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- BUCHANAN MIDDLE SCHOOL -

MARCH 2021

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PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

Dear BMS Families,

Happy March! Spring is on the horizon and we are definitely ready for it! February was a whirlwind of winter weather, but yet we trudged forward with our business of teaching and learning around the hallways of BMS. Students and teachers have all adjusted to new schedules and are deep in the heart of the second semester of the school year. We are excited about what March will bring - and especially hoping for more sunshine.

During February, our school participated in multiple Black History Month Projects. We started with a Door Dedication project where advisory classes selected and researched an Influential Black American. They decorated the classroom doors with famous quotes, facts, and pictures about their selected individual. I am looking forward to sharing pictures on our Facebook page soon.

The second round of parent-teacher conferences is quickly approaching. **Conferences will be Wednesday, March 10th from 3:00-7:00 and then Thursday, March 11th from 11:30-3:00.** **Conferences will still need to be virtual or over the phone**, just as they were in the fall. We will closely mimic the same procedures as the fall with scheduled meetings for specific students on March 10th and open office hour times on March 11th for parents to call in to talk to specific teachers. Look for more information to come home with your child soon.

During spring conferences, it's important to ask questions about your student's academic status, how you can assist them the rest of the year, and what they will need to work on over the summer to prepare to transition to the next grade level. Our teachers look forward to having the opportunity to discuss all of this with you.

Thank you for your continued support of the students at Buchanan Middle School. Have a wonderful March!

Sincerely,

Shelby Beasley

HELP THE YEARBOOK CLUB!

If you have pictures you'd like to share for the BMS 2020-2021 Yearbook, please email them to Ms. Young. We'd love to have pictures of:

- what you did during virtual learning
- sporting events - these would be VERY helpful
- upcoming Spring Break

ATTENTION 7TH GRADE PARENTS

The Yearbook Club members are excited about adding a fun Baby Page to the yearbook. If you could, please email baby pictures to Ms. Young. Deadline to send in your Bouncing Baby Bucks will be March 19, 2021. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE

Yearbook sales will begin in April.



WINTERFEST



It's time to celebrate our winter sports! Join in on the fun and dress up for these fun Winterfest Week Theme Days!

- Mon. 15th = Pajama Day
- Tues., 16th = Decades Day
- Wed., 17th = Wild West Wednesday
- Thurs., 18th = USA Day
- Fri., 19th = SPIRIT DAY!!!

Please remember, you are not required to participate. These are just fun theme days to celebrate Winterfest. All outfits must be school appropriate; hats are allowed.

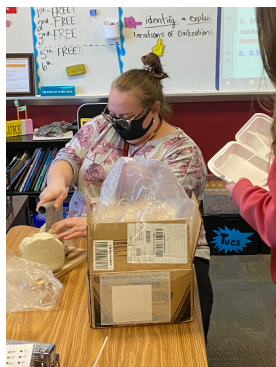
CLASSROOM NEWS

7TH GRADE ELA

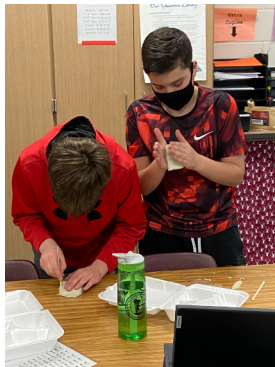
Students have recently finished reading *The Breadwinner* as a class, as well as their own personal novels for last marking period. They did an amazing job, and I continue to be impressed by how much effort they put into their book notes. For 3rd quarter, students are already reading their 3rd independent novel, but this marking period, they are also completely a literary analysis slideshow. This will show me that they can apply everything we have been learning in class to their own books. Book notes and projects for 3rd quarter are due MARCH 31st. Keep up the good work! By the end of the year, students will have read at least 4 novels independently and one as a class. Reading is the gateway to learning in all classes, and your efforts do not go unnoticed. I appreciate your hard work, Bucks!

7TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES

In Social Studies, the 7th-graders were tasked with learning how to write their name in cuneiform, the world's first written language. This was quite difficult because the Sumerian language is based on sounds, and is missing those of C, J, O, and X. However, we managed! They'll be writing their name in self-hardening clay and bringing that home in the coming weeks. Be sure to look for it; they've worked very hard on this.

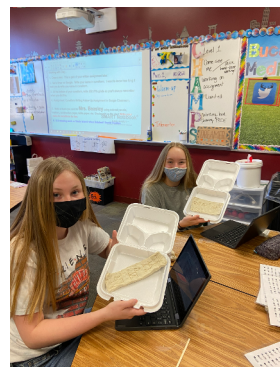


Mrs. Luke prepares the clay for students to get creative!



Matthew F. and Austin G. are in cuneiform mode.

Adisyn D. and Emily H. show off their end products.

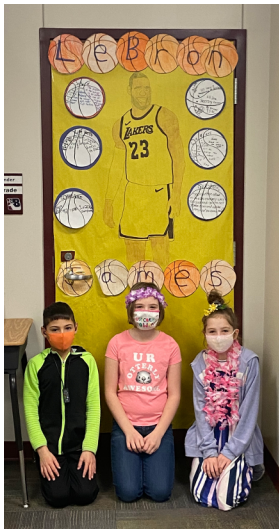


It's official! Our BMS students are, hands down, THE BEST! In just a manner of five Philanthropy Fun Fridays, the caring students at BMS were able to collect \$787 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society! Great job Bucks! And thank you to all of the parents who helped their children by donating money. Congratulations to the Pride Student Council for being able to continue a great, charitable tradition!



BLACK HISTORY DOORS

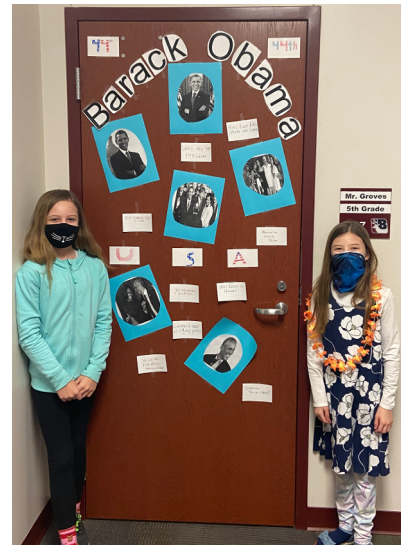
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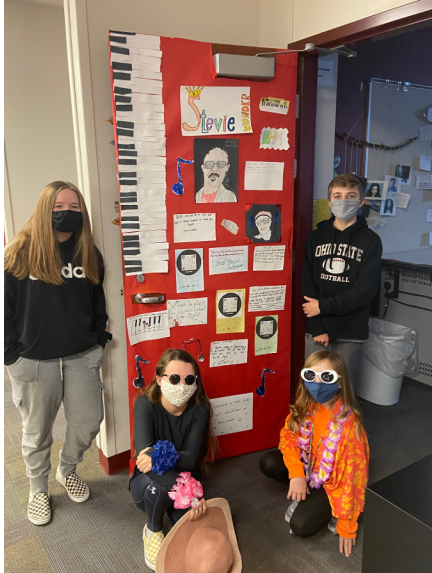
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MRS. JEFFRIES
MICHAEL JORDAN



MS. KLUGE
STEVIE WONDER



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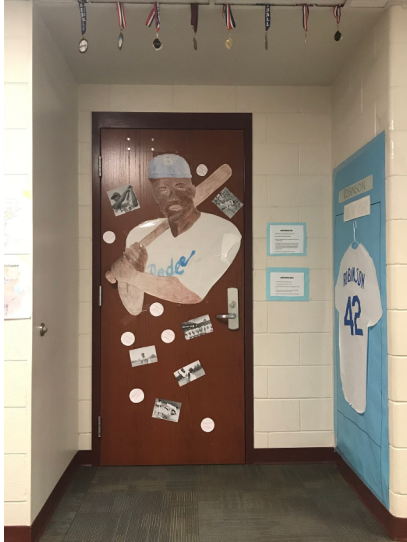
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SERENA WILLIAMS



