

# BHIA Explores Local History

...and our own 100-day Anniversary!



Who is that walking into the school today, of all days, on the 100-day anniversary of BHI Academy's birth? Is it founding mother Abigail Adams? I know it must be a member of the Bridgerton cast for sure in that incredible 1800s apparel. No, it's our very own dockmaster by day and history professor, Ms. Joene Conley, kicking off not only our 100-day Anniversary but also (as we always do!) doing MORE for our scholars.



*BHI Academy Acorns create their own legacy!*

Only our ace history educator, Ms. Joene, could find a way to launch our History Month by incorporating all things Bald Head Island with relevant facts about Black history and American history. It was a revelation of fact-finding. Indians were the first inhabitants of the island. Later settlers found that farming wasn't successful except for rice cultivated by slaves. Our beautiful BHI land was once rich with horses, pigs, cows - all left behind by various visitors. In fact, it was named Bald Head because the animals ate so much of the vegetation on the west end!

Ms. Joene taught the kids that Smith Island (now BHI) is the oldest land grant in existence. She shared that Cape Faire is the true name that later became Cape Fear due to a spelling mistake, despite the story in books that say the name came from sixteenth century and later sailors and pirates afraid of sinking in their ships in the treacherous waters. So, in that spirit, our brilliant educators Ms. Biegel, Mr. Hano, and Ms. McCarthy designed a task for the students, asking them to think of ideas for dress and costuming that depicted something that would be 100 years old. Another cool teaching idea tied in with the lesson and including our scholars' input!

I love the famous quote that Ms. Joene shared: *"History is written by the winners."* In keeping with this quote, I was inspired by our exceptional historian, Ms. Joene, to make our own history. On February 21, 2024, the 100th day of the Academy's inception, our little Acorns planted their own seeds firmly into the soil of BHI, and with this act they have now become the winners of their own history in the making. Thank you, Ms. Joene, for bringing history to life for our young scholars so that they can understand how to choose powerfully every day.



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**Let these Acorns' legacy stand mighty from this 100th day forth!**



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