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Thanksgiving Dinner by Amy

Before our one week break, the Charleston Silver Ladies came over to the school for a Thanksgiving dinner. They brought the food, helped us set the tables, and put up the decorations. Once we were done, we sat at the table and ate mashed potatoes, turkey, and salad. For dessert, we had pound cake, pumpkin pie, and banana pudding. We also sang a song we made for the Charleston Silver Ladies, and we said what we were thankful for. After that, we helped them clean up the tables and the decorations. We had a wonderful time, and we thank them for the dinner.

Midlands Tech by Ronan

On Monday, November 27th, I went to Midlands Tech. I went there to take a placement test that would show me what math and English classes I should take. I went with my mom and signed in. At 9 A.M., they gave me a paper that had three writing prompts that I had to choose from. I chose to write about "How can we lower the school dropout rate?" In forty-five minutes, I had finished the essay portion of the test. I used the method that Dr. G taught us called T.E.E.E.C. (Topic, Evidence, Evidence, Evidence, Conclusion) to write the essay. The next portion of the test was reading comprehension. I took that portion of the test on the computer and did very well on it. The math portion was also done on the computer. I was given scratch paper and took my time on it. I finished the tests in a couple of hours and got my test scores for math and reading comprehension, then I left. I will soon find out my essay scores, and then in January, I will start taking English 101 at Midlands Tech.





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Family by Wil

Luke is my brother. Luke lives at my house. Timothy is my brother. Timothy lives at my house. Dad lives at my house. His name is James. Mom's name is Stacy. Timothy and Luke play football. They catch the football. Luke runs a race. My family watches Gamecocks. I play Candyland at the table with Dad, Mom, Luke, and Timothy. We play Sorry. I love family.



The Recorder Concert by Desmond

I liked the concert yesterday. They played recorders. A recorder sounds like a flute. The musicians are nice. I tapped my feet and danced a little bit. The music was from the 1600s. Some of the songs sounded like crickets and frogs. I saw Naomi's mom and dad at the concert. They played their recorders. I like recorder music now, but I like guitars better. The recorder sounds like Mozart. One day, I want to learn how to play the recorder. I hope more people come back and play for us.



Open House by Claire

A couple of weeks ago, we had an Open House! If you are not familiar with what Open House means, it's basically where we open up the school and let people walk around and talk to each other there. Some people might even consider joining the school too! All of the students had a job. My friend, Alyx, and I had to sell some calendars that we printed.

We had lots of other things my classmates were selling too, like candy bowls, wreaths, and more calendars. There was also really good food too! The teachers set up hotdogs, popcorn, cookies, pretzels, and lots more! For drinks, we had pink lemonade, sweet tea, and water. Dr. G, one of our teachers, said the Mayor of Ridgway would come!

She also said Mayor Herring would cut a big green ribbon with giant red and silver scissors! After doing my job for a while,



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Dr. G had the funniest story. Mayor Herring actually forgot about the ribbon-cutting, and she was running late. She did eventually come, but we all had a good laugh. Right before she cut the ribbon, we all took a photo together. After that, I had to leave. It was so much fun being there. I hope everyone else had fun too. The End.

The New Book

by Piper

My class and I have just started reading a new story called "Chasing Vermeer." The author of the story is Blue Balliett, and the illustrator of the story is Brett Helquist. I love the story so far even though my class and I have literally just started reading the new story. From what my class and I have read, it's basically a mysterious story about an international art scandal about a missing painting. The story has two kids who are a little weird, but they end up getting to know each other. Before they know it, the two find themselves at the center of an international art scandal. What will happen next, I don't know yet. My class and I have just started reading it, so I can't answer that question yet. But I love the story so far. It's awesome.



Thanksgiving Party

by Alyx

Before we went on our Thanksgiving break, the Silver Ladies threw the whole school a Thanksgiving party. There was so much food on the table. Some of the foods they made for us were mashed potatoes, stuffing, green beans, cornbread, cranberry sauce, and corn. For dessert, they made us pumpkin pie, banana pudding, and pound cake. I had seconds of everything. I was so full afterward. It was probably the best meal I have ever had. When I got home from school that day, I couldn't even eat dinner, I was so full. But other than that, I had a great time at the party. The Silver Ladies brought other stuff besides food. They bought some nice Thanksgiving plates, table cloths, napkins, and table decorations. One of the ladies actually got to tell the students all about the first Thanksgiving and how Thanksgiving became Thanksgiving. I hope that the Silver Ladies come back again soon!





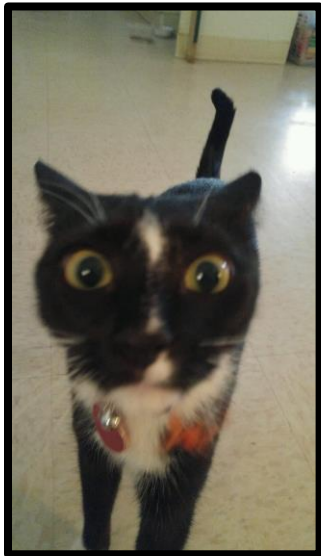
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My Class Went to the Library to Get Books

by Ethan

We went to the library. We went to the library to read books about the pioneers. One of the librarians read us books about the pioneers. We went to go do activities. Wil and I built with blocks. After our activities, we went to go get books. I got a book on Rogue One. Then, we went back to school and got our lunches.



