has adopted a tradition that is common among English schools. That is, we assign our students to “Houses” to form groupings across grade level. The students are permanently assigned to that House as long as they are at the school and are also grouped along family lines. The houses earn points throughout the year in our various competitions in the hope of winning the Bradford House Cup! The Houses are named for the important cities in the life of William Bradford. He was born and raised in AUSTERFIELD, and joined the SCROOBY congregation where he grew in his Christian faith. It was that congregation who eventually became known as the Pilgrims. Under persecution he and most of the congregation fled to the Netherlands and eventually settled in LEIDEN. Under extreme economic hardship and the threat of war with Spain, they eventually decided to start a colony in America. That colony was named PLYMOUTH.

Austerfield (Black/White)

Veronica, Mary Grace M., Reagan, Joseph, Cecilia, Andrew M., Noah, Emma Kate H., Julia, Becket, Jenna, Matthew R., Rachel R., Owen H.

Leiden (Red/Black)

Avonlea, Olivia, Lena M., Ian M., Jack, Luke, Owen, Ethan, Cameron, McKenna, Kate, Nate F., Jakiyah J.

Plymouth (Red/White)

Mallory J., Sailor, Lucy, Joshua, Elijah, Giobann, Anna, Caroline, Max, Will J., Grace G., Lindsay A.

Scrooby (Red/Gray)

Kaitlyn, Chip, Landon, Luke, Bella, Alaina E., Rosie, Alyssa, Kadence, Samaritan, Daisy T., Merideth F., Will E.

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K through 2nd Grades

- one *Sterilite* 6 qt rectangle container
- pencils (wood #2)
- Crayola* 12 count colored pencils
- Crayola* 8 count crayons
- Expo* dry erase markers (low odor & washable)
We recommend thin markers for K/1st. The 2nd-4th may get either.
- Broad tip markers, *Crayola* (lighter shades)
- Fine tip markers, *Crayola* (darker shades)
- bookbag (please avoid cultural icons)
- 2 boxes facial tissue (no lotion)
- 2nd graders also need:**
 - One 3 Ring Binder (Plain 1" D-ring, look for quality over features.)
 - One pack of 5 TAB dividers

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING
TO THE CLASSROOM. THANKS!

- paper towels
- Clorox wipes
- white computer paper
- glue sticks
- wide rule notebook paper
- Band-Aids (regular & large)
- construction paper (assorted colors)

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3rd through 5th Grades

- pencils (wood #2)
- Crayola 12 count colored pencils
- Crayola 8 count crayons
- Expo dry erase markers (low odor & washable)
- Broad tip markers, Crayola (lighter shades)
- Fine tip markers, Crayola (darker shades)
- bookbag (please avoid cultural icons)
- 2 boxes facial tissue (no lotion)
- One 3 Ring Binder (Plain 1" D-ring, look for quality over features.)
- One pack of 5 TAB dividers
- Drawing pencils—a set w/ at least # H, #2B, #5B (Walmart, craft section)
- Composition Notebook (standard, black and white marble cover)
- Daily Planner or Small Homework Notebook
- 2 packs of 3x5 index cards

- 4th and 5th also need:**
 - one book cover (large) for the math text
 - pencil case (they will not be given a pencil box this year)
 - a quality compass and protractor

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- paper towels
- Clorox wipes
- white computer paper
- glue sticks
- college rule notebook paper
- Band-Aids (regular & large)
- construction paper (assorted colors)

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