



# The Bobcat Bugle

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## Fun Friday Night Campout By Levi S (Grade 6) & LJ (Grade 7)

On September 22, students in Grades 6 - 8 were invited to spend a night at the school. It's called the "campout" and it is a tradition that is held every year.

Students took part in an array of activities such as, mini olympics, a layup competition, and a hallway dash. Some kids even pulled an all-nighter!

Personally I think that campout is a fun and creative event. It is also good for new students to socialize and make some new friends. Another reason why I think the campout is good is it's a good way for students to get to know their teachers and peers better. At campout, teachers are able to show their fun side which allows students to learn more about who their teachers and classmates really are. They find out their likes and dislikes, their hobbies, and their general sense of self.

In conclusion I think the campout is a very fun event at the school. I would recommend it to all senior students next year. I can definitely see why students who have graduated come back to visit on this special day!



## Tips for New Students by Jacob (Grade 6)

Dear New BCA Students...

I know that you might be feeling overwhelmed or scared so I think that these tips will help you. Here are some tips and tricks you could try to make this year great.

First, you can try to participate, if you participate in activities you will most likely make tons of friends. Even though it might seem like you would get embarrassed, most likely you will not. In my experience, I really opened up after participating.

Second, you should try to hang out with people who you have fun with and not people who have a different sense of fun that you don't think is fun at all. If you feel uncomfortable playing with somebody else then you should probably not play with them. For me personally, I found myself sometimes doing stuff I was not comfortable doing but then I drew away from those activities.

Third, try to find the fun in the work and have a good attitude, everything is easier with an amazing attitude! I know it might be hard but if you try to look at the good in everything it will be easier. In my experience I found the work to be pleasant when I had a good attitude about all the work.

Those were three tips and tricks from my experience as a new student to help you along in the year. I hope you have an amazing year at BCA!







**Meet Mr.Gibson, BCA’s New Principal  
by Julia & Harrison (Grade 5)**



Starting in September, Mr. Gibson is the newest BCA principal and a staff member. Mr. Gibson came to BCA, but why, you must be asking? He came because he liked seeing the community of people working together while having fun. Mr. Gibson wanted to continue working at a Christian school from his other schools. BCA is similar to the other schools he has taught. He said the main difference is the size of BCA, so everybody knows everybody.

Mr. Gibson enjoys working with the teachers. He thinks they take great care of the students and love them. Mr.Gibson wants to impact the school by fully focusing on Christ Jesus so that we can know him and remember what Jesus teaches us.

It’s important to learn about Mr. Gibson because you should know about your principal: what he likes, what changes he’s going to make to BCA, and what advice he has for the students of BCA. This concludes what I know about BCA’s new principal. Make sure to say hi to Mr. Gibson when you see him around the school.

**New Staff Spotlight: Meet Ms.Rowe  
by William (Grade 8)**



We are very excited to introduce Ms.Rowe as an E.A and aftercare director here at the BCA community. When we asked Ms.Rowe how she was feeling about joining the BCA community, she said that she is very excited to be working here in various departments. Then, we asked her how she knew about this school, and she said that her friends from church, Mrs.Deeb and Ms.Ramsy told her about this job. We also asked her what she liked to do outside of school, and she said she loves playing with her puppy, reading novels, and going on hikes with her best friends. Before Ms.Rowe had this job here at BCA, she worked at a church, at a children’s ministry, and taught private music lessons and ESL ( English as a Second Language) classes. We are very excited to learn more about Ms.Rowe and if you see her walking down the hall, make sure you give her another warm welcome to BCA.

*Jokes and Riddles*

My dog used to chase people on bikes a lot...

it got so bad I had to take his bike away

What kind of cats can bowl ?

alley cats

People make me, save me, change me, and raise me what am I?

Money

What can be broken but never held?

A promise

Why was the math book unhappy?

It had too many problems







## **The Tournament** **by Amelia (Grade 5) and Clark (Grade 5)**

The time has finally come! The seniors competed in the tournament, and a miracle happened—we made it to the finals! After an intense hour and a half of hard work, the senior boys won the soccer tournament for the first time since 1994! Amazing, right?

