

BRYSON ISD



**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- Talent Show
- Fort Worth Stock Show
- District Basketball

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The Spur

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FROM THE JH & HS PRINCIPAL

Wow! It is already January! We have completed the first semester of this year and are leaping into the second half of the school year. The new school construction is actually starting to look like a building, and the Ag students are enjoying their new classroom and shop. The new year is bringing more opportunities and challenges for our students and staff.

Basketball is in full swing. The junior high teams began their district schedule on January 2, and the high school teams will begin district competition on January 10 and January 13. Our FFA and FCCLA students are preparing for the county stock show this week and looking to competing in major stock shows later in January and February. We also have students gearing up for competition in UIL One-Act Play and academic contests.

In our classrooms we are continuing to explore, learn, and prepare ourselves for the state testing dates which will begin in early March. With the opening of the new Success Math Lab on January 3, students and staff came back from Christmas break to new schedules and many changes to our daily routine. As always, I am very proud of everyone and the way we adapt to change and continue to grow and learn. I have received many positive comments about the cooperation and positive attitudes displayed by our students and staff in these less than perfect conditions we are faced with including the major construction taking place outside our windows as well as the changes we are making to positively impact Bryson School. Thank you everyone!

Have a great January!
Mrs. Hearne

Creative Arts Results

Eleven Bryson Students entered the Creative Arts Division of the Jack County Fair this year. Of those eleven, six received seven of the best of show best of show awards. Those students were:

- Rebecca Goodman Reserve Champion, Second Best of Show - Senior Foods
- Destiny Hammond First Place, Third Best of Show - Senior Foods
- Katie Sherrin First Place, Third Best of Show - Intermediate Foods
- Tanner Wade First Place, Best of Show - Senior Collections
- First Place, Best of Show - Senior Creative Hobbies
- Ruby Patterson First Place, Best of Show - Senior Photos
- Mary Freeman First Place, Third Best of Show - Senior Creative Hobbies

Seniors of the Month

**Senior
Kirby Hefner**



KIRBY

Favorite Hobby-
Knitting, lisp list making, running into walls, mudding

Plans after you graduate-
Attend NCTC to get my basics

Favorite Food-
Cherry Pie

Born-
November 3, 1993

Best friend (s)-
Blake Shade, Tanner, Rowdy, Lane Hill, John Hare, Jonathan, Craig, John Wayne and Julian.

Favorite Color-
Green

Favorite Place-
Orgrimmar

Dislikes-
Blake Shade, Tanner, Rowdy, Lane Hill, John Hare, Jonathan, Craig, John Wayne and Julian.

BLAKE

Favorite Hobby –
Making everyone happy

Plans after you Graduate –
Get full tier 13 for my Shaman

Favorite Food –
Jack-in-the-Box Tacos

Born -
America

Best friend-
What kind of Question is that? I love everyone!!!

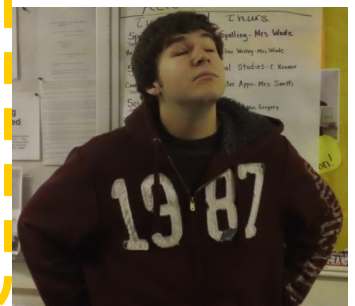
Favorite Color-
.....Rainbow.....

Dislikes –
Greedy Hobos

Favorite Quote-
“Happiness is contagious, so get out there and spread the disease”.

Favorite Place-
Grandparents house in the Australian rainforest

**Senior
Blake Shade**



FFA CORNER

Stock Shows

Fort Worth

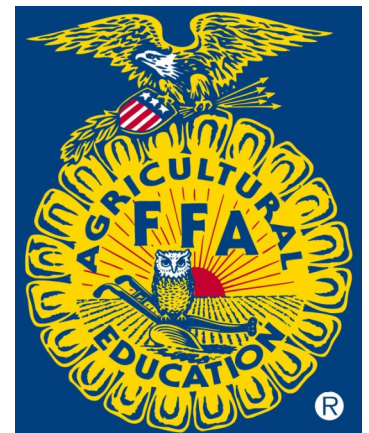
Jan.19-23 Heifer Show
Jan. 25-29 Goat & Sheep
Jan. 30-Feb.3 Barrow Swine
Jan. 31-Feb.3 Steer

San Antonio

Feb. 14-16 Goat & Sheep
Feb. 14-17 Jr. Heifer
Feb. 18-20 Group 1 Barrow Swine
Feb. 20-24 Steer
Feb. 21-23 Group 2 Barrow Swine

Houston

Mar. 10-12 Group 1 Barrow Swine
Mar. 13-15 Group 2 Barrow Swine
Mar. 12- 16 Steer



2011 food drive results!

