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To

go “all in” means to give 100 percent—holding nothing back. And the only one worthy of this kind of devotion is Jesus. For that reason, I love this year’s theme of “All in on Jesus.” Not only is this a wonderful motto for our students to carry through the year, but it also captures the heart of why we do what we do at Lancaster Baptist School. Our goal is to prepare students for a life wholly devoted to Christ. In everything we do, from the classroom to the athletic field, our desire is to shape young people into Christ-like leaders who will impact the world for God’s glory.

In this issue of the Excelsior magazine, you’ll find sections that point to our key areas of focus at LBS: *Establishing Christ-like Character*, *Achieving Academically*, *Growing Comprehensively*, *Leading through Service*, and *Elevating Patriotism*.

ESTABLISHING CHRIST-LIKE CHARACTER:

True education goes beyond academics. At LBS, we want to see students develop the character of Christ. Our teachers and staff

model these qualities, and we work to instill them through intentional moments of discipleship, mentorship, and application of biblical principles.

ACHIEVING ACADEMICALLY:

Academic success at LBS is pursued as a way of honoring the Lord with our minds. We encourage students to strive for excellence in every subject, not merely for grades, but as part of their commitment to glorify God through their studies. With advanced courses, dedicated teachers, and a curriculum centered on both knowledge and biblical truth, we prepare our students for future educational and vocational opportunities.

GROWING COMPREHENSIVELY:

Education at LBS is about nurturing the whole person. We provide opportunities for students to grow physically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually. Through athletics, arts, and extracurricular activities, students learn teamwork, discipline, and self-confidence. We seek to prepare them to face life’s challenges with resilience, kindness, and a strong scriptural foundation.

LEADING THROUGH SERVICE:

We believe that leadership starts with serving others. Our students are encouraged to engage in service, and we want each student to understand that true leadership means putting others first and following Christ’s example of servant leadership.

ELEVATING PATRIOTISM:

In a time when love for country often gets overlooked, we want our students to appreciate the freedoms they enjoy and to learn how they can serve others with gratitude for God’s blessings on our nation.

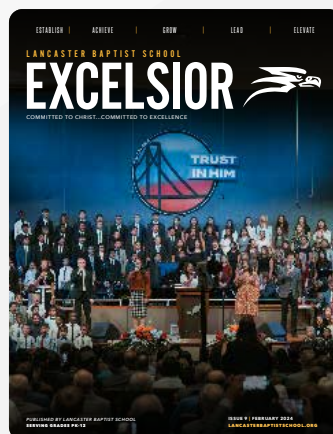
My prayer is that every student, teacher, and family connected to Lancaster Baptist School will be fully committed as we invest in raising up the next generation of Christ-centered leaders. Thank you for your partnership and the sacrifices you make to support godly education. Together, let’s go all in on Jesus.

PASTOR PAUL CHAPPELL is the founder of Lancaster Baptist School. Read his blog at paulchappell.com.



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If you never received our last issue, stop by Guest Services to pick up a copy. In it, you’ll find articles on *Parental Promises*, *Eagle Events*, and more.

School Information

HISTORY

Lancaster Baptist School, a ministry of Lancaster Baptist Church, began in 1989 as the result of a burden God laid upon the heart of Pastor Paul Chappell. After much time in prayer before the Lord, Pastor Chappell brought the vision before the church as an alternative to the humanistic-based philosophy being taught in public schools throughout our state and nation. Lancaster Baptist School opened in September of 1989 with a total enrollment of 47 students in K5-12th grade. As a ministry of Lancaster Baptist Church, Lancaster Baptist School has closed enrollment and is open only to the members of the church.

SCHOOL PROFILE



FOUNDED IN

1989

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

23

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

Independent Baptist

STUDENT POPULATION (PK-12)

394

GRADUATES TO DATE

787

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ACCREDITATION

WASC

(Western Association of Schools & Colleges)

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SENIOR YEAR MAP TESTING DATA

64th Percentile

or Higher in Mathematics, Reading, and Language Usage

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Eric Lee

PRINCIPAL



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onnecting students with their God-given purpose and enabling them to fulfill it is what we are called to do. We know God has great things in store for Lancaster Baptist School and that He will bless our continued strides toward our goal of developing godly, Christ-honoring servant leaders.

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CULTIVATING CHRIST-CENTERED LEADERSHIP IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

| BY ERIC LEE, PRINCIPAL

Leadership. Every pastor, principal, parent, and politician seems to mention it incessantly. Leadership carries so much weight and contributes significantly to seemingly every outcome in life. Some emphasize the need for it at the top. Others place the emphasis on it needing to be student-centered. Regardless, the need for leadership in our society is undeniable. We NEED leadership. We need to be led. An honest look at human history makes that fact abundantly clear.

In a Christian school that truth remains steadfast. However, the primary source of that leadership is not in the administration, the faculty, or the student council. Although each of these entities carry high levels of influence, to produce lasting fruit, their guidance must originate from a deeper and more powerful source. In a Christian environment, leaders must be led. Led by His Spirit - the Spirit of God that dwells in each of us that know Jesus Christ as Savior. Without it, our efforts will eventually be stultified.

Spirit-led schools, churches, and individuals will have trademark characteristics that distinguish them from a world that knows not the presence of God within themselves. A survey of Scripture allows for the following attributes to emerge as evidence of this leading of the Holy Spirit.