As for the senior girls, their journey wasn't as triumphant, but they secured 5th place. Due to a shortage of players, we enlisted some grade fives and sixes to join the team, and we had a blast together. We practiced a lot to ensure we performed our best.

The Junior and Senior Soccer teams wrapped up their seasons at the CAASO tournaments. The junior team had a strong performance, finishing 2-2 and allowing only 2 goals throughout the tournament before being knocked out in the quarter-finals. The senior girls also made it to the quarter-finals after a solid round-robin showing. Meanwhile, the senior boys were dominant, going a perfect 6-0 and capturing the championship banner for the first time since Mr. Cope was a student on BCA's team in 1994. Mr. Cope, it might be time to defend your championship title in a staff vs. students soccer game!



## **Indigenous Grade 3 Teacher shares her story on** **Truth and Reconciliation Day** **By Daniel (Grade 7)**

On September 30th we stopped to remember the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, but do we understand what we were honouring? To find out that meaning, I interviewed a previous teacher of mine, Tony Boer, a Grade 3 teacher who is Cree-Metis, from the Beaverlake Nation in Alberta.

What exactly is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation? Boer explains, "Truth and Reconciliation Day is a day to stop and reflect. A day to recognize those who survived Residential school and to remember those who didn't. It's a day to reflect on how important truth is in every situation and to recognize how incredibly harmful hiding truth has been for the Indigenous people of Canada."

I replied, "So what is the importance of Truth and Reconciliation Day to you?" She replied in the following way: "This day is incredibly important to me as my great-grandmother was a survivor of Blue Quill Residential School. I realize now how incredibly damaging what she experienced was to the generations that came after her. These are wounds that my father's family is even now trying to heal. What most people don't understand is that Residential School didn't just harm those children who went, but it affected the generations after them as well."

The next part struck me the most when I asked what this day has to do with people who do not have a direct connection or experience with residential schools.

"When we remember we also listen, and when we listen, we learn. Learning from the past is how we hopefully keep it from repeating. I also believe that this day recognizes the amazing gifts God gave the Indigenous people to be keepers of the land and live off the land. It is an opportunity for us to learn from one another." It is up to us to make sure something like this does not happen ever again.

