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Our Home Dome

by Joseph S.

A few days ago, Mary and Dave took Dr. G.'s class out to work on the dome and Bunnies' Brew. We decided that we wanted to move the Bunnies' Brew into the dome so that we could have a bigger working space to label bottles and fill them. Bunnies' Brew is an organic fertilizer made from our very own bunny, Toby. We are also going to use the dome for a greenhouse. The dome has so much space for us to grow many plants for our garden. I also wanted to thank Mr. Martin from Agriculture Solutions for the donation that helped complete the dome. If you have any empty wine bottles, we would love to take them for Bunnies' Brew. Bunnies' Brew is starting to take off again, so watch out.



One Year at Magnolia

By Ronan

As of today, January 6th, 2017, the Barclay School has been at Magnolia Farm for a year. A lot of things have happened in a year. We have gotten goats (and a goat man). A baby goat was born. We've gone on trail hikes, met so many wonderful people, had a graduation, published our first book, made a calendar and cards, had eleven puppies (the dog, not us humans), made a lot of food, had the best Christmas ever, and so much more. I cannot believe how fast a year has flown by. It honestly feels like yesterday we were moving boxes of books in the rain into Magnolia. We are all so thankful that Tom and Julie Hall made it possible for us to move out here, and I can't wait to spend another exciting year here.

A Christmas to Remember

By Hillary

This Christmas at the Barclay School was one we will never forget. The Charleston Silver Lady and her group came to our school one Saturday and used their whole day to give us an incredible Christmas. We were given seven bikes, a Wii, a volleyball net, gift cards, a stocking for each student, and a beautiful tree all decorated. We were extremely grateful for all of the generosity and time these sweet ladies put into our school and hope they will come and have tea with us!

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The Christmas Surprise

By Jacob

On Christmas morning, I went downstairs for coffee but stopped and saw presents under the tree. I laughed when I saw them because I had forgotten about them, even though I helped wrap my sister's and nephew's gifts. Anyway, my sister was on the couch waiting with my presents, so I joined them. My sister and I started unwrapping presents.

After we did, my dad gave me a big box wrapped in green paper and a bow made from red ribbon. I swiftly opened it. To my surprise, it was a metal detector. It was really cool and easy to put together. I didn't get to really use it though because it was wet outside. But it was still really cool. And remember Chuck Smith from one of the other Chronicle stories? Well, I suppose I can now go out and help him and his friends when they come back to Magnolia or do some detecting outside with it. And that was my best Christmas gift ever.



Goat Gogh

By Ronan

Over the weekend, it got really cold outside. So we brought our newest goat, Cindy, inside. She stayed in the mud room where she finally got the chance to follow her dream to be a famous artist. Knocking over a can of white paint, she proceeded to roll around in it and track it all over the floor. It may not be Van Gogh, but it certainly left an impression on us and cost Cindy her winter pants.

The Story of a Little Goat

By Nate

One day at Magnolia Farm when all the kids came in, Goatman Dave told us about a new goat he got. It was a miniature goat that was gray and a little hairy. We asked if we could go see it after math and break. After break, Dr. G. said, "There is a big bag of lettuce to take out to the goats." On the way, Dave said that the fence he had them in was electric, so no touching it. We went into the field. The pigs were there too. When we got there, we saw the fence. Dave was talking about surrounding the old one. We put the lettuce in the fence. They loved it. After that, we saved some lettuce to put into the old school bus. We petted the pigs and went back in to wait for another big adventure.

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Time to Ride

By Phillip

For Christmas, the school got bikes. The kids like the bikes a lot. There is a bike for almost every kid here at the Barclay School. The bikes are stored in the central part of the barn for easy access. The students are not allowed to take any bikes home, but they can bring their bike from home to use. Everyone was so excited that the school got bikes. The students are even more excited about the Wii and volleyball net. Even though the bikes are not the most loved, they will be the most used.



The Secret Santa Exchange

By Jacob

Near the last day of school before break, students and teachers were doing Secret Santa. The tables were covered in presents and gifts. We drew numbers to decide who

was to go first. I was number seven. Mrs. Bonnie was my Secret Santa. She got me some tools and bolts, and I loved them. When it was Dave's turn, I was excited because I was his Secret Santa. I made him a longbow out of PVC pipe and nylon thread. It was strong. I decided to make a smaller one out of sticks and yarn as a joke. Dr. G. was in on it too. It was funny because he thought he was getting a small toy. The smaller one he thought was a fire starter, but I said, "It must have shrunk!" I went to get the real one. He loved it. The rest of the day was pretty cool. After that, people got homemade gifts and recycled gifts because those were the set rules of our Secret Santa. I bet the other people enjoyed their gifts too.

Christmas at Barclay

By Brandon

It all started in December of 2016. Santa's helpers gave us all the presents that we could open. The coolest presents that we opened were a Wii, bicycle helmets, and bicycles. We also got stockings filled with candies. Then we wrote thank you cards for Santa's helpers. We drew Christmas pictures that were colorful. After snack that day, we watched a movie called *A Christmas Carol*. My favorite part of the movie was the spirit of Christmas present. We enjoyed riding bikes. The helmets are very neat. The next present that we unwrapped was a Nintendo Wii. It was so cool that we have two Wii sports games.

