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PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

Happy November! October flew by in the blink of an eye. We had an amazing Homecoming week with some of the greatest participation I have seen during my time at BMS. From lumberjacks to safari guides to unbelievable Buck Spirit it was such an awesome week to be a part of the Jr. Herd. We also sent home NWEA family reports and quarter 1 report cards last month. If for some reason either one did not get into your hands, please just call the office and we will send one in the mail this time. Parent-Teacher Conferences, while virtual or via phone, were a success and allowed for crucial conversations to occur on student academic and behavioral progress.

November brings cooler weather. We will continue to stay outside in the mornings as long as the weather allows. If there is precipitation of any kind or if the temperature drops below 40 degrees, we will move the students inside. Please try to encourage your child to wear a coat or jacket. If you are in need of a coat, please contact the office and we will check our supply from coat drives of years past, or will direct you to contact Redbud Area Ministries for assistance. I know it can be difficult to get middle school students into coats, but we will be outside in the morning so they will need to ensure to dress accordingly.

Thank you so much to those of you that participated in the BMS PTO Fundraiser this year. We are thrilled to have your support as we continue to look to provide fun activities for students such as field day, field trips, and improving our outdoor courtyard classroom. Items from the fundraiser are scheduled to be delivered on Monday, November 22nd. Parents can pick up items that day from 2:45-5:30. Please enter the gym doors as all items will be in the gym. Items not picked up will be sent home with students on Tuesday, November 23rd, depending on the size. If the boxes are too big for your child to take on the bus or on their walk home, we will reach out to you for someone to pick them up at an alternate time. We will also have our next PTO meeting on the 22nd at 5:45. Come pick up your items and stay for our meeting to discuss our upcoming projects.

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I am anticipating this second quarter to go as fast, if not faster, than the first quarter. If you have not already, I'd highly suggest you get PowerSchool set up to ensure you are aware of your student's grades in real-time. Please call the office if you need help setting this up. Students themselves do grade checks twice a week, but it is also important for you to be aware of grades as we all know adolescents need all the reminders they can get. It is an honor to be your partner in this middle school adventure. Thank you for your continued support and please continue to reach out if you have questions or concerns (sbeasley@buchananschools.com).

Go, Bucks!

Shelby Beasley, BMS Principal



FROM THE COUNSELOR'S DESK

We will be starting a 7th grade girls group called "Club H2O." This group is led by a counselor from the Well of Grace Ministries and serves a purpose of helping all girls discover who they really are while developing their full potential. This group is limited to the first 8 girls who sign up and will only run for a short period of time! If you are interested in either finding out more or signing up your young lady to participate, don't hesitate! Call Kathy McLaughlin at 695-8406

Are you grieving the loss of someone special in your life? Lori's Place is offering a grief group for our students who may be struggling with a death in their families. If you are interested in having your student participate in this group, please call Kathy McLaughlin at 695-8406

The Salvation Army's Red Backpack Program is available to any student, at the middle school, who are in need of extra food over the weekends. If you are interested, please contact Kathy McLaughlin for a permission slip.

Kathy McLaughlin - 269-695-8406

CLUBS ARE BACK!

The Jr. Herd and Student Council are both in full swing. Thanks to Ms. Castelluccio, the Art Club has also returned. Also returning this year is, the Dance Club. And new this year to BMS is, the Drama Club! Both clubs are advised by the very talented, Mrs. Fiero (you've seen her work with BHS's Color Guard and she has choreographed over 100 musicals). Stay tuned for more clubs coming back to BMS. Encourage your Buck to join clubs to keep busy and meet new people.

SAVE THE DATE

Save these important November dates:

Nov. 3 - Half Day; 10:50 Dismissal

22- Fundraiser Pick-up

24- Half Day: 10:50 Dismissal

25- Thanksgiving Break

WACKY WEDNESDAYS

Are Wacky Wednesdays a little too wacky for you to keep track? Keep track of Wacky Wednesday times here!

Full Day of School - School begins at 7:30

School ends at 1:55

Half Day of School - School begins at 7:30

School ends at 10:50

Next half day - 11/3, 11/24

Also very helpful: **Maroon Days** are **Mondays** and **Thursdays** (1st, 2nd, and 3rd hour)

White Days are **Tuesdays** and **Fridays** (4th, 5th, and 6th hour)

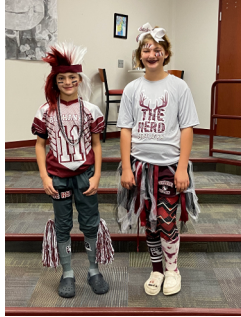
Please make sure that your Buck goes to school each day with a charged Chromebook and mind!

Keep up with Jr. Herd news and see the newsletter in color at:

<https://www.buchananschools.com/buchanan-middle-school/>

HOME COMING 2021!

Another year of great themes and creative Bucks is now behind us. These Bucks never fail when it comes to showing their Buck Spirit! Seventh grader Cora W. returns as the reigning Miss Spirit. Ethan F. easily took over the Mr. Spirit title left by his brother Tyler. Best believe, choosing just two champions from the many students exuding Buck Spirit was VERY difficult. But Spirit Day leaves all of BMS with great memories of being at BMS and being part of the Jr. Herd.



Fifth grade winners:
Joey B. and Lylah B.



Miss and Mr. BMS Spirit
7th graders
Cora W. and Ethan F.



Sixth grade winners:
Keegan M. & Bailey W.



Some fancy footwear
from 5th grade twins,
Addison and Ava B.

MAKING BUCHANAN BEAUTIFUL!

If you ever have doubts about if Buchanan truly is the "Nicest Place in America", stop! On Oct. 16th, so many people from town joined together to help the Buchanan Tree Friends plant trees around Buchanan. Part of the group included some of BMS's own staff and students. BMS was the recipient of at least 20 trees.



Trey T. -6th
and Casiah C.
-7th

Brothers, Ethan
F. - 7th and
Tyler F. - 8th
with mother
Shannon.



BMS Staff:
Ms. Lyon, Mrs. Beasley, Mr.
Cornelius, Mr. Frontczak
and Mrs. Hughes