

IN TOUCH

BLAIR CHRISTIAN
ACADEMY

Dr. Della M. Blair, Executive Director—Dr. Karen R.S. Jenkins, Executive Administrator

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BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

Always be prepared for the opportunity to be a blessing. The Amoores Group, Inc. and the Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) offered Blair Christian Academy a chance to join them in impacting the lives of others by creating jobs for those with disabilities who have a desire to learn and earn.

When the Amoores Group sought employers to facilitate its clients' needs, Blair Christian Academy opened its doors and allowed three highly qualified employees to join the BCA staff. As a result of this unique partnership, Blair Christian Academy was blessed with three wonderful new employees,

Mr. Ismael Canales, Mr. Rodney Smith and Ms. Sonya Priestler. On Friday, October 24, 2003, Blair Christian Academy was honored for its service as

Employer of the Year for the Job Creation Program on Behalf of Persons with Disabilities.



Left to Right: Steve Nasulti, Executive Director -OVR, Renee Amoores, President/CEO, AHS, Sonya Priestler, Dr. Karen Jenkins, Executive Administrator-BCA, Ismael Canales, Dr. Della Blair, Executive Director, BCA, Rodney Smith and Rose Higby, Division Administrator, OVR.
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PSALMS OF CHILDREN

Webster's Dictionary describes a psalm as "a sacred song or poem used in worship." Our definition at Blair Christian Academy is worship that simply comes from the heart, no melody or rhythm required. This fall, the BCA students came together and, based upon this simplistic definition of a psalm, created what we believe will be a life-changing CD.

BCA students — from alumni to the smallest toddler — spent three anointed days recording the "Psalms of Children" CD Project. Every student is in some way represented in the CD's songs, poems and raps. It is truly a collective offering to God of our finest expressions.

CDs will be available for purchase for the holiday season. If you would like to be a corporate or individual sponsor for this CD Project, please contact Mrs. Benita Daniels at 215.438.6557.



Happy Birthday,
Dr. Della M. Blair!

RACE FOR EDUCATION



Get on your mark, get set, go! The race is not given to the swift nor to the strong, but to those who endure until the end. On Thursday, October 23rd, Blair Christian Academy had its first **RACE FOR EDUCATION** to raise funds for our Campus Campaign. We ran, we walked, we danced, we hopped, and we weathered the snow and the COLD on a quarter-mile track for an hour.

Sponsors, get ready! The results are in. Our students "went beyond the mile." So, check your mailbox for pledge cards and tune in for updates.

The entire elementary department shared a musical adventure on Tuesday, October 14th. The students and staff visited the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts to see and hear the Philadelphia Orchestra and the Boys Choir.

A highlight was the Orchestra's performance of the "Flight of the Bumblebee," a lively musical piece which was accompanied by a dancing bumblebee character. In addition, there were several other wonderful musical pieces performed by the orchestra.

The students also enjoyed the harmonious selections of the Boys' Choir. The choir is an example of young people working together to achieve something wonderful. For many who attended, this was a first-time visit to the Kimmel Center. Truly, it was a treat for all!



SGA

The Student Government Organization would like to thank everyone who participated in making our skating party a HUGE success. It was an awesome time. Students, parents and staff got together for two fun-filled hours at the Palace Skating Center. The highlight of the day was when Dr. J. "let her hair down," got on the skating floor and made four trips around the rink without falling. Way to go, Dr. J.!

Keep your eyes and ears open for future events. Come out and show your school spirit! Remember...It Takes a Village.



"God said let there be light and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good.." The BCA Home & School Association and Impacting Your World Bible Training Center (IYWBTC) joined together to illuminate and secure the Blair Christian Academy parking lot. We thank our friends at the Home & School Association and IYWBTC for seeing a need and meeting it.