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BCS Science is a “Hands-On” Event!  
Learning at it’s best, both inside and outside the classroom!

# BCS NEWS

EDUCATION WITH A HIGHER PURPOSE Fall ISSUE - 2012



## BCS Wins First Place!

Dozens of people gasped Saturday, November 23rd as a 15-foot catapult launched a pumpkin nearly a half-mile at the second annual Last Fling Pumpkin Sling in Harmony Township, New Jersey. Area schools use the

competition to put classroom principles in action. Of the nine siege engines at the competition, four came from area schools looking to put physics lessons into concrete form.

### Important Dates

*Ladies Day Out - Saturday,  
March 10th, 2012*

*BCS Annual Auction - Friday,  
April 20th, 2012*

*Race for Education - Friday,  
May 4th, 2012*

*Eighth Grade Graduation -  
Monday, June 4th, 2012*

Our students entered the competition as part of our eighth-grade physics unit in science. The Easton Express-Times was there with a reporter and photographer and featured our school in part of their article. The following is a direct quote from the article:

“Eighth-grade students from Bethlehem Christian School had better luck with their trebuchet. Mary Wintermute, a science/physics teacher at the school, bought design plans for the team, who then assembled the machine with help from

adults. Students were able to see how friction on their tracks, momentum from the weights and the angle of the launch changed the trajectory of the pumpkin.”

“Leaning is always better when it’s applied,” Wintermute said. “This is something they’re never going to forget.”

We didn’t know our school won FIRST PLACE until days after the event. Our celebration took place at our All-School Potluck Dinner on Thursday, October 27th. Congratulations, Team!



EBENEZER NEWS AND NOTES

BLUE MOUNTAIN NEWS AND NOTES

**Operation Christmas Child  
Ebenezer Campus**

I have a Maker/He formed my heart/  
Before even time began/My life was in  
His hands. He knows my name...This  
moving song by Tommy Walker  
reminds of us how God cares about  
each and everyone of us, no matter  
who we are or where we live. The Christian organization,  
Samaritan’s Purse, has shared this song in its video to show  
children from around the world who have received a  
Christmas box filled with presents.

The children on the Ebenezer  
campus have been learning about  
Operation Christmas Child and the  
children who have received fun and  
practical gifts through OCC. The  
story of the Good Samaritan in Luke  
10:30-37  
gives a clear

picture of God’s desire for us  
to help those in need. The  
Ebenezer children have “gone  
and done likewise” by  
collecting about 40 boxes to be  
delivered to children who need  
to know that God knows their  
name and loves them.



**Fun and Excitement at The Blue Mountain Campus**

With a new crop of Kindergartners all the way up to our  
6th graders, the school year  
started off with activities of both  
fun and excitement. The  
students returned to school  
having read many pages over the  
summer, earning the opportunity  
to create their own tie-dye  
Summer Reading T-shirts. Area  
pastors were treated to breakfast  
while the students serenaded  
them. The local fire  
department chief and two  
firefighters came on campus to  
discuss fire safety, explain their  
fire protection gear, and display  
their fire engine.  
Representatives from the 5th and  
6th grades participated in the  
regional ACSI spelling bee.  
Families enjoyed time together  
during our Chuck E Cheese night  
and our Friendly’s Family Fun  
Night. Grandparents filled the halls as they came to spend  
the day with us, enjoying a fantastic feast and a great program  
that featured the students. And this was only the first 2  
months of school!





EXCITING THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT THE PRESCHOOL.

What an awesome start we have had at both our Steel City and Bethel campuses this school year! It has been amazing to see how God has orchestrated our Bethel campus. We have 10 wonderful children enrolled there

and three new teachers. We have been very busy with all our classroom activities including spending a memorable week in October/November talking about "special" children. We discussed how God has made us all special and also that there are some children He has created different from others. We had a "Hop-A-Thon" on Nov. 4th where we hopped for children with Muscular Dystrophy. It was heartwarming to see how the children took the focus off of themselves for the week and focused on making a difference for someone else.



We are excited to announce the opening of our new preschool campus at the Bethel Memorial Baptist Church Friday, June 17, 2011 • 6:30 p.m. 715 Chestnut Lane • Easton • PA • 18045 Call 610-865-9557 for more information.



BCS was selected at one of the 34 Nexus Live Sites to "Showcase" a new way to deliver Inservice Education



ACSI Nexus is ACSI's new model of professional development for Christian educators. It's designed as an ongoing, continuous process that provides high-quality training through an annual live event along with virtual content available on demand—including videos from ASCD PD In Focus.

ACSI Nexus registration allows entrance into a NexusLive venue and full access to ACSI NexusVirtual—the component of ACSI Nexus that gives educators access to ongoing professional development until the next ACSI NexusLive. Two CEUs will be awarded to each person attending ACSI NexusLive through each attendee's Virtual Professional Portfolio.

Bethlehem Christian School was selected by ACSI to host this new event for several reasons. First, our location allows many local schools to attend the event without having to stay in a hotel. Second, our staff is large enough to provide the support needed to host an event of this type.

Another major factor in bringing this event to the Lehigh Valley was the selection of the site and facilities. Calvary Baptist Church was the perfect choice for this event. ACSI could not have picked a better location. Calvary Baptist was excited about hosting this event from our very first conversation. The BCS/Calvary/ACSI partnership has been amazing.

