

BELLE MEADE



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Music

Belle Meade School has a new music program led by the newest staff member Manabu Nagase. Music classes are held twice a week every Tuesday and Thursday and take up most of the afternoon. The students have currently been working on a whole school performance of the song Riptide. Many of Belle Meade's students in music are at different levels which opens up a unique opportunity for students to work together and learn from each other. The older and more advanced students are helping to "mentor" the others during the full-school music period. Many of the students seem very happy with the new music program and are excited for future whole school musical performances. - Noah

Belle Meade Class of 2016: Leif Kvarnes & Sara Garcia

Our seniors, Leif & Sara, are applying to colleges for next fall.



WE WISH THEM LUCK!

Writer's Eye Trip 2015



On November 4th, 2015, we took a field trip to The Fralin Art Museum at UVA in Charlottesville, VA. When we arrived at the campus we took a small tour of the UVA and stopped at a pie stand, and we bought amazing pie! Next we went to the Fralin and split into two groups, the middle school and high school. Each group was assigned a tour guide who showed us all of the choices of art for the Writer's Eye contest. After the tour, we were given about 20 minutes to choose an art piece to write about and to take a few notes. After the museum, we had an awesome lunch at the Newcomb dining hall among the college students. We left around 2:00 and got back to Belle Meade just in time for closing circle. We all had a great time and look forward to this annual trip. - McKayla





Leif and Elliott demonstrate "the dip"



Jasper wins Best Costume as Papyrus!



Ave & Elliott share a laugh during the festivities



**Alex,
Monica,
and
James...
enough
said!**

Halloween Masquerade 2015



On October 30, Belle Meade School hosted a Halloween masquerade dance. We had prepared for this dance in school council for some time, but when the time came, we were still running around frantically, hanging up streamers and putting out food. The student council and strings class stayed after school to set up everything while others went home to prepare their costumes.



At 7pm the guests started coming in and the party started. We had parents, students, alumni, and members of Rappahannock County. There was a fortune teller booth, some small games, food, and live music played by our very own strings class. Many people danced and had fun. At the end of the night, we had a costume contest and a drawing of the raffle tickets. Jasper, who dressed up as a skeleton king, won the contest. As the winner of the contest, he drew the winning raffle ticket. Faith Giles, the mother of one of our Belle Meade students Edward, won! At 10pm, the party ended, and the guests started to leave. Some students, parents, and staff stayed after to clean up. We would definitely say this year's Halloween party was a great success! - Ava



Leif gives an inspirational speech to his group before tackling The Wall



Leif & Edward balance with their group on the Whale Watch platform



Sara and Noah lead their group along



**the Tightrope obstacle
Doc Snyder talks with the students**

Verdun Adventure Bound fall field trip



On Friday, November 13th, we went to Verdun in Culpeper and participated in a lot of amazing team building and leadership activities. We split up into two groups: Group A and Group B and worked together on various obstacle courses.



Some of the activities were Whale Watch (balancing on a platform that was uneven), Tightrope (walking on a cable without falling off), Tarzan Boy (swinging from one side to another on a rope), Log (getting in order by birthday without speaking while standing on a log), Spider Web (climbing through a bunch of criss-crossed ropes without touching the sides), Argenteam Beam (using a single piece of wood to get the entire group through a swamp, and The Wall (getting the whole group over a wall). There were also other team building and leadership games that we played in our groups and together. Everyone had a great time and really enjoyed it. - James

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