SPIRIT-LED SCHOOLS ARE CHRIST-CENTERED.

Our Savior promised His followers that He would not leave them without His presence. That presence and comfort is found in the indwelling Holy Spirit. Christ's words in John 14:26 remind us that the leadership of the Holy Spirit will always result in Jesus being magnified: "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." As a school led by His spirit, we continually must bring to remembrance the clear teaching of our Lord and Savior. This is practically lived out by beginning each class in prayer, spending time studying the Scriptures daily, and teaching every subject through a biblical worldview.

SPIRIT-LED SCHOOLS PRODUCE DISCIPLES.

The account of the conversion of the Ethiopian man in Acts 8 provides a fascinating case study of what it looks like to be led by His Spirit. At the prompting of the Holy Spirit, Philip, a committed follower of Christ, is directed to guide an individual searching for truth. This Ethiopian man needed a guide, a mentor, and the Spirit led Philip to be that discipler for the searching soul. As a Christian school, we strive to produce committed followers of Christ. This is the product of spirit-filled men and women who live out 2 Timothy 2:2, "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." This sort of



mentorship is a regular part of the rhythm at LBS, where positive and influential teacher-student relationships are part of the fabric of our institution.

SPIRIT-LED SCHOOLS REMAIN COMMITTED TO BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES.

Stated simply, Spirit-led schools manifest the fruit of the Spirit. “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.” (Galatians 5:22-23) These essential attributes of the spirit-filled life will be found in any organization led by His Spirit. The development of these traits is recognized and applauded at LBS through special chapels dedicated to highlighting the spiritual growth and development in these areas.

For 36 years Lancaster Baptist School has endeavored to be “Led by His Spirit” in hiring faculty, selecting curriculum, and establishing policies. Many of these choices may seem quixotic to the natural man, but in each our mission


has remained steadfast. The mission of LBS is to assist parents in educating and equipping their students to develop a heart for God, to cultivate a sound biblical worldview, and to prepare students to positively impact their families, churches, communities, and country for Jesus Christ. This spiritual mission demands the leading of His Spirit continually.



ERIC LEE is the Principal at Lancaster Baptist School.

Establishing Christ-Like Character

The hallmark of every spiritually mature believer is Christ-like character. At LBS, every child is met at their spiritual level and nurtured through salvation towards the image of Christ. Through daily Bible classes, weekly chapels, and the modeling and mentoring of godly teachers who are all members of Lancaster Baptist Church, each child grows in character toward these goals:

-  Demonstrating Integrity
-  Demonstrating Compassion and Kindness toward Others
-  Demonstrating Self-Control
-  Demonstrating Growth in Discretion and Biblical Worldview
-  Demonstrating A Growing Relationship with the Lord



A group of diverse children, including a girl in a denim jacket and a boy in a red and black shirt, are standing in a line. They are all looking down with solemn expressions, suggesting a moment of reflection or prayer. The background is slightly blurred, focusing attention on the children in the foreground.

We are established spiritually by learning
and demonstrating Christian values.

THE USE OF THEMES IN ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL CHAPEL

| BY STEPHEN VOSHALL, SECONDARY INSTRUCTOR

Lancaster Baptist School establishes Christ-like character most emphatically in weekly chapels. The elementary students have chapel every Thursday and the secondary students meet each Tuesday and Thursday to hear God's Word preached by a faculty or staff member of the West Coast Baptist College or Lancaster Baptist Church. In the secondary chapel, the singing and preaching focuses on a theme set by the administration at the beginning of the year. Character First, a program that helps primary school students develop honesty, courage, and other positive qualities, is being implemented in elementary chapels through singing, stories, and preaching. Each month, the teachers select several students in their classes to recognize at the "character awards chapel." Through theming and recognition of character in chapel, LBS is taking positive steps to establish Christ-like character.

"And he left all, rose up, and followed Him." This description of Levi, the publican-turned-disciple of the Lord Jesus, encapsulates the vision for the students at Lancaster Baptist School this year. The theme, called "All in on Jesus," focuses on various aspects of the Christian life and how the students can be "all in" through that discipline. In August, the first theme simply encouraged students to be, "all in on Jesus because of salvation." In September, students learned to be "all in on worship" leading to the October emphasis, "all in on Jesus through His Word". November was all about abandoning negative influences, citing Acts 19:19 in a monthly theme called, "All in on Jesus by burning the books". In December, students enjoyed the emphasis on being "all in on Jesus through celebrating" as Christ's birth was remembered at each service. January was all about listening, as Jesus taught in Luke 11:28, and February, the current theme, focuses on the joy of giving

spoken about by Jesus in Luke 6:30.

