

BEAUMONT MAGNET ACADEMY PAST & PRESENT

THREE GENERATIONS OF BEAUMONT BEARS

Written by Lennon, Beckett, and Ellie

2023 is the 30th anniversary of the magnet program here at BMA. To celebrate this milestone, we are looking back on a little Beaumont history. The magnet program started all the way back in 1993, 30 years ago. We will look at what Beaumont was like through the years, and hear from some people we interviewed.

We have one question for everyone first. Do you guys know Ms. Vasquez (or Ms. V)? If so, then that's a good thing because she will be an important part of this article! Mrs. V was a student at Beaumont from kindergarten through 5th grade. Now she teaches 3rd grade! She says the building is exactly the same size, but when she was younger, it felt a little bit bigger. When she was a student, 3rd grade was upstairs, not 5th! She was a Danceworks and Polka Dot member and some of her favorite teachers included Mrs. Truex (kindergarten wizard), Ms. Whelan (dance) and Mr. Grimik (dance). Mrs. V's fondest memories include coming to school with her mom (who was a teacher here) and brother and now how cool it is that she teaches here with her son! We

also interviewed Mrs. V's mom, Beth Blevins, because she was a teacher here during that same time. She explained that there were Encore classes, but not theater and STEAM. School newspapers would get printed and handed out to classes occasionally, just like we do today! Students participated in book fairs. There were field trips to amazing places. There were also class plays, but not a theater program. Mrs. Blevins described the playground being much better today than it used to be. They did have computers eventually, but not when she first started teaching. She has several fond memories but she said, "the friendships, parents, students, community members" were among her fondest. We can still relate to that today!

That's a wrap on some Beaumont history. We enjoyed interviewing Mrs. V and her mom and we hope you enjoyed the article. Beaumont's history is so cool to learn about. Many things have changed in the last 30 years, but the community spirit and creative opportunities still remain the same.

Fun fact- Ms. Whitehead started teaching at BMA the same year it became a Magnet school!



BMA IS THANKFUL THIS SEASON

After celebrating Thanksgiving in November, students and staff here at BMA found themselves thankful for many things. Here’s what some of them had to say.



Jamara
5th Grade
I am thankful for my family.



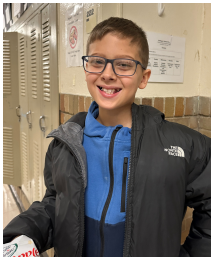
Nolan
1st Grade
I am thankful for my school.



Nihyel
Kindergarten
I am thankful for my mom.



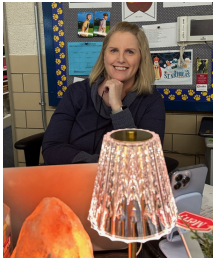
Sophie
2nd Grade
I am thankful for my teacher.



Zander
4th Grade
I am thankful for my family.



Wellington
Third Grade
I am thankful for God.



Ms. Green
Office Staff
I am thankful I get to walk the **orange** family to encore this year and our new principal, Ms. Sanford.

TEACHERS OF THE YEAR



Mrs. Armstrong



Mrs. Reiner



Mrs. Arevalo (Mrs. Adi)



Mrs. Allen

Photo credits: Sarah Johnson

If you see one of these teachers of the year, please congratulate them and let them know how glad you are that they are here at BMA.

Teachers and Educational Assistants of the year are chosen by staff votes and they celebrate with a banquet in February. We are all so proud of them!

At our most recent exhibit night in November, there was a very exciting fashion show, but not the kind of fashion you might think of. This was a fashion show for antlers! You heard me right, 2nd and 3rd graders designed and created their very own couture reindeer antlers. Then they walked the runway to show them off in the gym during exhibit night.

The antlers fashion show was outstanding and terrific. The designers were so confident and brave. They showed off their antlers and walked proudly. It took a lot of preparation as they designed their antlers in Ms. Taylor's room. They used lots of different materials. They started making their antlers in September. Ms. Taylor chose this activity because it goes right along with this year’s holiday show, Antlers. The fashion show audience voted on their favorite antlers and those with the most votes will be featured in the show in December. By the time you’re reading this, you will have probably already seen the show and we are guessing that it was fabulous and oh so stylish!

