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PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

Dear BMS Families,

Happy December! I cannot believe we are here already! December brings cooler temperatures, less daylight, and the promise of a new year around the corner. As much as we'd all like to feel that we are organized and well-prepared for the upcoming weeks, each family deals with the stress of the holidays in different ways. This will definitely be amplified this year with COVID19 continuing to impact our area. Oftentimes, children fall victim to later bedtimes, hectic trips to the store for that last item, and sometimes experience first-hand the financial stress that plagues many families during this time of the year. Please take time to celebrate the special moments and family traditions this season will bring. As the principal, I'm obligated to say - do not forget to check in on their academics as well! There are some students who have missing assignments from remote learning or other missing assignments in general. They should be able to access all of those in Google Classroom. This year is a bit different with our semester ending before winter break. Students will need to have all missing work and assignments completed based on the teachers' timelines of when grades are due.

Each student should also be working on some kind of independent reading. Car rides are the perfect opportunity to ask your student about what they are reading in school. Here are a few questions you could ask your child about their independent reading:

- What book are you reading right now?
- What has happened in the book so far?
- Tell me about the main character. Does he/she remind you of anyone we know?
- How do you think the book will end?
- Why do you think this book will end?

Every child benefits from reading practice. No matter what subject in school, college course, trades program, or career students will face in their life, they will come across something that requires them to read.

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We all had hoped for 2021 to greet us with more normalcy, yet we are still in the midst of this pandemic. This entire experience over the past few years has taught us all to be resilient, cherish the moments we have together, and go with the flow. It has been an absolute honor to be on this journey with all of you. Winter Break will be from December 18th-January 2nd. We look forward to seeing everyone back in the building in 2022 on January 3rd!

Happy Holidays, Happy New Year, and Go Bucks!

Sincerely,

Shelby Beasley

Principal

Go, Bucks!



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

FESTIVE FRIDAYS!

Festive Fridays are back! What is December without some festive fun! Please see the 'Festive Friday' page in this newsletter for more details. But, here's a head's up:

Dec. 3 Flannel Friday

Dec. 12 Holiday Swag Sweaters

Dec. 17 Polar Pajamas

SAVE THE DATE

Save these important December dates:

2 - Picture Retakes

3 - Festive Fridays Begin

6 - BMS's Giving Tree Begins (ends 12/15)

7 - JR. Herd Candy Gram Sales (ends 12/10)

16 - Half Day (10:50 Dismissal)

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20 - Winter Break Begins (ends 12/31)

Jan. 3 - Happy New Year! School Resumes!



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 - 12/16, 12/17

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!

BMS, RAKING A DIFFERENCE!

The United Way knew just who to depend on when it was time to help Buchanan families! The students of BMS instantly jumped at the opportunity to be helpful. A wonderful group of 5th, 6th and 7th graders volunteered for Rake a Difference. These students raked and bagged leaves, and helped clean gutters. Led by 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Hughes, two Buchanan families had beautiful yards and grateful hearts.

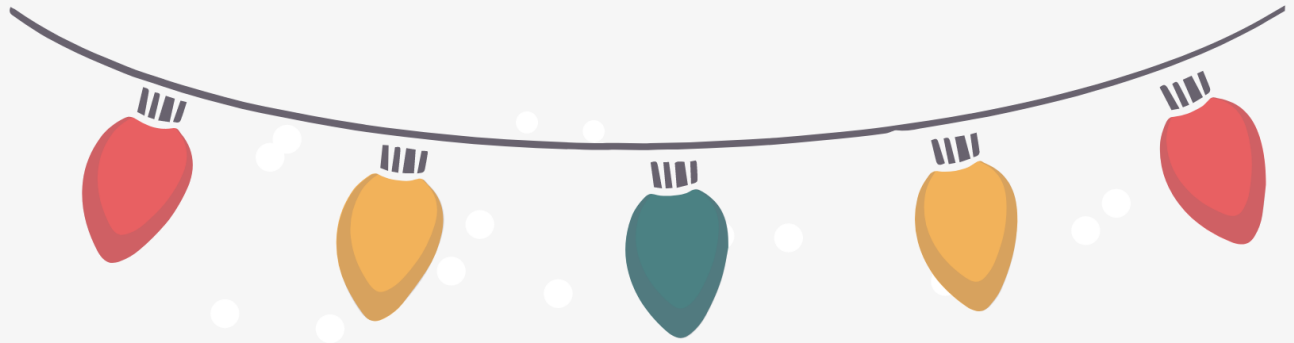


Awesome Volunteers (in no particular order) : Max W., Isabella G., Bailey W., Audrey V., Zander W., Silas S., Madelyn H., Dakota T., Kate H., Addison M., Abigail B., Morgan W., Joey B., Emma-Lee W. Staff: Ms. Young, Mrs. Beasley, Mr. Frontczak, Ms. Lyon, Mrs. Petcu, Mrs. Hughes (captain), Mrs. Villaire

THANK YOU HONOR CREDIT UNION!

A special thank you to Karol Behrle and Honor Credit Union for their donation of \$100 worth of great books! The lucky recipients, Mrs. Hughes's 5th grade class.





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Festive Fridays!

'Tis the Season to Be Jolly and we plan on celebrating each Friday throughout the month of December with "Festive Fridays!"

This is voluntary, of course, but the more the merrier!

Friday 12/3 - Flannel Friday (Rock that buffalo plaid or any flannel you have!)

Friday 12/10 - Holiday Swag Sweaters (The uglier the better!)

Friday 12/17 - Polar Pajamas (Extra comfy attire for our last half-day of 2021!)

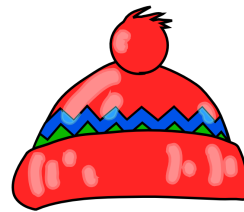
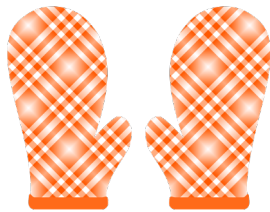




GIVING TREE

The Jr. Herd and Student Council are joining forces to keep Bucks around town warm. You've heard of Popup Stores? Well these two philanthropic groups are doing a Popup Giveaway. For just one week, students are asking their classmates (and their families) to donate new hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves for the Giving Tree.

This donation drive will be from Dec. 6th - Dec. 15th. All donations will be sent to RAM to help keep our community safe and warm.



GET YOUR CANDY GRAMS!



Join the Jr. Herd as they host their annual Candy Gram sale! Candy Grams are just \$1 and come with your own personalized note. Show your holiday spirit and send a friend, or a future friend, a Candy Gram. Candy Gram sales will begin on Dec. 7th - Dec. 10th. Deliveries will be on Dec. 15, to ensure that students receive their sentimental send off before the Holiday Break. Be the reason why someone leaves with a smile!

Parents, want to send your child a Candy Gram? Just send the money with your student, and email Ms. Young the message you'd like on their Candy Gram. (tyoung@buchananschools.com)