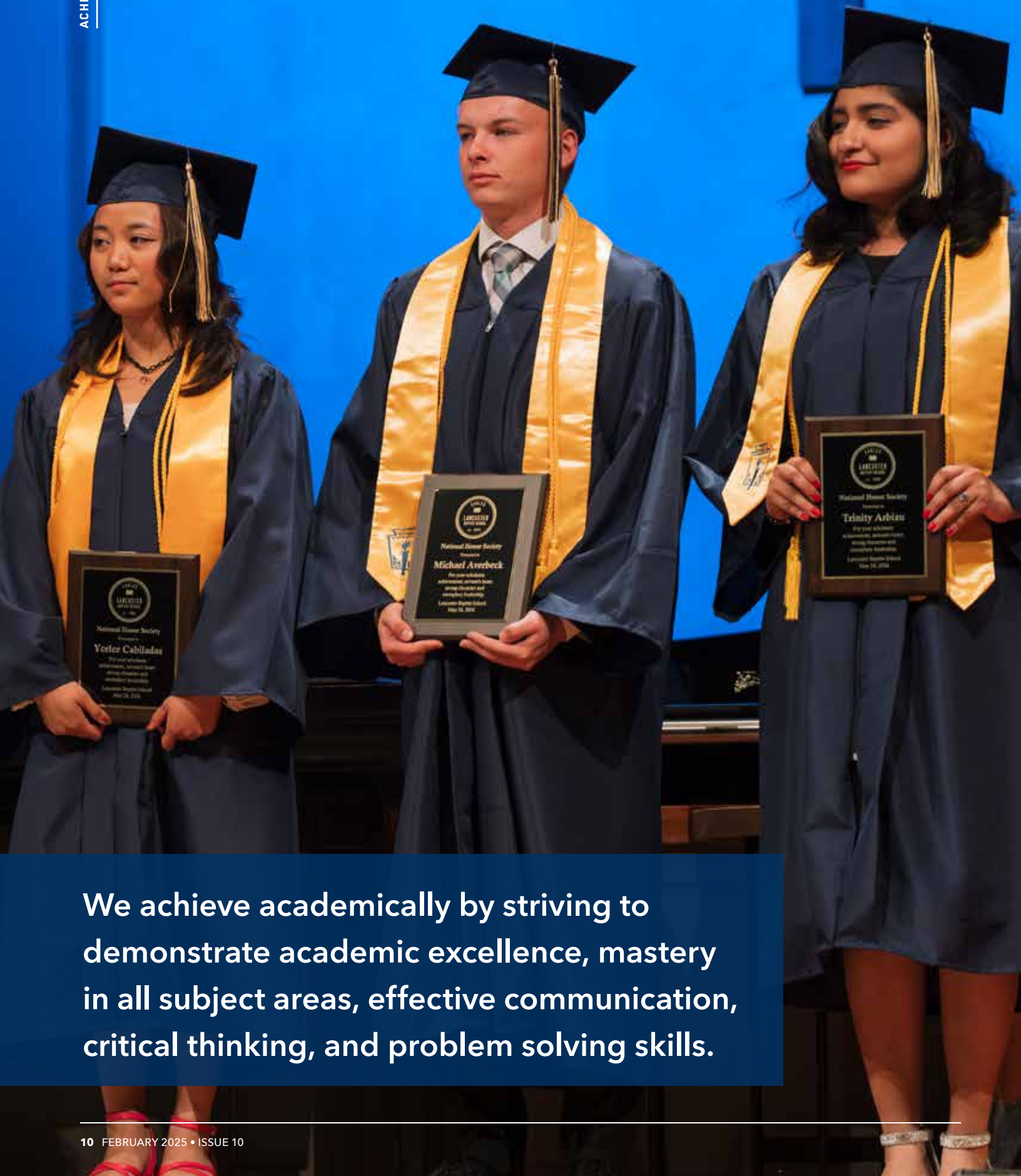
In elementary chapel, students studied various character traits along with an animal that exemplifies that characteristic. In August, the students learned about diligence using the beaver as an example. September was all about initiative, and the swan helped communicate the importance of leadership. In October, the students thoroughly enjoyed learning all about thoroughness, and how important details are to alligators. The wolf taught the students about respect in November, then the difficult lesson of patience in December using the characteristics of the butterfly. Of course, God's Word is the focus of every single chapel, and elementary students start each service by singing, "I want to do right and be like Jesus. I want to get smart and serve others. I love my parents, Pastor, teachers, and America; but, most of all, I want to glorify my Lord!"

At LBS, chapel is an integral part of the week. Whether the students are hearing preaching, enjoying split sessions, or being recognized for Christian character, God's Word is at the forefront and the power to change lives is always the focus. While themes and songs about animals are fun for the students, these elements simply serve the focal point of chapel: the preached Word of God. By His grace, and through His help, the students of LBS will experience the true establishment of Christ-like character as a result of God's Word.



STEPHEN VOSHALL is a secondary instructor and the Music Director at Lancaster Baptist School.





We achieve academically by striving to demonstrate academic excellence, mastery in all subject areas, effective communication, critical thinking, and problem solving skills.

Achieving Academically

ACADEMIC TRACKS

LBS students may choose from two diploma tracks. Each track has a requirement of 240 credits.