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ANTLERS FASHION SHOW

Written by Lennon and Ellie

Can you guess who these BMA characters are?

Students and staff dressed up as some of their favorite characters in October. Can you guess who they are?



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A LOOK AT BMA'S A.M. WALKING SCHOOL BUS

Written by Catherine A., Rayne B. and Ms. Bond

Do you know what the walking school bus is? If not then let me tell you about it. Thanks to Mrs.Roberts, Ms. Cooper, Bike Walk Knoxville, Knox County's Office of School Culture, and many other BMA staff members, the walking school bus has brought about a positive change here at BMA. The walking school bus started when families that live close to the school needed a safe way for their students to get to school in the morning. School attendance for those students have increased since starting which is a great thing! You are probably wondering where they meet up. They meet up at Western Heights Boys and Girls club at 7:15 in the morning. It takes about 20 min to get there and back.

On October 4, we celebrated National Walk and Roll to School day. This is a day where students across the country are encouraged to walk or bike to school. The organization that started this wanted to promote transportation safety, cleaner environment strategies, and healthier living. Since starting the walking school bus in the mornings this year, we of course wanted to participate and make a day of it. There were many guests that came to celebrate with us including Central High School's baseball team. There were also several other community partners that joined. Someone even brought donuts! We are so glad to have Ms. Roberts and the team of people it takes to keep this wonderful program going.

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

January

- 4- Students return
- 12- Spelling Bee
- 15- Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)
- 24- Early Release Day 12:30
- 25- PTA meeting at 6:00

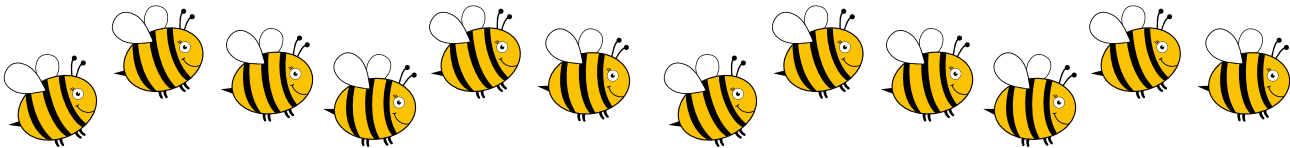
February

- 14- Early Release Day 12:30
- 19- No school for students
- 27- Family Engagement Night (3rd-5th)
- 27- Teacher of the Year Banquet

March

- 4- Beaumont Rocks
- 5- No school for students or staff
- 11-15 Spring Break
- 19-Exhibit Night
- 20- Early Release Day 12:30
- 29- No School

WHAT DO BEES USE TO FIX THEIR HAIR ...A HONEY COMB



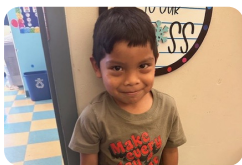
We wanted to introduce all of our spelling bee finalists that are going on to compete in BMA's spelling bee! Two finalist from each homeroom in 3rd-5th grade competed against their classmates to earn a spot in this year's 2024 spelling bee. It will be held in the gym on January 12 and we are planning to live stream it again so all of you can have the opportunity to watch. Be sure to congratulate and cheer them on when you see them!



Kindergarten Interviews: What's Your Favorite Recess Activity?