Wisd held its annual food drive the week of Dec. 5th-9th.

This year the food drive was very exciting! For each class that brought 100 cans, their teacher received a pie in the face. The student who brought the most cans in each class was the lucky person who got to throw the pie at his/her teacher. To encourage participation even more, if the whole elementary donated 500 cans, Mrs. Ferrell, the elementary Principal, also received a pie in her face. The same incentive was given to the junior high and high school students with their Principal, Mrs. Kearne.

Overall, the food drive was a success. Wisd consist of 217 students and they donated 1,252 items. "Considering the economy I think our kids did a great job! I am excited to see our young kids eager to participate in such a worthy cause."

This year Mrs. Urbanczyk's 5th grade class brought the most items. Her class of 18 students donated 227 items.

All the donated food stayed right here in Bryson. The food was divided up and given to the first Baptist Church and the Methodist Church. Each church has a food bank that helps out local families.

The pie throwing was done at an assembly on Thursday, Dec. 15th.

Random Facts

by: Parker Walden

IT WOULD TAKE 11 EMPIRE STATE BUILDINGS, STACKED ONE ON TOP OF THE OTHER, TO MEASURE THE GULF OF MEXICO AT ITS DEEPEST POINT.

1 in 5,000 north Atlantic lobsters are born bright blue.

A skunk's smell can be detected by a human a mile away

American car horns beep in the tone of F.

Charlie Brown's father was a barber.

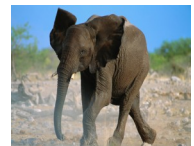
CANADIAN RESEARCHERS HAVE FOUND THAT EINSTEIN'S BRAIN WAS 15% WIDER THAN NORMAL.

The word "nerd" was first coined by Dr. Seuss in "If I Ran the Zoo."

The roar that we hear when we place a seashell next to our ear is not the ocean, but rather the sound of blood surging through the veins in the ear. Any cup-shaped object placed over the ear produces the same effect.

The United States has never lost a war in which mules were used.

The elephant is the only animal with 4 knees.



A MESSAGE FROM MR. NEAL



NetSmartz Workshop
A PROGRAM OF THE
NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING & EXPLOITED CHILDREN



Mr. Neal
School
Resource
Officer

CYBERSECURITY MADE CLEAR

While the Internet can make your life easier, it can also expose you to cybersecurity threats like scams and identity theft. Here's what you need to know **before** you go online.

PHARMING

A scheme that sends you to fake websites where hackers secretly collect personal information and passwords.

PHISHING

Fake e-mails that appear to come from a legitimate source looking to "verify" personal or financial information.

TROJANS

Programs that look useful, but actually cause damage to your computer.

VIRUSES

Self-replicating programs that damage hard drives and affect the normal operation of your computer.

SPYWARE

Malicious code that secretly watches what you do on your computer and sends the information over the Internet.

Don't
be a
Bully!



Things You Can Do
To Protect Yourself
& Your Computer

1. Install firewall, anti-spyware, and antivirus software, and update them often.
2. Don't open e-mails from someone you don't know, download software from a source you don't trust, or enter "free" contests from companies you don't recognize.
3. Guard your passwords – don't share them over e-mail or instant message, and change them often.
4. Type in the website address instead of clicking on a link.
5. Look for "https" or a picture of a lock in your browser window before buying anything or opening an account on a website.

ELEMENTARY NEWS...

Happy New Year! I hope you and your family had a very Merry Christmas and holiday season. It is nice to see all the students and faculty back. Mrs. Barrington is back too!! We are so excited she is back with us as we begin the new semester.

Report cards will go home Wednesday, January 4th. On that day, a letter from Mr. Stout will also be emailed to you if we have your email. If not, you will receive the letter attached to the report card. Report cards are due back on Friday the 6th.

Congratulations to Mrs. Helms 4th grade class. They won the attendance award for the third six

weeks and have won a Coke float party. Thank you for all that you do to get students here and ready to learn.