COLLEGE PREPARATORY DIPLOMA

Bible (40)

History (A) (30)

English (B) (40)

Math (C) (30)

Science (D) (30)

LOTE (E) (20)

Visual or Performing Arts (F) (10)

Electives (G) (20)

Physical Education (20)

GENERAL DIPLOMA

Bible (40)

History (A) (30)

English (B) (40)

Math (C) (30)

Science (D) (20)

LOTE (E) (10)

Visual or Performing Arts (F) (10)

Electives (G) (40)

Physical Education (20)

**Parentheses indicate required minimum credits*

UPPER LEVEL AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

Lancaster Baptist School offers four upper level courses and Advanced Placement courses:

Pre-Calculus

Physics

Chemistry

AP Courses (Select)

MAP TESTING DATA K-12 MATH

Grade 2 - 82nd Percentile

Grade 12 - 78th Percentile

LANGUAGE

K5 - 77th Percentile

Grade 11 - 80th Percentile

Grade 6 - 72nd Percentile

FOSTERING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND FAITH-FILLED PURPOSE

| BY MELISSA CALDERON, SECONDARY INSTRUCTOR





Lancaster Baptist School offers a strong biblical worldview alongside a foundation of high-quality academic achievement. We believe education is not merely the pursuit of knowledge; it is a God-given opportunity to develop the unique gifts bestowed upon each student. Academic excellence is a way to bring glory to God, and in our classrooms, we cultivate critical thinking skills, creativity, and curiosity. Our mission is to help students discover their God-given talents and use them to positively impact the world.

“We believe education is not merely the pursuit of knowledge; it is a God-given opportunity to develop the unique gifts bestowed upon each student.”

Our rigorous academic standards prepare students to excel both in higher education and in their chosen vocations, while our biblical worldview helps them understand that their learning has a greater purpose. Many of our graduates go on to serve in full-time ministry or the armed forces, while others pursue higher education at prestigious universities, including top state institutions such as the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and UC Berkeley.

High-quality academic achievement begins with strong, Christ-centered instruction. Our dedicated teachers, who are both experts in their fields and exemplary Christian role models, weave biblical principles into their lessons, demonstrating how faith and knowledge complement one another. We challenge our students to think critically and apply biblical discernment in all areas of learning. Our school takes pride in providing a balanced curriculum that not only challenges students but also prepares them for future success. We offer a wide range of subjects that establish a solid academic foundation while fostering higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills.

To support our commitment to academic excellence, Lancaster Baptist School has partnered with ABeka and BJU Press,

offering biblically based curriculum that emphasize mastery of foundational concepts in reading, language arts, and arithmetic in our elementary program. In our secondary program, we build on these principles to encourage advanced reasoning and application.

We believe that academic excellence should be measurable. Therefore, we continually evaluate our progress through standardized testing. While tests do not capture the entirety of a student's success, they provide valuable insights into our students' achievements and areas for growth. Throughout the academic year, we conduct benchmark testing to monitor progress and identify where additional support may be needed.

Students participate in the Northwest Education Association's Measures of Academic Progress Test (MAP Test), a nationally recognized standardized assessment. These tests allow us to compare our students' performance against national averages, providing an objective measure of our program's effectiveness. Over the past two years, many of our students have scored above average, highlighting the strength of our curriculum and the quality of our teaching. Lancaster Baptist School has consistently excelled in language arts scoring school-wide in the 69th percentile and is continually improving in mathematics scoring in the 58th percentile.

When choosing Lancaster Baptist School, you're investing in a Christ-centered education that values both academic achievement and spiritual growth. Through our strong curriculum and commitment to regular evaluation, we offer a well-rounded, excellent education that prepares students to succeed in their academic journeys and walk faithfully in their lives.



MELISSA CALDERON is a secondary instructor at Lancaster Baptist School.



HELP STUDENT ATHLETES!



The mission of the LBS Booster Club is to support and promote the growth and development of the Lancaster Baptist School Athletic Programs and its athletes. Join the LBS Athletics Booster Club! Being a booster club member gives you a voice and opportunity to raise funds for athletic needs. Membership allows input at all booster club meetings. To volunteer or if you have questions, please contact Tom Huygens at tomhuygens43@gmail.com or 319-215-4061.

To make a donation or become a member, visit
lancasterbaptistschool.org/booster-club



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Growing Comprehensively

ATHLETICS

CIF Sports	Baseball
Football	Golf
Volleyball	Cross Country
Basketball	

FINE ARTS

Annual West Coast Baptist Fine Arts Competition	Art, Graphic Design, Photography
Dynamic Music Program	Home Economics

COMMUNITY

Bible Quiz Team	Student Government
Chess Club	Young Americans for Freedom Club
STEM Club	Washington D.C. Trip
Fiber Arts Club	Sacramento Trip
National Honor Society	Youth Group

SPIRIT

Spirit Week	Fall and Winter Revivals
Read Across America Day	Teen Camp
Great Americans Day	Winter Camp
Constitution Day	100th Day of School
Pi Day	Color Run





We grow comprehensively in the academic,
social, physical, and spiritual domains.

CULTIVATING WELL-ROUNDED CHRISTIAN LEADERS AT LANCASTER BAPTIST SCHOOL

| BY SARAH ANDERSON, VICE PRINCIPAL/INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Many parents want their children to receive a well-rounded Christian education. At Lancaster Baptist School, one of the five Eagle Attributes that define our school is “Growing Comprehensively”. This alludes to the fact that we desire to see students develop holistically; specifically, we want to impact their entire being. The renowned author of the Seven Laws of Learning, John Milton Gregory, said, “The true function of the teacher is to create the most favorable conditions for self-learning.” Regarding comprehensive growth, Lancaster Baptist School desires to create an environment for young people to grow their mind, body, heart, and soul in order to develop their God-given talents.

As a school, a fundamental goal is developing students’ minds. Romans 12:2 states, “And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.” Our core curriculum - Bible, language, math, history, science, and foreign language - focuses on knowledge acquisition with a Biblical worldview. Additional learning opportunities are also geared to cultivating the mind through hands-on experiences such as field trips and projects like English research papers, investigative science, and history presentations. Mind development lays a foundation for further learning.