MR. MCBETH
GEORGE
WASHINGTON
CARVER



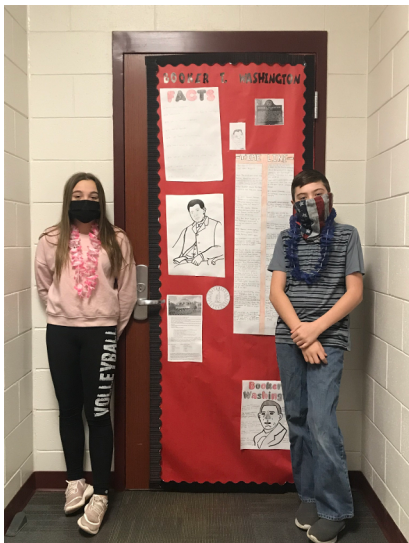
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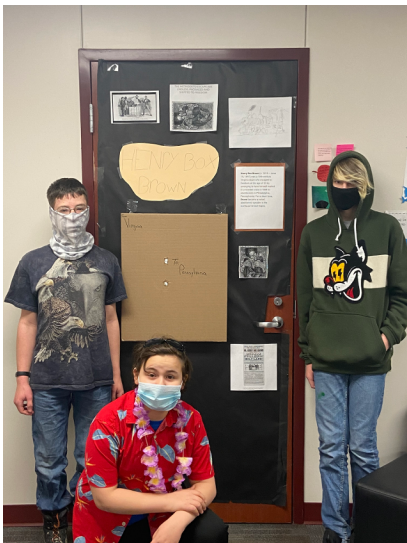
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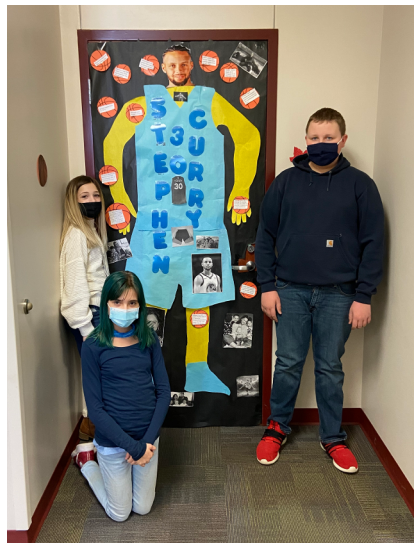
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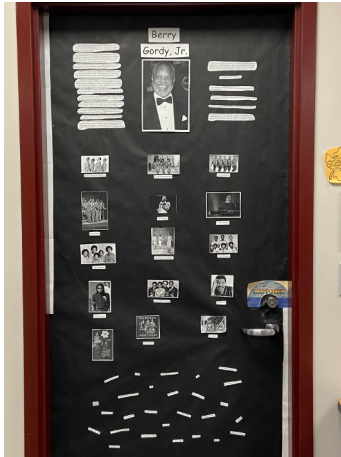
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BROWN



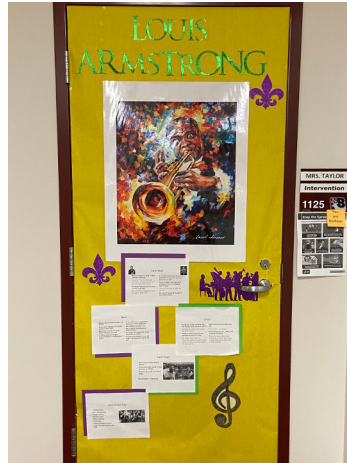
MS. LYON
STEPHEN
CURRY



MS. PRINCE
BERRY GORDY



MRS. TAYLOR
LOUIS
ARMSTRONG



MRS. TITTLE
B.B. KING



MS. YOUNG
MANY
INSPIRATIONAL,
AMAZING, BLACK
WOMEN



You must see these
amazing doors in color!
Visit the BMS Homepage to
really enjoy our student's
hard work.