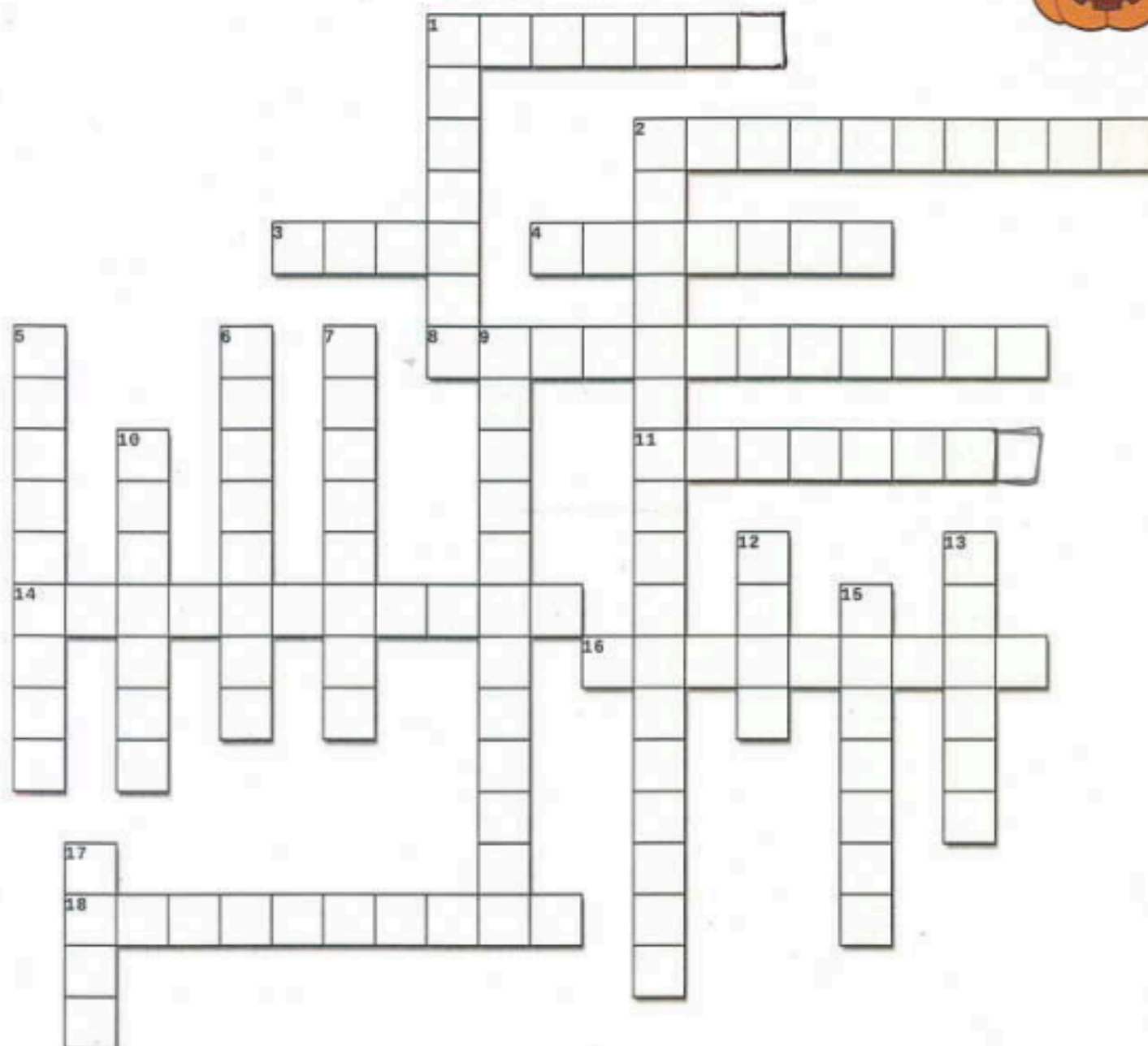
With all this information, how do we respond as Christians? Her response highlighted the difference between religion and relationship. "Religion is very different from relationship. Christians have an amazing opportunity to show Jesus in such practical ways. When we sit and listen and choose to learn and not judge we are showing Jesus. What happened in Residential Schools was never what Jesus wanted and it broke his heart. He gave us free choice and that means sin exists, even in church. We also serve a wonderful, forgiving God who always gives us a way back. I truly believe Truth and Reconciliation Day is part of the way."

I am thankful for the opportunity I had to chat with Mrs. Boer. I learned that it is important to stop and reflect on what happened to the Indigenous people in Residential schools and how our relationship with Christ allows us the opportunity to repent and reconcile. We do this by honouring the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation at BCA with a special assembly and wearing orange shirts to stand in solidarity with other Canadian citizens in pledging to not allow it to happen again.



## Fall Crossword puzzle

Complete the crossword puzzle below



Created using the Crossword Maker on [TheTeachersCorner.net](https://www.theteacherscorner.net)

### Across

1. What do you carry hay in
2. A classic desert in fall
3. Leaf gathering yard tool
4. Something that you can carve into that is orange
8. What is on October 14
11. The 11th month of the year
14. They are roasted on a camp fire
16. Used to keep birds off crops
18. Drink made of apples

### Down

1. To clear crops away
2. Drink made of pumpkins
5. The 9th month of the year
6. What do you wear when it gets cold in the fall
7. A sport you play in fall and with an oval shaped ball
9. Warm chocolate drink
10. What takes you on a ride in a farm
12. Used to make mazes on a farm
13. What squirrels like to eat
15. The 10th month of the year
17. What starts on Sep 22 or the 23