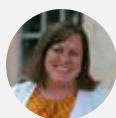
Part of comprehensive learning also includes physical fitness and skill development. We emphasize physical education classes which focus on calisthenics, stamina, and various sports. In the elementary program, a mixture of fun and competitive activities are used to develop motor skills and coordination. In the secondary program, there is more focus on conditioning and sports instruction. Students are also encouraged to participate in extracurricular athletics such as cheerleading, volleyball, football, basketball, golf, cross country, and baseball, providing opportunities to develop physically while working with others on a team. Physical growth is an important component of being a well-rounded student.

A common saying is, “The heart of the matter is a matter of the heart.” We desire to appeal to a student’s heart - the core of their being - using creative venues. Some of these venues include art class, music courses, and a Fine Arts competition. The music program provides vocal and instrumental instruction. For vocal training, classes include ensemble and choir, and instrumental training classes consist of orchestra and band. Art classes provide a needed outlet for students to draw, paint, sculpt or craft. To give students an opportunity to showcase their skills, we promote participation in a Fine Arts competition. This is an event for students to display their talents in music, speech, and art while competing against students from other schools. The heart or emotional being of a student is important and requires development.



Although it is often overlooked, the soul, the spiritual component, is the most important part of a person. The highest achievement of a student is spiritual growth, which requires daily attention. As a Christian school, we recognize its importance and emphasize Biblical truth through daily Bible classes, weekly chapels, Biblical integration, service opportunities, and prayer focus. Our desire is to saturate our curriculum with Biblical teaching, pray for receptive hearts, and provide opportunities for students to act on truths learned. These components work together to provide an environment conducive for spiritual growth.

Many parents desire for their children to receive a well-rounded Christian education with the hope that their children will become versatile Christian adults. To achieve this requires attention on every part of a person's being - the mind, heart, body, and soul. At Lancaster Baptist School we continue striving to train Christian leaders who are growing comprehensively so they can use their ability to impact the world for Christ.



SARAH ANDERSON is a secondary instructor and the Vice Principal at Lancaster Baptist School.





HONORING ALANA

| BY JUSTIN ENGELMAN, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

It was a special but sobering night in the Student Life Center on August 29, 2024. It was a night to honor former Lady Eagles' volleyball player, Alana Bach. Alana would have been a Junior on the LBS Varsity team this season, but unfortunately in May 2024, the Lord called her home along with her mom, Melinda, in a fatal car accident. We know that the Bible promises in Romans 8:28 that the Lord can "work all things together for good," and although it is hard to see any good in those moments, we were able to see many "good" things that came from this year's volleyball season.

Our LBS girls' volleyball team honored Alana and her family before the Eagles' home opener on that Thursday evening. The gym was filled to capacity as the LBS community watched new jerseys with her initials on the sleeve being debuted, and a special #5 jersey retired in her honor. The coaching staff and volleyball teams had raised funds to purchase these new uniforms. Along with this, Alana's family was presented with her jersey worn last year as a captain of her JV team.

Her JV coach, Jessica Averbeck, had this to say about Alana - "Alana exuded strength, joy, and leadership both on and off the court. As a volleyball captain, she inspired her teammates with her unwavering determination and focus. Her passion for volleyball was infectious, and she would strive to bring out the best in those around her. Her contagious laugh and radiant smile had a way of lifting spirits and creating an atmosphere of joy. Whether on the volleyball court or in her daily interactions, Alana's strong leadership, faith in Jesus, and contagious laugh

left an enduring legacy. She was a true inspiration, leaving a lasting imprint on the hearts of all who knew her."

While volleyball was a huge part of Alana's life, it was not the main focus of her life. Alana's focus was her relationship with her Lord Jesus Christ, and the Lady Eagles' goal for this season was to continue that legacy. The Eagles' coaching staff designed a gospel tract to distribute to all the visiting teams this season. The tract was then attached to a Gatorade and handed to every visiting player, coach, and referee at the conclusion of each game. Many coaches expressed their gratitude and told our coaches how it had made a lasting impact on their team. One result of this gesture was that multiple teams wanted to honor Alana on their home court when the Lady Eagles traveled to play them. In one game, the opposing team gave each of our girls a pink hair ribbon and a flower, read a tribute about Alana, and then had a moment of silence to honor her. In another instance, one referee was so touched by Alana's legacy that he donated to the purchase of the new uniforms.

Although Alana is no longer with us, her memory and legacy will live on through the lives of her teammates and coaches. We are so thankful for Alana's lasting impact on each of us and look forward to sharing her testimony to point others to Christ.



JUSTIN ENGELMAN is a secondary instructor and the Athletic Director at Lancaster Baptist School.





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Mark your calendar for the 6th annual LBS Giving Day—
November 19-20, 2025

The impact that LBS has had over the last 35 years has not happened alone. It has taken the support and sacrifice of our entire community.

We honor this giving tradition with the All In for LBS Giving Day. Together we have 24-hours to go "all in" and make an impact for LBS.

How much impact can 24-hours really have? It's not a lot of time. But we don't need time, we need people like you to log on to givingday.lancasterbaptistschool.org and make a donation, however big or small and help us spread the word, because every donor counts towards our 450 donor goal.

