

## BBS Prayer Ministries

### "PRAYER BUDS"

A student-to-student and class-to-class prayer ministry

Our **1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade students** will have the opportunity this year to participate in the student-to-student side of "Prayer Buds". Students whose parents sign them up will be matched with another student (same gender) as prayer partners. Students in first through third grades will be matched together and students in fourth through sixth grades will be matched together. The participating students will learn who their "Prayer Bud" is during the first week of school. Prayer Buds could

- ▣ Exchange prayer requests at school, through emails or on the phone
- ▣ Commit to pray for each other daily
- ▣ Exchange pictures so they remember to pray for each other
- ▣ Pray with each other

These are suggestions. Your child and their Prayer Bud would be free to make it as simple or in depth as they want. ☺

Interested? To sign your child(ren) up for a "Prayer Bud" please email Gretchen Carvella at [bqcarv@verizon.net](mailto:bqcarv@verizon.net). Please include their **name, gender and grade level** in the email. We'd love to have them join in!

Additionally this year, each **elementary class (Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup>)** will be praying for another elementary class on a regular basis. It's a way to get the classes to think outside their walls and pray for others in their BBS family. You'll hear more about it at the start of the year. ☺

### "PRAY WITHOUT CEASING (PWC)"

Our **BBS parents and families** are again invited to cover our students and teachers in prayer every school day throughout the year in a specific and focused way through our school wide prayer calendar ministry - "Pray Without Ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17).

Like last year, you will receive prayer calendars for your child(ren)'s grade level(s). The calendars will include all the students' names for that grade. Also, depending on the grade level, it will include a class schedule for each day and prayer requests for that class.

Now here's what's new - Participating families will pick which day of the week that they will pray for a specific class through the whole year. So you'd pray for, say, 4<sup>th</sup> grade on Mondays. If you sign up to pray for another class, you'd pray for that class on, perhaps, Wednesdays. You can pray on as many "Mondays" or "Wednesdays" as you are able each month. Other families will commit to pray on a certain day of the week as well so that in the end our teachers and students will be "prayed through their year" one day at a time!

And what should those prayers look like?? In past years some folks prayed for all the students in the class by name during their family breakfast, some prayed on the hour or as God brought the class to mind through the day. The point is - they all prayed! That's all we're asking you to do. It's your day, so in your way you can pray as you are able for that class. It's the One to whom we pray that's important. We'll give the calendars to the teachers so that they and the students are

reminded that they are being lifted up before God Most High, our Abba Father, each school day through the year.

Please email Gretchen Carvella at [bgcarv@verizon.net](mailto:bgcarv@verizon.net) if you'd like to be included on the "Pray Without Ceasing" monthly calendars - grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc are *more* than welcome to sign on as well! Please include **your name, email address, the grade level(s) for which you will pray, and the day of the week that you would like to pray for those grade levels.** Thanks!!

----- ☺ -----

I'd *love* to answer any questions that you have about "Prayer Buds" or "PWC" so please don't hesitate to contact me. I'm looking forward to praying along side you for our students and teachers this year!

In Him,

Gretchen Carvella  
BBS Prayer Ministries Team  
790-0713  
[bgcarv@verizon.net](mailto:bgcarv@verizon.net)