Our Visit to WIS News Station

by Phillip

A few weeks ago, Dr. G's class went to the WIS news station with Mrs. Dawndy Mercer Plank where they talked about the school's open house and new store, Barclay's Around

the Corner, on live TV. Before Dr. G went on air, we all waited in a place called the green room. In the green room, we talked about the important things to say on TV. After a while, Dawndy came into the green room and told us to follow her to the room where they were going to talk about the school. When Dr. G went up to talk, the class pulled a chair to the side off-camera where we sat quietly and watched. It was an interesting experience.

Everybody Celebrates Halloween

by Naomi

We were in Dr. G's room dancing. It was the day before Halloween. When we were done dancing, we went in line to the lobby, and we stayed in line for punch, cookies, and cake. They were delicious. The Silver Ladies were kind to us. They gave us gifts. When they gave us candy in jack-o'-lanterns, there was popcorn. I gave my popcorn to my parents. I enjoyed the Halloween party.





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Open House

by Joe

Last Thursday, our school had an open house for parents and other visitors that would like to view the new school location. Each one of the students had different jobs and tasks to do like being a tour guide or a food server. When the guests arrived, we were more than happy to show them around. We showed them our bigger classrooms and our kitchen. After the tour, if they liked, there was food in Edith's room, drinks in Dr. G's room, and cake in Mary's room. We made homemade hummus and pimento cheese.

My family came, and ever since then, my grandma has been nonstop talking about how much she loved the new school. During the middle of the open house, all of the kids, Mayor Charlene Herring, and the teachers got to gather with a ribbon and massive scissors and officially announced the opening of the new school. As the ribbon was cut, our picture was taken to be put in the Country Chronicle. After all of the people had come and seen the school, things started to die down. Most of the kids hung out in Dr. G's room for the rest of the time. It was wonderful watching all of the new people experiencing what we experience every day. . . The Barclay School.



Pottery

by Dominic

I like doing pottery. I like making stuff in pottery. Making the elephant was really fun. I put ears and eyes on my elephant. I've learned how to score and slip. I can make balls and lines with the clay. When I glaze, I use three different colors. I put the things I make on the TV stand at home.



Painting the School

by Sara

We painted the school on Monday over Fall Break. Some people came. There was pizza and Coke. It was yummy. The colors were blue, red, yellow, and purple. I painted a pillar yellow. Some people used ladders. Some people used paint brushes. Some



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people used paint rollers. There was cloth on the floor. The cloth was on the floor because we didn't want paint to get on the floor. I used a wet rag to clean some drops of paint off the floor. When we were done, it looked pretty.



Decorating for Christmas by Brandon P.

When we got back from Thanksgiving, we decorated for Christmas. We just put paper clips on every ornament to hang it on the Christmas tree. After the decorating, Piper, Mary, and I set up a small tree. The stand was missing, so we looked around the greenhouse to search for a stand. Mary found a plant pot. She made the plant pot into a stand for the tree. Then, Piper and I set the tree on the table. We got decorations on the table to make the tree pretty. In the lobby, we hung every ornament on a big tree. In the library, Mr. C. set up another small tree. He put a star on top of it. In Dr. G's room, the teachers set up decorations

from the ceiling. In Edith's room, the big kids set up Christmas hangers on each window. In Mary's room, I saw Christmas stickers on the glass door. I can't wait for Santa to come and give us presents.

The Greenhouse by MK

Mrs. Mary got a greenhouse. It took a while for it to get set up, but once it did, Mary showed it to us. We got to start planting. First, she and some of the other students made "pots" with baskets and aluminum foil to hold the plants and keep the water from leaking out. Then, each student filled their pots with dirt and chose which seeds they wanted to plant. I chose rosemary. Last, each student planted the seeds in the pots, watered them, and set them on shelves in the greenhouse to grow. Mrs. Mary wanted to grow this plant. She got Claire and I to find a pot and fill it with dirt. Then, she took the plant and planted it in the pot. The other class also had plants. They planted vegetables like cabbage and spinach in the raised beds. The experience was really fun!





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Announcements

1. Barclay School's Secret Santa: It's that time of year again! All students and staff are participating in Secret Santa and will have one person to "buy" a gift for, wrap, label, and bring to school with the recipient's name on it *only*. *We do not buy gifts!* We recycle gently used books, toys, games, or bake or make the gifts—as we are a Green Steps school! Please have your child bring in their gift by Friday, December 15, 2017. Thank you! (Boyce has the master copy of who each child has for a buddy, in case we forget!)

2. Barclay 2018 Calendars are selling fast! They are \$15 each.

3. Wreaths and candy jars are still for sale at the school! Get yours before they all sell!

Beach Wreath (\$50)
Patriotic Wreath (\$50)
Blue Wreath (\$75)
Small Christmas Wreath (\$50)

Two Candy Jars for \$30 each

*If you are interested in purchasing a wreath and/or a candy jar, please stop by the school Monday through Friday 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. Or email Boyce at boyce.buchanan@gmail.com to reserve one.

4. **Winter break:** School closes for break beginning on Thursday, December 21, 2017. We have a half-day on Wednesday, December 20th. We reopen on Wednesday, January 3, 2018.



What we have left:
Santa Wreath (\$75)