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Leading Through Service



Missions Emphasis Week



Operation Christmas Child



Campus Aids



Student Government



Ministry Internships



School Service Club



Ministry Opportunities



Community Volunteers

LEADING THROUGH SERVICE

| BY HUDSON HARTANTO, CLASS OF 2026

Sunday morning, 7:30 AM—I carefully rosin my bow, place the shoulder rest with a slight tilt on the back side of the instrument, and tune each of the violin’s four strings with precision, ensuring they are perfect. This routine has become familiar as I prepare to play my violin in the Lancaster Baptist Church orchestra. These Sunday morning orchestra practices are more than just normal rehearsals: they are about preparing to worship the Lord through music in a way that resonates far beyond the notes I play in this orchestra. While the preparation might go unnoticed by most, each rehearsal ensures that my performance is the best for the Lord. Church orchestra is one of the few ways I can use my talents to serve God, which all starts with the twisting of a violin peg and the stroking of the bow to perfection.

At Lancaster Baptist School, students are given many opportunities, like playing in the church orchestra, to make an impact by serving others and worshiping the Lord in serving others. Whether using our talents for the church ministry, our leadership skills for the school’s student council, or our communication abilities for community events, we students are encouraged to make a difference through serving in our local community.

As a student, I have personally experienced the impact of the small details made by servant-minded students in our school. For example, our student-elected council members serve the student body by putting in extra hours to create fun activities and exciting moments at events like Spirit Week, Great Americans Day, and pep rallies. Our campus aides are a group of student volunteers who arrive at school in the early morning to help direct traffic and ensure the safety of students during the morning rush of each school day. The Young Americans for Freedom Foundation members, which is a group of secondary

students who promote patriotism and moral values, actively engage in projects throughout the year. Whether setting up flags for the Never Forget Memorial or leading the student body for the National Day of Prayer, YAF members and officers lead by serving. Recently, our secondary students helped with putting together Samaritan’s Purse boxes which will be used to share the Gospel with underprivileged children around the world. Over the years, several of our students have volunteered at the local hospital, for our city council, and in nursing homes around town. Many of our students count it a privilege and blessing to serve on the weekends in our bus ministry, music ministry, and children’s ministry. If students have a desire to serve, our church, school, and local community definitely have the opportunities.

Since kindergarten, I’ve been a part of both the church and the school, which has shaped my experience as an eleventh grade student at Lancaster Baptist School. Our school has guided me and many others to embrace a servant leader’s heart, encouraging us to put others before ourselves, and look beyond the earthly rewards of serving. With the many opportunities woven within the school and the church, there are always ministries to serve in that fit the students’ skills and interests. Lancaster Baptist School emphasizes the servant leadership mindset because it builds Christian character, instills future leadership skills, and encourages students to make a difference in the community around them.



HUDSON HARTANTO is a Junior at Lancaster Baptist School



Elevating Patriotism

-  Daily Pledges
-  Young Americans for Freedom Club
-  Never Forget Project
-  National Day of Prayer
-  Constitution Day
-  Great Americans Day
-  Great Americans Project
-  Great Americans Program
-  Patriotic Program
-  Letter Writing to Veterans and Service Members
-  President's Day
-  Paul Revere's Ride
-  Prayer at Lunch for the United States (PLUS) Program





We elevate patriotism in the heart of every student by teaching and promoting the values of America.

ELEVATING PATRIOTISM

| BY ALEXIS BALDUS, CLASS OF 2025





Reflecting on my sixth grade year, one of my favorite memories was participating in a situation room experience at the Ronald Reagan Library. I still remember receiving my name badge for the activity, which read “Chief of Staff Baker.” While the role I played and the decisions I made that day did not affect anyone outside of the room, the experience began to teach me to love and appreciate our nation, its history, and our leaders.

Elevating patriotism is the second “E” in our school’s EAGLE acronym. Uplifting patriotism is an important emphasis at Lancaster Baptist School. Cultivating a love for the great nation we live in is something we strive to do through many events and routines, such as history classes, field trips, National Day of Prayer, and Great Americans Day.

Before a student can learn to elevate patriotism they must learn what patriotism truly is. According to the Webster’s dictionary patriotism is “a love for or devotion to one’s country.” LBS students are taught patriotism along with the history of our nation from elementary school all the way through high school. We are taught about the vision and wisdom of our founding fathers, the wars in which our men and women have fought to keep freedom alive, our Constitutional foundation, how the government works, the lives of great leaders, and how we fit into the future of this country. These classes not only teach our students valuable facts about our nation but also instill a love for our country within the hearts of our students.

One way our school elevates patriotism is through the Great Americans Program and projects. I loved getting to research and learn about different Americans whose lives had a great impact on our nation. Some of these great Americans were politicians, war heroes, and great leaders in our country, but others were inventors, soldiers’ wives, actors, sports players, explorers, and businessmen—common citizens who did extraordinary things. Even now as a senior, I still remember lyrics to songs we sang at these programs throughout the years. One of my favorite songs we sang, started with these words:

“All around our borders march the spirits of the soldiers whose blood was shed to order the freedom song we sing. In their old-fashioned manner they’re waving back the standard, through the darkness let us answer the call of liberty.”

From a young age, our school has taught me the great sacrifice that many great Americans made to give us the freedoms we enjoy today, and more importantly they taught me to be grateful for those who have served our country and for all those who gave their last full measure of devotion to keep freedom’s dream alive..

