



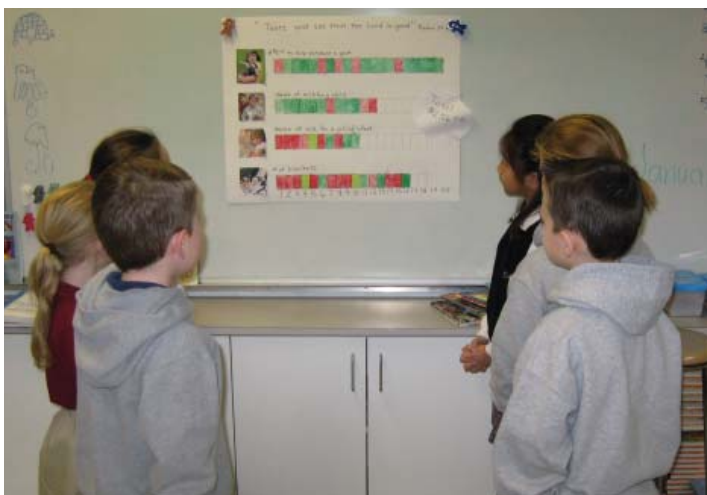
The Bear Facts

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First Graders Give to Samaritan's Purse

Instead of exchanging gifts at their Christmas party, the children in first grade decided to give to others who needed it. Through the Samaritan's Purse organization, the children brought money (many brought their very own money) to help others. The total for all three first grade classes was nearly \$700.00. Moneys will be used to help purchase a goat for a family, provide many weeks of nourishing milk for an infant and other food for hungry children, and at least thirty-seven blankets for children of war or natural disasters. We know that God will bless these gifts of His children as they help bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to suffering people. We are proud of you, first graders!



Representatives from each first grade class check out the progress chart showing their donations to Samaritan's Purse.

Order Bear Scrip Cards

The Bear Scrip order form has been updated. There are lots of new retailers and amounts available. Remember to order by 12:00 noon on Wednesdays in order to get your order by Friday of the same week. Order forms should be sent to the Lower School office. A limited number of scrip cards are available in the Lower School office.

Follow this link to view the updated order form:
<http://www.davidsonacademy.com/forms/Scripform-Jan232008.pdf>.

Chopson's Poems to be Published!

The Broad River Review just accepted three of Kevin Chopson's poems for their Spring 2008 issue: "Becoming Night in Pittsburgh, November 17, 2005," "Ode to Lemoncello," and "Coffee." *The Broad River Review* is the literary journal of Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs, North Carolina. *The English Journal* will publish two of his poems in May. Mr. Chopson is Davidson Academy's 11th grade English teacher. Congratulations, Mr. Chopson!

Important Message From the School Nurse

Absolutely no pets are to be brought into the school buildings. Many students and staff are allergic to pet dander.

Bear Pride Fund Fast Facts – A Message from Cherri Means

As Chair of this year's Bear Pride Fund, I am proud of the progress we're making as a parent-body in supporting the learning experiences of our children. Our Grade Level Captains have helped get the word out and more of you have answered the call to make an annual fund gift to Davidson Academy.



But we've got a long way to go before we can honestly claim success. Currently, 9th Grade has the highest level of parent participation in Bear Pride Fund with just 22%. We all know we can do better! Your Captains join me in wanting to show our community that Davidson Academy can excel in parent financial support of school programs, just like our students can excel in reading, writing, math, arts, and athletics. And we want our Davidson Academy administrators and trustees to know that we'll back them up when they faithfully budget for all that is needed to move our programs forward.

Please dig deeply into your hearts and your pockets – and remember, we are most interested in growing our participation numbers this year. The size of your gift is not nearly as important as the fact that you make a gift of any amount to Bear Pride Fund. Keep our numbers growing!

Prescription Eyeglasses Needed

Hailey (grade 12) and Hannah (grade 5) Thompson are collecting prescription eyeglasses that are no longer needed. Citizens of Nicaragua are in dire need of eyeglasses. Collections boxes will be located near the office in both buildings. Please bring eyeglasses by February 29. Thank you.

Extended Care Registration

Tuesday, February 12, 11:00 a.m. Dismissal
Parent-Teacher Conferences

Davidson Academy students will be dismissed at **11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 12**, for parent-teacher conferences. Extended Care is available for students needing care. Lunch and snack will be provided. There is a **\$20.00 fee for Tuesday, February 12**. Fees will be assessed for those registered regardless of attendance. **There is a \$10.00 late fee for those registering after Wednesday, February 6**. Pick up a form in the front lobby of the Lower School or call the Extended Programs office at 860-5310.

