

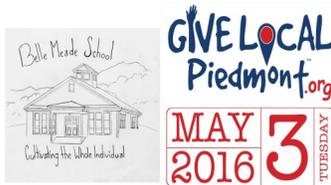
BELLE MEADE



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Strings

The strings class is comprised of me (Oliver), Leif, Noah, Jasper, Elliott, McKayla, Ava, and our teacher Kimber. Noah, Elloitt, Kimber and I play the guitar. Leif, Kimber, and I play the mandolin. Jasper, Elliott, and Ava sing, and McKayla plays the ukulele. We play a large range of songs from all genres of music from punk rock to soothing Irish airs. We like to learn a new song every two weeks or so. We play at the trimester dinners and at open mike nights in Warrenton and Culpeper. Playing music with a group of people who you like is a lot of fun. Oliver



Skitastrophe Extravaganza



A few weeks ago the students and staff of Belle Meade presented Skitastrophe Extravaganza. We did two shows, Friday night and Saturday afternoon; both had very nice turnouts. It was a masterpiece in the making for a very long time and our end product showed the hard work we all put in, to make it a great play. Thank you to all who came out and supported us!

McKayla

Trimester Dinner

At the second trimester dinner the theme was St Fiesta day. We had a whole range of food from Mexico. Even though it was called St Fiesta day and it was on St Patrick's Day, and we had no Irish food. A few of my favorites were the corn casserole and the chocolate mousse. After we ate, the middle and the high school showed their presentations. One of them was about wasted trash and the other was about a ropes course that we want to build. Then at the end the strings class played a few songs. The strings class is comprised of Leif, Noah, Elliott, Jasper, McKayla, sometimes Ava, and me. Afterwards, Sofie and Jharna sang while Ava played the keyboard, and Alyssa sang a duet while Elliott played guitar. All in all the trimester dinner was very much fun.

Oliver

Yearbook

In multimedia we have begun working on this year's yearbook. We are using the same company as we did last year and are hopeful for a nice outcome. John has been taking many pictures all throughout the year so we have many memories to incorporate into our yearbook. We look forward to the completion of our yearbook and sharing it with fellow students and staff.

McKayla



Open House

Every year we have an Open House where we open up our school to families so that they might be persuaded to come and join our school! We give tours of the farm, offer snacks, and have students available to answer any questions. This year we presented the plans for our new adventure course, and the middle school presented their "Wasted Trash Talk" video. The open house is a great way for new families to find out about the school and why they should go to it.

Oliver

Spring Cleaning!

Right before spring break there was a three-day period when the people going to Guatemala had left, and there were only a few students left at the school. Before the Guatemala trip had even begun, John had hatched a plan: Have all the students that didn't go on the Guatemala trip spend all of Friday cleaning... and oh ... how the students did! Oliver, Leif, and John took down all of the light fixtures from the ceiling then washed, dried, and put them back up. Other students cleaned the grout in-between the tiles using a rag and bleach. Jharna and Madison cleaned all of the chalkboards using sugar water (which apparently helps the chalk stick to the slate). Other students fixed the bell, putting the "Bell" back in Belle Meade. Kimber fixed the futon in John's room so that now it doesn't randomly open up into a bed. And then everyone cleaned every classroom, every closet, every bathroom and every cabinet in the school. In the end, everyone had a fun time, and the school was a lot cleaner due to the students' effort.

Leif



Spring Rafting Trip

Belle Meade School's spring rafting trip is just around the corner. Students will be staying in cabins for two days and rafting for one. On the days off the river students will be hiking and exploring the wilderness area and partaking in the facilities high ropes course. Students will bring individual ingredients for group meals and work together to prepare lunches and dinners. The trip provides students and teachers with a chance to create stronger bonds and is a great opportunity to get an amazing experience in the outdoors.

Noah

What are People are Doing for Spring Break?

Oliver- "I will sleep"

Noah- "I'm going to get my learner's permit, and probably hangout with my friends."

McKayla- "I'm going to Bald Head Island in North Carolina"

Thomas- "I'm going to play a bunch of Video Games"

Ryan- "I'm going to do the same as Thomas"

McKaylah- "I'm going to Disney World!"

John- "I'm going to change the oil in my car, work on finishing my book, and go to West Virginia."

Ava- "I'm working a few small jobs and staying home."

Julia- "I'm going to hopefully finish a letter I've been working on for a friend and sleep in."

Jasper- "Visiting my grandparents in Washington D.C."

Madison- "Probably going to North Carolina"

Jharna- "Seeing friends and sleeping"

James- "I'm going to see my parents!"

Leif- "You know nothing? Yeah, a lot of that"

Leif

Bull Run Hunt Hunter Pace



On April 10, the Belle Meade Equestrian group will attend the Bull Run Hunt Hunter Pace for the second year in a row. There will be two different groups riding: an intermediate and advanced group. This year our participating equestrians are Alex (riding instructor), Ava, McKayla, Jharna, Sofie, Sara, and Alysya. The group will be taking four horses: Dakota, Kodiak, Amethyst, and Aisling and will be riding them twice that day (once for each different group). Last year's ride was a big success! McKayla Colgan, one of the riders, explains last years' experience; "It was an awesome ride and taught us a lot about horsemanship and working together with the horses." All the luck to the participating riders!

Ava & McKayla

2nd Annual Spring Trail Ride

Belle Meade will also host their 2nd Annual Spring Trail Ride on April 16. There will be two different groups: a pleasure group and a hunters group. We hope that the trail ride will be as successful as last year. Ava Hession-Landman, another rider, comments on last years experience: "It was a wonderful learning experience, and, while it could be difficult at times, it was fun."

Ava & McKayla



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