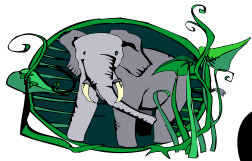
Reminder that we are in full swing with the Box Top competition. The class who brings the most box tops by Friday, February 3rd, will win a pizza party. Yum! So keep clipping and send them to your child's teacher.

This month is School Board Appreciation Month. We are blessed to have such a wonderful group that volunteers their time for Bryson ISD students. They help our school in so many ways, and we are very thankful for all that they do.

Take time this month to tell them thank you!

I look forward to another wonderful semester. If you have any questions my office is always open.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Ferrell



Guess The Teacher!



In High School, I lettered in Choir and Dance Drill Team.



My first group of students in my first year as a regular education teacher told me I was too easy on them.

I rode an elephant.

I shook hands with a president- who later resigned the presidency.

I have been inside a B-1 Bomber.

I was in a group that demonstrated a workout routine on a local TV station.



When I was in High School, I couldn't decide if I wanted to be a policeman, an EMT, or a Veterinarian.

Coaches Corner

COACH HELTUS

Q: What are some of your strengths you feel that we have this year?

A: "Enthusiasm, we are working hard and improving every day."

Q: What are your expectations for this year?

A: "We expect to compete for a playoff spot."

Q: Have any games surprised this year?

A: "None, really. I am hoping that by district play we can surprise our opponents."

Q: What is currently preventing your team from reaching their goal?

A: Overall we are very young and an inexperienced basketball team. Basic skills are a priority for us. The players are picking things up rapidly and learning their roles to make us a better team."



COACH KIRBY

Q: What are some of your strengths you feel that we have this year?

A: "Five of the six girls got a lot of playing time last year."

Q: What are your expectations for this year?

A: "With a team that is young, coaches expect ups and downs. The only thing I expect is hard work and hustle."

Q: Have any games surprised this year?

A: "not surprised, but a game winning shot at the buzzer to beat Paint Creek was awesome."

Q: What is currently preventing your team from reaching their goal?

A: "Depth"

BASKETBALL

GIRLS

2012



By: David Crager

MOVIES

The Tree of Life (PG-13)

SHERLOCK HOLMES: A GAME OF SHADOWS (PG-13)

The Adventures of Tintin (PG)

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE – GHOST PROTOCOL (PG-13)

Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (PG)

Red Tails (PG-13)

Happy Birthday!

By: Ashten Wiedebusch

Brittany Maxwell	01/03
Ashten Wiedebusch	01/05
Brady Wiedebusch	01/05
Brett Hathcock	01/07
Cheyenne Dyer	01/09
Jenna Pippin	01/12
Blake Shade	01/15
Seth Robinson	01/16
Ethan Smith	01/17
Harley Hammond	01/19
Jessica Kelly	01/20
Jonathan Keyser	01/21
Macayla Ainsworth	01/23
Caitlin Welch	01/26
Cara Welch	01/26
Hayle Leatherwood	01/28

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TOP 6 GAMES

By: David Crager

1. Runescape



2. Bloons Tower Defense 4



3. Air Transporter



4. Curve Ball



5. FMX Team



6. Scrambled Legs



January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	JH Basketball vs. Graford 6:00 p.m.	VG Basketball at Lipan 6:30 p.m. JV, VB Basketball OPEN			VB, VG Basketball vs. Gordon 6:30 p.m.	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	School Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. JH Basketball at Perrin 6:00 p.m.	VB, VG Basketball vs. Strawn 6:30 p.m.		Lions Club Lunch 2nd & 3rd Six Weeks	Fort Worth Heifer Show JV, VB, VG BB at Graford 5:00 p.m.	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Fort Worth Heifer Show 19-23			Fort Worth Sheep and Goat Show 25-29			
	JH Basketball vs. Newcastle 6:00 p.m.	VB, VG Basketball at Newcastle 6:30 p.m.			JV, VB, VG BB vs. Lipan 5:00 p.m.	
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
Fort Worth Sheep and Goat Show 25-29	Fort Worth Barrow Show 30-Feb. 3 JH Basketball at Graford 6:00 p.m.	Fort Worth Steer Show 31-Feb. 3 VB, VG Basketball at Gordon 6:30 p.m.			VB, VG Basketball at Strawn 6:30 p.m.	