



BCA Newsletter

BCAS: English Edition

Read to learn all about the good stuff happening in the English Department this year.



New Novels & Memoirs

This school year saw a huge influx in the amount of new, highly sought after novels. We purchased modern titles, such as *Hello, Universe*, *Dear Martin*, and *Long Way Down* as well as classics, such as *To Kill a Mockingbird* and *The Alchemist*. Our classroom library is growing, and we are running out of shelves for all of these great books.

Our Book Clubs have enjoyed digging into these new pieces throughout the year. Of the newer titles, we've read *Tyrell*, *Upstate*, *Homeboyz*, *Hello Universe*, and *Long Way Down* in small groups. The Book Club elective is a great way to earn your novel credits for high school.

Independent Reading Highlights



Independent Reading Initiative

This year, our students have read more books independently than ever before. Students could often be seen in quiet places, reading their chosen novels. At BCA, you get to choose the novels you read for class and for pleasure. Many students have read more than the required number of books this year.

Our middle school has been flying through novels as well. Most of our middle schoolers have read over 5 titles this school year and we still have one quarter of the year to go!

“I loved reading Coe Booth’s novel, Tyrell. I loved the way the author was able to infuse the novel with the way teens on the East Coast actually speak. The novel includes romance and comedy along with drama. I recommend this book to everyone. I know there is a sequel, Bronxwood, and I hope I get to read that too!” - Tiarah C.



BCA Students get published!

Two of our BCA students, David Hancock and Sarah Guzik, entered a short story contest promoted by the group, Young Writers. Both students' entries were accepted for publication and currently appear in the collection, *Stranger Sagas*.

Another student, Ann Mihalik, has also entered a poetry contest with the same organization. We anxiously await news on the fate of her original piece.

Keep writing!



Newest Novel Review:

“This was a very good book with lots of suspense. I like how they incorporated a deaf character to add more of a twist. I also like how Kaori thought she was a real psychic.” - Joe B.

Check the book out for yourself!