



# JH JOURNAL



- BUCHANAN MIDDLE SCHOOL -

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## PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

Dear BMS Families,

We're halfway there! Happy Second Semester everyone! Time flies when you are busy learning. Overall, I would say our first semester brought plenty of hard work, student growth, smiles (even under masks), and resilience. We are so proud of how our entire BMS community persevered through the ups and downs of pandemic life. I continue to feel blessed each day that I come to work and am looking forward to Semester 2!

Students recently finished NWEA testing. In advisory classes, students will receive a goal report with graphs showing if they met their goal. I know that ELA and Math teachers have already shared this information with them as well. With report cards, you should also receive an additional report similar to the ones sent home earlier in the year regarding NWEA scores. If you need any help interpreting this report or understanding the data, please reach out. I'd be glad to help!

During the week of January 18th during advisory classes, teachers and students celebrated the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and completed a school-wide Values Quilt project. Students learned about what values are, made lists of examples of values, and then selected one to use on their quilt square that was included in our final project. Look for pictures of our final project to be featured on our school's Facebook page soon. The end result was BEAUTIFUL! This month, the momentum will continue in Advisory as we focus our attention on a school-wide Black History Month project.

As always, thank you for your support as we continue to foster student learning to lead towards academic achievement and excellence! Go Bucks!

Sincerely,

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# FREE LUNCH

## **ATTENTION PARENTS!**

Thanks to the USDA extending the Summer Food Service Program, students will continue eating free each day. That includes breakfast which begins at 6:50. So on those mornings when you're running late and don't have time to make breakfast or pack a lunch, know that your child will have two warm meals served in the BMS Bistro!



# DOWN IN 7TH GRADE...

## **ELA NEWS**

The deadline for book notes is Feb. 1. Spend time with your student over the weekend making sure that they are done. Make it fun by asking them some of their favorite, and not so favorite, parts of their book.



## **SOCIAL STUDIES**

The 7th grade Social Studies students are learning about the beginning of civilization. One early activity will have them learning how to write their names in Cuneiform, the first written language.

# FROM THE COUNSELOR'S DESK

We want to give a warm welcome to all of our students returning to in person learning from the Buchanan Virtual Academy!

Did you know.....

Parents play such a vital role in their child's character education. Here is an easy way to increase your parental involvement and work on character development. Start to cultivate conversations! Each day ask your student to share with you one thing they learned in school and why they enjoyed it. In return, share one of your own experiences from the day!

# PHILANTHROPY FUN FRIDAYS



The Jr. Herd and Student Pride Council are keeping the Philanthropy Fun Fridays rolling! This month, we will be having four fun Fridays. The cost is \$1 but please remember, your child does not have to participate. These are just fun days that are also allowing us to keep one of our most important fundraisers, Pennies for Patients which benefits the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Feb. 5 - Wacky Friday - Be as wacky as possible! Crazy hair, socks, Kriss Kross clothes (Ask your parents student, they know what Kriss Kross means! )

Feb. 12 - Dress Like a Teacher Day - Dress like your favorite staff member, past or present.

Feb. 19 - Character Day - Use that mask and become a super 🦸 hero! Pick your favorite book, movie or television character. Be a rock star. Hey, donating to LLS makes you a rock star!

Feb. 26 - Aloha Friday! This is a \$2 dollar day! For \$1, dress like you're heading to a Luau. For \$1 more, enter the Limbo Contest. The winner will win a goody bag!

## YEARBOOK COVER WINNERS

Congratulations to all of the amazing students who submitted cover art for our upcoming yearbook. Our reigning champ was 6th grader, Aberdeen P.! Aberdeen will have her artwork on the cover of the BMS 20-21 Yearbook and she has won a free yearbook. Coming in second and third place were 6th grader, Terynn H. and 7th grader Josie P. Great job ladies!



# BLOCK SCHEDULE

## Maroon/White Calendar February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 WHITE	2 MAROON	3 WHITE	4 MAROON	5 WHITE	6
7	8 MAROON	9 WHITE	10 MAROON	11 WHITE	12 MAROON	13
14	15 PRESIDENTS' DAY NO SCHOOL!	16 WHITE	17 MAROON	18 WHITE	19 MAROON	20
21 28	22 WHITE	23 MAROON	24 WHITE	25 MAROON	26 WHITE	27

# CLUBS

### THE CLUBS MUST GO ON

Restrictions have drastically changed the school year. But our students are still dedicated to keep our clubs safe and functioning. Please keep these dates in mind if you have a student in the following clubs. If your child is in one of the following clubs, please know that we no longer do after school snacks. So if you could, pack them a little something extra the day of their meeting. (Dates are subject to change)

JR. Herd - Feb 2, 16

Pride Student Council - Feb. 9, 23

Yearbook - Feb. 9, 17

(The same social distancing guidelines are used during club meetings.)