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The Great Christmas Carol

By Alyx

Every Wednesday, we do music with Mr. Alan. One day in music class, the younger kids were singing a song when Mr. Alan said, "I have an idea. Why don't we go Christmas caroling and sing Christmas songs to the nursing home?" On Friday, the whole entire school went and sang some great Christmas songs like Jingle Bells, Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer, and Silent Night, plus more! I would look up as I was singing, and I could see some of the old folks smiling, dancing, and just having a good time. I love going to the nursing home every Friday. I can't wait to go Christmas caroling or just visiting.

Beaded Bracelets

By Amy

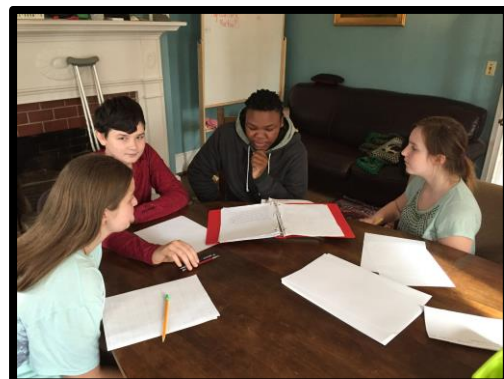
On Friday, January 9th, 2016, Christy came to the Barclay School to do art. For art, we made jewelry with curled up metal wire and beads. The beads were small, big, blue, red, green, and many colors of the rainbow! Ronan did a bracelet with small beads and earrings to match it. Nate did his with large and small beads on his bracelet. I used big and small beads. Everyone did their own big or small beaded bracelets. Nate was very polite. He commented on everyone's bracelets, and we were smiling at his praises. As I slipped and dropped the tiny beads, I said, "When I'm done with this, the earth will be reborn, and I'll be living with the dinosaurs!" Everyone laughed. Finally,

I finished my bracelet in time to go home. When I got in the car, I gave it to my mom. You know why? Because I love her."

Donations!

By Piper

It was the end of the school day. A couple of my friends and I were waiting for our rides to get here. While we were waiting, three women came into the school and asked for our help to get some stuff out of their car that they brought us. Joe, Ronan, and I went out to their car. The three women just started giving us huge bags and boxes of stuff to take into the school. When Joe, Ronan, and I were done, we had bags and boxes stacked on top of each other in Dr. G.'s room. Ronan and I started ripping bags and boxes open. When all of the bags and boxes were open, Joe, Ronan, and I started looking through the bags and boxes. We saw shirts, pants, socks, shoes, toys, and hats. The next day all of the clothes we got were on the big table. Some of our students were trying on some of the clothes. At the end of the day, some of our students got new clothes and went home very happy.



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The Class Has Social Studies

By Naomi

In social studies, we talked about the Revolutionary War. They fought hard. We watched a video about George Washington. We talked about him as we moved along in it. Piper and I are working together on a project. We are working on interviewing George Washington. Nathan and Brandon P. are working on soldiers. Amy is working on the Hessians. I am working on George Washington with Piper. We work as a team. We are almost done with it. Piper is still working. We are going to present it to Dr. G.'s group.

Snow

By Brandon M.

Has it ever snowed where you live? Playing in the snow is so much fun. You can have snowball fights, build snowmen, build snow forts, make snow angels, or go sledding. I didn't get that much snow, and it's been years since it's snowed at my place. There were some good times. There are plenty of fun things to do in the snow, and I wish we had more snow.

Some of my friends had some experience with a little more snow than I had. I wish it snowed on Monday so that we could get a day out of school. I didn't go outside in the snow on Saturday. It would be really cool if Phillip, Gianni, Sarah, Amy, Desmond, Brandon P., and I discovered an ice cave and tamed a snow wolf.

Barclay Bloopers ☺

Kid 1: "Thomas Edison invented electricity!"

Kid 2: "No, he didn't! He stole lightning!"



Random Act of Kindness

By Joe

On Monday during pottery, Dr. G. came into the big room and asked all of the boys to stop what they were doing so she could tell us something. She said that we got a donation for the school. Getting the donation was great but how we got it was amazing. Dr. G. sent a text to one of her friends, or so she thought. After sending the text, she got a reply. It wasn't her friend. It was a person she had never met. He said that he didn't know us and that he had researched the school and saw that the school accepted donations. He gave a

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donation to the school and said, "Please accept it as a symbol of support to fellow man. Mistakes don't always lead to disappointment." I find it amazing that someone we didn't even know took time out of their day to research about and donate to the school. It is amazing how such a small act of kindness really did brighten everyone's day.

School Reminders

1. Don't forget our Food Share program. Fruits and veggies will be delivered to our school every two weeks. \$20 per box.
2. The Barclay School starts Meals on Wheels this month! We will be serving folks in Ridgeway.
3. "Barclay Beans" available! Hand-roasted by our students (school fundraiser).
4. There are a few Barclay calendars left. \$10 each.

"Thank You's"

1. To the lovely "Silver" ladies for the bikes, stockings, and *so* much more.
2. Marty, Julia Hook, Mac Stidham, and Charles Meyer for their generous donations.
3. Martin from Agriculture Solutions for helping finish our dome.
4. Chuck Smith for teaching us about metal detecting.
5. Dr. Ziegler at Blythewood Eye Clinic for being a wonderful friend to our school.
6. Terrence Sullivan, dad of Joe and Ronan, for teaching us how to roast green coffee beans.
7. Bus mechanic, Richard Meineke, for inspecting and fixing our school bus.
8. "Laura's Tea Room" ladies (in Ridgeway) for supporting our school.