



LBA NEWSLETTER

January 2021



"A New Year!" - A Note from Our Pastor

2020 wasn't the year anyone anticipated. Much has already been said about it, but the purpose of this is to encourage us to look ahead and not behind. As difficult as 2020 has been, if we have the right perspective and attitude about it, it can be a catalyst for a great 2021. Someone once said, "Our attitude determines our altitude in life." May we enter the new year with optimism and strength from the lessons we learned from 2020.

We learned how quickly things can change. We found our need to be able to pivot quickly and to adjust everything in life, from budgets to schedules to expectations. We each had to do this personally, and collectively as a school; and we learned how to be flexible. One of the things of which I am most proud is how quickly and effectively our entire LBA family shifted gears and adjusted in order to maintain a safe, in-person learning environment.

We learned how important it is to be resilient, to be able to bounce back, and to continue on in the face of adversity. This is where our attitude plays the biggest role. When we spend much of our time and energy fretting and complaining, our children pick up on our negative attitudes, and it affects their performance. Children by nature are very resilient. They can bounce back with positive attitudes, and we must learn from them and nurture this wonderful quality in them.

We have learned patience. We have learned to be patient with each other, patient with changes, and even to be patient with ourselves as we've had to navigate a stressful year to the best of our abilities. Each of these important qualities prepares us for a strong 2021. The future is bright, and as we begin the slow process of finding our balance once again, let's approach the new year with the confidence that comes from these valuable lessons learned. In doing so, this will not only be a great academic year for our children, it will also be a very fulfilling year personally. Let's work together for the best new year possible!

Christmas Photos



School Calendar

January

- 18** No School (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) & Re-Enrollment Begins
- 20** 100th Day of School

February

- 1** Spirit Week Begins
- 7** Open House
- 15** No School (President's Day)
- 26** No School (Teacher In Service)

OPEN HOUSE

FEBRUARY 7, 2021 | 2-4PM



RE-ENROLLMENT WEEK
JANUARY 18 - 22

50% OFF DISCOUNT ON ENROLLMENT!

Writing Contest Winners



3rd-5th
1st-Jenna Fosmore
2nd-Allison Britt
3rd-Luis Villagra



6th-8th
1st-Aidan Morrissey
2nd-Emilie Beach
3rd-Khloi Harden



9th-12th
1st-Anna Wruck
2nd-Carolyna Bussie



Teacher Spotlight

Stephanie Whalen

Miss Whalen has been a teacher at LBA for 3 years. She currently teaches one of our K5 classes, and she also teaches violin to our music students. She is a member of the LBC church orchestra, and she helps out in various classes in the LBC children's ministry. She enjoys spending her extra time baking and sewing.

Favorite Verses -

Isaiah 26:3-4

Why do you love teaching the K5 class? "One of my favorite things about teaching kindergartners is that every day is a surprise! My students always have a new adventure or funny story to share with me. I also love seeing the realization on their faces whenever they discover something new or accomplish a goal. I learn so much from them too!"~Miss Whalen



Teacher Spotlight

Linda Crowder

Miss Crowder has been a kindergarten teacher at LBA for 3 years. She is originally from Michigan, but relocated to the south in order to teach in our school. She has recently become engaged to LBA alumnus, Aaron Willet, and now spends her extra time preparing for their upcoming wedding in June.

Favorite Verses -

Psalms 91:1-2

Why do you love teaching the K5 class? "I love their imagination and listening to their creative stories! This age group is full of love and sweetness. They make me excited to teach them new things each day."~Miss Crowder

LBA Basketball

The LBA basketball team has had a great start to their season! The Varsity team is currently in first place in the Panhandle Conference, and they are pushing towards a strong finish in the last half of their season. Both the Varsity and the JV teams have many important games coming up this month and through the beginning of February, so make plans to come out and support the Ambassadors!



Door Decorating Contest

Each year, the LBA teachers decorate their classroom doors with a Christmas theme. Photos of each door were posted on Facebook, and the door with the most "likes, loves, or laughs" won. The winner for the 2020 door decorating contest was Mrs. Hussar, Mrs. Lawler, and the K3 class.



Basketball Schedule

1/7	@ South Baldwin (5:00/6:00pm)
1/8	vs Aletheia (5:00/6:00pm)
1/11	@ Atmore (5:00/6:00pm)
1/14	@ Central Robertsedale (5:30/6:30pm)
1/15	vs LEADS (6:00pm)
1/21	@ Walker Springs (5:00/6:00pm)
1/22	vs Atmore (5:00/6:00pm)
1/25	vs Walker Springs (5:00/6:00pm)