Another way our school elevates patriotism is through our Young Americans for Freedom chapter. YAF is an organization that promotes patriotism in schools and colleges around the country. Our YAF organizes events and activities for September 11, President’s Day, Constitution Day, Freedom Week, and Veteran’s Day. Our YAF officers have done many

different things to help our students remember the events and people who have made America the wonderful freedom-loving nation she is today. They have hidden Abe Lincoln’s around campus, interviewed

veterans from our community, planted flags, given speeches, torn down Berlin walls made of styrofoam, raced around campus to recreate Paul Revere’s ride, and so much more that remind students of our past and encourage them to fight for our country’s future.

Elevating patriotism is not just an alliterated goal to place in our EAGLE attributes acronym. It is something we strive to do and to instill in the hearts of our students that goes beyond graduation. From kindergarten all the way up to the seniors, we are learning and seeing what it means to be a patriotic American.



ALEXIS BALDUS is a Senior at Lancaster Baptist School

**“Before a student can learn to
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A background image of a young man with blonde hair, wearing a dark blue shirt, sitting at a desk and writing in a notebook with a black pen. The image is slightly blurred and has a dark overlay. The text is overlaid on this image.

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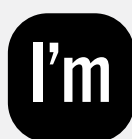
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Josh McCary

GRADUATE 2014



incredibly thankful for the foundation Lancaster Baptist School provided, which has been invaluable to me since high school. I graduated from LBS in 2014, and it's hard to believe it's been a decade since sitting in Miss Amy Houk's classroom!

Since graduation, I've earned both a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Religious Education from West Coast Baptist College. During college, I met my wife, Julie, and we married after graduation in 2019. We now

have two wonderful children—Jared, 22 months, and Ember, 6 weeks old.

I recently joined the Los Angeles City Fire Department as a firefighter and have just finished my rookie year, currently stationed at Firehouse 68. I still connect with LBS by teaching CPR classes for teachers and sharing fire safety lessons with students.

My time at LBS was filled with fun and growth. I'll always remember Bro. Jones' hands-on science lessons, Mrs. Demirjian's morning reminders of "What is greatness?" and the football practices and late nights preparing for our senior play.

LBS has been instrumental in opening doors for me, and I'll always treasure my high school years and the LBS community.



Kristina Premo

GRADUATE 2005

I AM SO APPRECIATIVE OF MY YEARS AT LBS!

My teachers contributed to my growth as a student and as a Christian. It was in Mrs. Jones's junior high English class that I developed a love for the English language, and it was further honed in Mrs. Cazis's senior English class. Beyond that, my teachers had a love for Christ and for people that was evidenced outside of the classroom. The spiritual and educational foundation that these teachers laid has played a part in where I am today, using English education to connect with people and share the gospel as a missionary in Ivory Coast, West Africa.



STAFF BIO

Elianette Fies

SECONDARY INSTRUCTOR

Mrs. Elianette Fies became involved in Christian education because she saw a pressing need for educational approaches grounded in faith, aimed at nurturing the spiritual lives of young people. With a degree in Secondary Education, focusing on English and music, from West Coast Baptist College, she is passionate about seeing Lancaster Baptist School students grow in their academics and extracurricular electives. This is her first-year teaching in Christian Education and she believes the value of Christian education lies in its ability to provide students with a biblical worldview while fostering both academic and spiritual growth. At LBS, she is grateful to work alongside a supportive team of administrators, mentor teachers, and engaged parents who share a common goal: helping students succeed.



STAFF BIO

Emely Menjivar

ELEMENTARY INSTRUCTOR

Miss Emely Menjivar's journey into Christian education began during college, where she spent two and a half years working in public after-school care. She had a passion for showing the love of Jesus to the students, and it was during this time that God affirmed her desire to work in Christian education. "I wanted the freedom to teach my students about the gospel and help them align their lives with His Word." Miss Menjivar holds a Bachelor's Degree in Education from West Coast Baptist College and has been involved in Christian education for three years. She believes the value of Christian education is significant in supporting families as they raise the next generation of Christians. From her experiences in both public and Christian schools, she's seen that Christian education not only provides academic excellence but also instills a love for our country and our Savior, imparting values that students carry for a lifetime.



STAFF Q&A

Alicia Whitman

ELEMENTARY INSTRUCTOR

WHY DID YOU GET INVOLVED IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION?

I wanted to make the same kind of difference in children's lives that past teachers had made in mine.

WHAT DEGREE(S) DO YOU POSSESS AND FROM WHERE?

Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Pensacola Christian College

HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU BEEN INVOLVED IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND HOW MANY YEARS TEACHING AT LBS?

I began teaching in the fall of 1992 here at LBS.

WHAT IS YOUR BEST MEMORY OF WORKING AT LBS?

I love the memories made from athletic events and the Harvest Festival.

IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT IS THE VALUE OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION?

God has allowed me to play a small role in helping a young Christian mind that He can later use in more ways than I could ever imagine.

WHAT IS THE BEST THING ABOUT BEING ON STAFF AT LBS?

The best things about being on staff at LBS...knowing that we are fellow laborers for Christ and the ability to teach with those that came through my classroom. It is the ultimate reward for those extra hours spent preparing lessons.

WHY SHOULD PARENTS ENROLL THEIR STUDENTS AT LBS?

