

# Belle Meade School

December 2013 Newsletter



## The Year So Far

What a journey we have had together so far this year! With two new teachers and several new students, who knew that we would all gel together so well before we even hit winter break? But here we are, reveling in one another's company, enjoying exchanges of notions and ideas, and enriching all our lives in the process. How happy I am that fate brought me here, and how much I am looking forward to the continuation of a fantastic school year. I know that we have many adventures still to come our way – and I look forward to each and every one. And to all – happy holidays, Merry Christmas, whatever your favorite holiday greetings may be – it's yours! Rest and enjoy the break and we will be happy to see everyone back in January!

Bryan

## Trimester Dinner



We all had music prepared for trimester dinner for many months. So after we got out of our farm clothes and into our evening clothes, and filled our bellies with food with everything from turkey to pie, we were ready to perform. We went up and performed everything that we had practiced in music for that night. I must say what a grand night it was!

Amelia

## Thanksgiving

Eat, Eat, Eat  
That's all we do.  
Stuffing our faces with turkey and stew,  
We eat enough to get fat.  
Wrestling my cousins squishing me flat!  
Yelling at football on the T.V.  
How much better could it be?  
Time to relax and eat some pie.  
If I didn't have it, I'd probably die!  
Come on give it a go.  
My family's so crazy we could be a reality show!

Emily

## Thanksgiving Break

My Dad and I spent the day at my Grandma's house cooking the Thanksgiving dinner. At 2:00 p.m., my cousins Hope, Faith, Eli, Daniel, Hayden and Wyatt came over. We ate and played hide-and-seek in the basement all day.

Odie

## Garden Award

We are pleased to announce that Belle Meade School is the proud winner of the garden award for \$500 through the Piedmont Environmental Council's (PEC) School and Community Garden program. PEC recognized Belle Meade School garden as they were impressed with our gardens and commitment to encourage kids with local foods. Thank you to the students, staff, and volunteers that keep our gardens growing and beautiful. Keep up the good work! Anna





### Math

I am in Algebra with Victor. Last year I was absolutely horrible at math. Susan taught me last year and she has a lot of patience. Now I am up to date on my math and am holding a high B. I am glad that I am caught up because math is in everyday life which is troublesome, but you have to deal with it. My father is a carpenter and deals with angles, geometry, algebra, fractions, decimals, and all that. I don't know how he does it. I hated math last year; now I don't care for it, but I do it. Now I am a math magician thanks to Belle Meade. Ethan

### Math

Right now in middle school math we are working on  $x$  and  $y$  equations. The  $x$  and  $y$  equations are using the term coefficient and variable to determine what the  $x$  and  $y$  equals. Then we put it all together (replacing the  $x$  or  $y$  with the numbers we found for them) and figure out the equation. It's challenging, but challenging is good in school. Ava

### English

In English we are reading "As You Like It" by Shakespeare. We read it out loud and bring in questions and comments on the reading assignments. Each class we talk about the reading assignment and have discussions about the characters. Celeste

### Spanish

I have dreams about going to Central and South American countries to do biological study, but how can I do that if I can't speak the language? That's why I am taking Spanish class. At the beginning of the year I knew "hola," "buenos dias," and "como estas." If I went to Costa Rica 12 weeks ago, it would have been hard to communicate at all, but now I would be able to talk in a simple conversation. Victor is a great teacher, and I'm learning a lot. I am enjoying the class and can't wait to learn more. Gabe

### Cutting Trees

Every year we go to a farm about five minutes from the school to cut down two Christmas trees: one for the school and one for bed and breakfast. Ethan Berry and I were loading the truck, and as we were pulling out Ethan said, "I don't think there is enough gas in the chainsaw." I offered to get out and check, but he said there should be enough. Once we arrived at the tree farm, every one ran off to find a Christmas tree. I pulled the chainsaw out of the truck, and Mike and I stayed by the truck and waited for the distant call of Leif saying we found a tree. Leif, Ethan, and Emily were standing next to a Charlie brown Christmas tree. I started the chainsaw and sawed through it in no time. Mike and I started off to find another tree; we found a giant green tree. I got half way through, and the way we thought it would go was not accurate. The tree started to come back towards me, and I got out of the way. We cut the top part off then hauled them up to the truck. When we got back to the school we set the tree up and then went home. Elliott



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