Shuttleworth Wins Gold Medal in Gymnastics

Betsy Shuttleworth, (6th grade), won the gold medal in her age division in the balance beam competition at the FlipFest Invitational Meet in Knoxville, Tennessee on Sunday, January 20, 2008. Betsy competes for The Master's School of Gymnastics Competitive Girls Team as a Level 7 gymnast, and is the daughter of Tod and Jean Shuttleworth of Hendersonville. Congratulations, Betsy!



Twirlers Participate in Holiday Bowl

Over the Christmas holiday, **Kristen Clay** and **Ginger Cole** participated in the half time show of the Holiday Bowl in San Diego, CA. They were there with 12 other girls representing the Tennessee Twirlers. The show included 200 dancers and twirlers and 8 high school marching band which concluded with the forming of the largest disco ball. Both girls also twirl for our award winning Bear Pride Marching Band. Kristen is a sophomore and the daughter of Missy and Kenneth Clay of White House. Ginger is an 8th grader and the daughter of Anita and Steve Cole of White House.



Ginger Cole and Kristen Clay at the Holiday Bowl in San Diego, California.

Next Week

Week of February 3-9, 2008

- Sunday: Open House for Prospective Students, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Monday: 5th Grade Parent Meeting, 5:15 p.m.
- Tuesday: **Election Day**
Varsity Basketball at Webb School, 6:00 p.m.
- Friday: Varsity Basketball at St. Andrew, 6:00 p.m.

Lower School Menus - Week of February 4-8

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese Soup <i>Classic Cuts Deli</i> Baked Ziti Garlic Breadstick Italian Vegetable Blend Tossed Salad <i>Assorted Fresh Fruit</i> Fresh Baked Cookies	Garden Vegetable Soup <i>Classic Cuts Deli</i> Sweet & Sticky Chicken Lo Mein Noodles Chinese Style Broccoli Tossed Salad <i>Assorted Fresh Fruit</i> Trail Mix	Chicken & Wild Rice Soup <i>Classic Cuts Deli</i> Chili Con Carne Grilled Cheese Sweet Corn Tossed Salad <i>Assorted Fresh Fruit</i> Dirt Pudding	Cream of Broccoli Soup <i>Classic Cuts Deli</i> Beef Roast Mashed Potatoes Peas & Carrots Tossed Salad <i>Assorted Fresh Fruit</i> Dessert Choice	Vegetable Beef Soup <i>Classic Cuts Deli</i> Chicken Tenders Curly Fries Sliced Peaches Tossed Salad <i>Assorted Fresh Fruit</i> Ice Cream

Upper School Menus - Week of February 4-8

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese Soup <i>The Salad Works</i> <i>Classic Cuts Deli</i> <i>JD's Grill</i> <i>Mangia! Mangia!</i> Baked Ziti Garlic Breadstick Italian Vegetable Blend <i>Assorted Fresh Fruit</i> Fresh Baked Cookies	Garden Vegetable Soup <i>The Salad Works</i> <i>Classic Cuts Deli</i> <i>JD's Grill</i> <i>Mangia! Mangia!</i> Sweet & Sticky Chicken Lo Mein Noodles Chinese Style Broccoli <i>Assorted Fresh Fruit</i> Fresh Baked Cookies	Chicken & Wild Rice Soup <i>The Salad Works</i> <i>Classic Cuts Deli</i> <i>JD's Grill</i> <i>Mangia! Mangia!</i> DA Petro Mexicorn Black Bean & Green Chili Rice <i>Assorted Fresh Fruit</i> Fresh Baked Cookies	Cream of Broccoli Soup <i>The Salad Works</i> <i>Classic Cuts Deli</i> <i>JD's Grill</i> <i>Mangia! Mangia!</i> Honey Barbecue Chicken Western Fries Broccoli Florets & Dip <i>Assorted Fresh Fruit</i> Dessert Choice	Vegetable Beef Soup <i>The Salad Works</i> <i>Classic Cuts Deli</i> <i>JD's Grill</i> <i>Mangia! Mangia!</i> Beef Roast Mashed Potatoes Peas & Carrots <i>Assorted Fresh Fruit</i> Fresh Baked Cookies