Johnny
Yellow Family
Ms. Mabry
The Slides



Jeyson
Blue Family
Ms. Taylor
The Monkey Bars



Theo
Red Family
Ms. Taylor
Basketball



Clara
Green Family
Ms. Hensley
Play with Friends



Keris
Orange Family
Ms. Dunleavy
Play in the Dirt

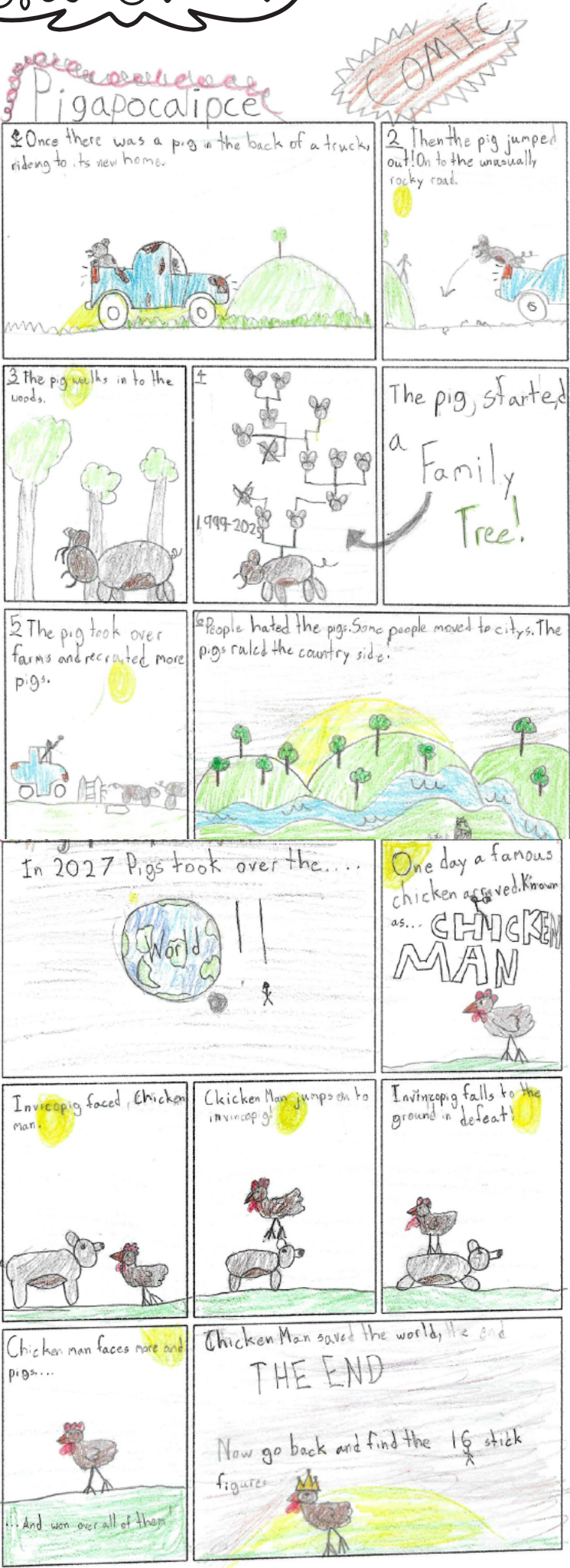


Kasen
Orange Family
Mrs. Meyer
Soccer

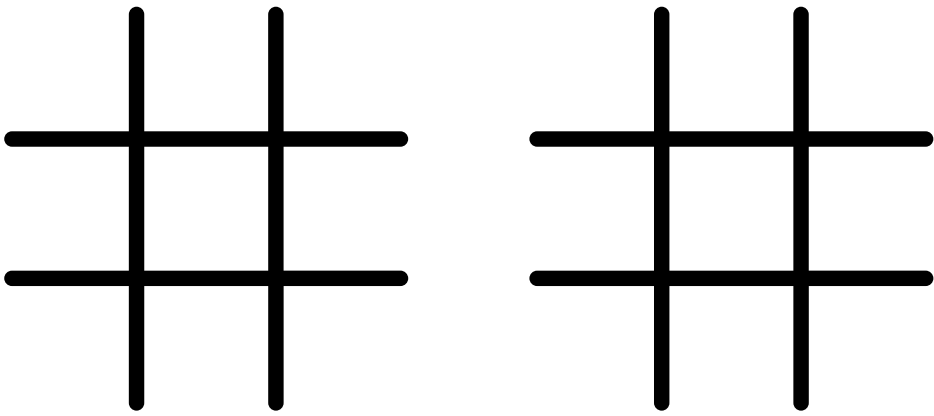


Genesis
Orange Family
Ms. Mabry
Playing Among Us

FUN & GAMES



Play tic tac toe with a friend!



Winter Holidays

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| Family | Candles | Frosty | Snowman |
| Santa | Kwanzaa | Lights | Presents |
| Tree | Menorah | Dreidel | Elf |
| Winter | Hanukkah | Christmas | Holiday |