God has blessed me personally with five LBS graduates. The foundation laid in the classroom by their teachers has gifted them with life lessons that they still discuss when we are together. My children were able to develop personal relationships with some of the teachers and administrators that are still important to them as college students or college graduates.



STUDENT BIO

Ancell Tongson

CLASS OF 2025

I have been attending LBS since ninth grade, and I will be graduating in the spring of 2025. My time at Lancaster Baptist School has been probably the most blessed period of my life, and I am very grateful that I get to be a student here. One of my standout memories is the WorldStrides Competition. I had a great time traveling to different theme parks while also getting a chance to sing for the Lord. Another standout memory is producing the Color Run as a junior. Creating a fun day of colorful excitement after a tough school year was very enjoyable. One teacher that has impacted me the most at the school is Bro. Lee. I had Bro. Lee as a science teacher for two years, and his passion for his classes influenced my curiosity in sciences and math. My walk with God, which was greatly nurtured by my experience here, has really helped me in tough experiences. I always remember that God is always in control, and He will guide any events or hardships that I face in my life. After I graduate, I plan to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering. I am unsure which university I will attend, but I am sure that God will provide guidance.



STUDENT BIO

Tim Grier

CLASS OF 2025

I have been attending LBS since 2012 when I was in kindergarten, and I will be graduating in May of 2025. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at LBS. I have learned so much about my Saviour and other subjects while at this school. I would not have wanted to go to any other school in the Antelope Valley besides this school. Some standout memories from my time here would include WorldStrides trips, as well as my season of football this year. An experience that impacted me the most throughout my time at school was the passing of Alana Bach. That situation helped me strengthen my walk with God and with my friends because of the realization of how short our lives can be. My walk with God has helped me through challenges by giving me the strength to keep doing the things that God wants me to do. After graduating, I plan to go to college and enter an engineering program.



STUDENT BIO

Alia Atherton

CLASS OF 2025

I will be graduating in May of 2025. I have been attending LBS since kindergarten. I love the time I've spent at LBS. Sports mean so much to me and all the fun events hosted for the students of LBS. I love that the teacher's truly care about my life and especially my spiritual life. Mrs. Bach really helped me as I struggled in junior high and the beginning of high school. I'm so grateful that she saw my struggles and helped me to grow and overcome them. Miss Houk has also impacted my life by caring so deeply for me personally, educationally, and spiritually. She has positively influenced me and my classmates to love God and grow closer to Him. After high school I plan to attend West Coast Baptist College and study secondary or elementary education. I plan to serve God in ministry and do as He guides me.



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BUILDING BLOCKS FOR THE FUTURE

| BY KAYE DOLOTINA, KIDS' CORNER DIRECTOR





recent interaction with a four year old here at Kids' Corner further demonstrated the fascinating interweave of various areas of the development of the young brain. The student was not her usual chipper self. Intent on being available for the child's needs, a teacher gave the reassurance of her presence. The student was saddened to discover that a dear pet fish had passed away the night before, causing the devastation. The following morning, the girl came to school a little less morose, and was more of her cheerful self.

Many studies have shown and proven the benefits of early childhood education. One of which is the development of interpersonal skills to help the child navigate the intricacies of social interaction. Here at Kids' Corner, we value the importance of a child's social-emotional competencies; and we adhere to what the Bible says on how to relate to one another. Our preschool is open from 7:30AM up to 5:30PM Mondays through Fridays all year round. Our students spend extended periods of time with teachers and children outside of their families. This environment provides plenty of opportunities to learn to build friendships, resolve conflicts, and exercise self-regulation. We teach our students the Word of God through our daily Bible lessons. Our students learn through many teachable moments and practical application in day-to-day classroom settings. Each is a work in progress, but they have developed good conduct in class, shown kindness by taking turns in playground activities, and displayed responsibility by cleaning up after themselves.

An important pillar of every educational institution is the training and experience of its staff. The teachers at Kids' Corner love the Lord, and love the students and our families. The young girl whose pet was gone understood that her teacher would listen and would know how she was feeling because that is what she experiences on a daily basis. We use the ABeka Preschool program as our curriculum. Teachers from the K-2, K-3, and K-4 classes utilize the materials well and supplement the program with crafts, worksheets, and manipulatives to reinforce the concepts presented in the books. Our teachers

go above and beyond what is required of them. That passion and dedication are reflected in the relationships that have been built with the families in the preschool.

Structure is immediately visible in the preschool classrooms. The teachers have designed the students' learning environment to not only be educational, but engaging and fun. Children of preschool age require structure to perform well within the boundaries of safety and careful planning. Our teachers have provided that guidance in their classes.

Kids' Corner aims for every student to be equipped for grade school. Our investment in the students' education is evidenced by our former students' percentile ranking in this fall's MAP Testing at LBS.

The city of Lancaster has worked with KCP to extend our goals and vision to the community. This year, we are granted 10 vouchers to help single-parent households pay for their preschooler's monthly tuition. We give free tours to parents who are interested in learning about our program. Of greater importance to academic excellence is our desire that our students come to know who Jesus is and grow to be like Him. In Proverbs 22:6, we are instructed to "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Kids' Corner Preschool, under the ministry of Lancaster Baptist Church, is an ideal training ground for your preschooler.



KAYE DOLOTINA is a director of Kids' Corner Preschool



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