

# JH JOURNAL



- BUCHANAN MIDDLE SCHOOL -

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## PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

Dear BMS Families,

Just like that - we are in October already! Our September flew right by thanks to our engaging classroom instruction from teachers and hard work from students. Teachers and students started forming valuable working relationships that will carry them throughout the year. We got reacquainted with school routines quickly and look forward to continuing the momentum as we strive for academic excellence.

Students recently finished up our first round of NWEA testing. The NWEA test is an assessment tool we use to ensure students are receiving the individualized instruction necessary to meet their specific academic needs. Not only does it show teachers a student's strengths and weaknesses in reading and math, but it also gives us an idea of how much academic growth a student should make during this school year.

Your child's NWEA results will come home to you as soon as the window closes and we completely finish with make-up testing. The NWEA website has a page completely dedicated to helping families understand what the test does and what the data means. Please visit <https://www.nwea.org/parent-toolkit/> to access this information.

If you have not already, please sign up for the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Having access to PowerSchool's Parent Portal can help you keep track of your student's grades to prevent any surprises when report cards come out later in the month. If you need help setting up your PowerSchool, we would be glad to help you with that. Please email [tyoung@buchananschools.com](mailto:tyoung@buchananschools.com) for assistance.

Please always feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. We appreciate your partnerships in your child's education. It truly takes a village, and we are lucky to have such a strong Buchanan Middle School community. Thank you for your continued support.

Go Bucks!

Shelby Beasley

Principal



# AROUND SCHOOL

## FANTASTIC FIVE!

5th grade will be doing Pumpkin Math this month near October 31st to practice estimation and measurement skills. Students will estimate the height, weight, circumference, and the number of seeds found within their pumpkin before engaging in the measurement of each task. They will then be able to design & carve their pumpkin for a contest. Please look for letters from your teachers with an opportunity to donate pumpkins to your child's classroom.

## 6TH & 7TH GRADE ELA

6TH - Ms. Kluge's 6th grade ELA class has been busy reviewing and learning about Elements of Fiction. She would like to remind all students to read their choice books at home, since book notes and presentations will be due Thursday, October 21, and Friday, October 22. If any parents/guardians have not yet seen a syllabus for ELA, please remind your student to get a copy to bring home for you. Within the syllabus, there are instructions for signing up for Remind, which will help students as well as parents/guardians keep track of due dates and set up for a successful year!

7TH - Book notes deadline for 7th grade is October 13th. Read read read!!

## 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 BOOK FAIR IS BACK!

The Scholastic Book Fair is back! Running from Oct. 25-Nov. 1, students will be able to come down and purchase books, journals, fun pens and pencils, and wacky erasers. As parents, you have a lot of control for this book fair. You can shop online at our online book fair. You can also control how much your child spends by setting up an eWallet. eWallets allow you to create a spending account for your student at home using a credit card. It also allows family member from near and far to participate in your child's reading growth!

Pull-a-Pop will be returning! For just .25, students can pull a lollipop from the Giving Tree. Some lollipops have prizes, some are just the joy of having a lollipop. The ultimate gift is that all proceeds from Pull-a-Pop go towards buying books for students who love to read but cannot afford a book.

Visit our BMS Book Fair Homepage for more book fair information! And as always, thank you for supporting the BMS Media Center and promoting the love of reading to our students. <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/buchananmiddleschool1>

## HOMECOMING 2021!

It's time to let that Maroon and White shine! It's time for Homecoming 2021!

Please remember that all theme days are just for fun. Your child does not have to participate. All theme days MUST follow dress code rules.

**Mon. 10/4 Monochromatic Monday** = Pick one color and dress in it from head to toe!

**Tues. 10/5 Timber Tuesday** = Dress like a lumberjack!

**Wed. 10/6 Workout Wednesday** = Choose your best exercise gear!

**Thurs. 10/7 Theme Thursday** - Choose Your Own Adventure!

5th Grade = Camo

6th = Safari

7th = Hawaiian

**Fri. 10/8 SPIRIT DAY!!!!** = Pull out all of your Buck gear. LET YOUR BUCK SPIRIT SHINE!



## SAVE THE DATE!

Oct. 4-8	Homecoming Week	Oct. 27	Half Day (10:50 dismissal)
Oct. 13	Half Day	Oct. 27	Parent/Teacher Conferences (11:30-7:30PM)
Oct. 15	End of 1st Quarter	Oct. 28	Parent/Teacher Conferences (3-7PM)
Oct. 19	No School		
Oct. 21	Report Cards go home		
Oct. 25	Scholastic Book Fair (10/25-11/1)		

# PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

It is hard to believe that it is already time for Parent/Teacher Conferences. Please save the dates of Oct. 27th and Oct. 28th for conference dates. More details about conferences will be sent home in mid October. Thank you for your patience!

## THANK YOU!

The entire BMS crew would like to send a HUGE THANK YOU to the Buchanan Christian Church and to UFCU. This amazing crew of people have donated over 160 (with more to come) water bottles to our BMS students!

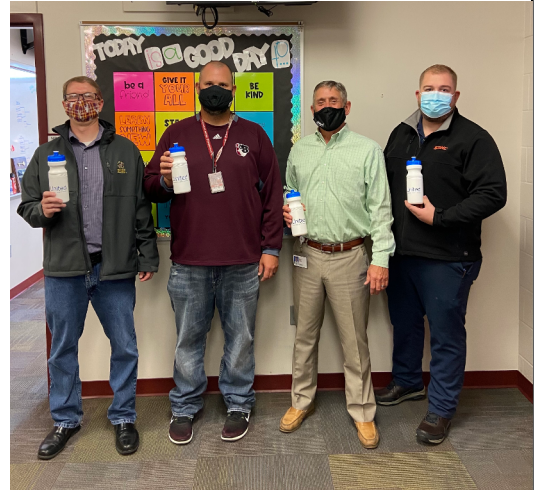
Pictured:

Nathan Babcock - Buchanan Christian Church pastor

Mr. Frontczak - BMS Dean of Students

Thad Payne - UFCU

Thomas Entwistle - Weldy Sales and Services



## 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 - 10/13**

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)

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

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