This has been a great year to be a Buck at BMS! Students learned about values in January. The talk of values led to learning about inspiration for February. To go along with Black History Month, students found Black people who have inspired them. Yes, most knew of Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, Malcolm X, etc. But this exercise helped them learn about other great Black men and women like Mae Jemison, Claudette Colvin, Henry 'Box' Brown, and many more. The door decorations were done by each advisory class. The Interventionists and Media Assistant even had fun decorating their doors as well. The doors really brought out the creative side in so many students. The doors were so good that Mrs. Beasley and Mr. Frontczak really couldn't pick just one winner! Everyone was a winner thanks to the amazing project!

I'M INSPIRED BY...

Students were asked to fill out a sheet that said who inspired them. Here are a couple of their replies. It is important that students know that inspiration can come from people who aren't just musicians or athletes. Inspiration can come from within their schools, their communities, and most importantly, from their homes.

-Dorothy Vaughn = "She not only taught me to chase after my dreams but she has also inspired me by showing people that if you put your mind to something you can achieve it." - Ryann J.

-Maya Moore = "She has won four WNBA championships and more medals and trophies. She has helped many people including a man who she thought was wrongfully convicted, who is now her husband. She has so many inspirational quotes too. Maya was named the greatest winner in the history of women's basketball." -Aspen B.

-Kamala Harris = "She inspires me to believe that any thing can happen if you just try." - Preston F.

-Rosa Parks = "Rosa Parks stood up for women's rights and herself. This inspired me because I want to stand up for my country." - Kenzie B.

-Misty Copeland = "Misty Copeland started dancing when she was 13 years old. She had already been through a lot in her life, living with her single mom and her five siblings. Misty always felt like she wasn't as good as everyone else in her class, but she kept going and never gave up. Misty Copeland has taught me to keep working hard and to remember to be dedicated to whatever I do, no matter the circumstances." - Sydney D.

-Sunny Anderson = "Sunny Anderson inspired me to help my family with dinner everyday of the week and weekend." - Sydnee B.

-Mae Jemison = "She inspired me by showing that no matter the race or gender, you can accomplish great things." - Ella B.

-Michael February = "Michael February is a 27 year old South African surfer. He was born on May 17, 1993. When his father was a kid, Cape Town was very racist towards black people. They weren't even allowed to step foot into the ocean to surf, but some years later, Michael started surfing. From then on, he has won many tours, series, and special events. He inspires me because he came from somewhere where the odds were against him, but he persevered and became a really good surfer." - Unknown

-Amanda Gorman = "Amanda made a difference in our lives. When I heard that poem that she made, my head filled with words. She was not only saying inspiring words, she was also giving us ways to live during covid. She said so much that I thought I could too. She was not afraid to get on that stage and speak from the heart." - Natalee F.

Maroon/White Calendar March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 MAROON	2 WHITE	3 MAROON	4 WHITE	5 MAROON	6
7	8 WHITE	9 MAROON	10 WHITE	11 HALF-DAY MAROON	12 HALF-DAY WHITE	13
14	15 MAROON	16 WHITE	17 MAROON	18 WHITE	19 HALF-DAY MAROON	20
21	22 WHITE	23 MAROON	24 WHITE	25 MAROON	26 WHITE	27
28	29 MAROON	30 WHITE	31 MAROON	APRIL 1 WHITE	APRIL 2 NO SCHOOL	



IMPORTANT DATES

March 10	Parent/Teacher Conferences	3-7
March 11	Half Day, 10:50 Dismissal	
	Parent/Teacher Conferences	11:30-3
March 12	Half Day, 10:50 Dismissal	
March 15 -19	Winterfest (See page 2 for Theme Days)	
March 19	Half Day, 10:50 Dismissal	
April 1	End of Third Quarter	
April 2	No School for Students	

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