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## PRINCIPAL'S PAGE

Dear BMS Families,

Happy February! I hope this newsletter finds you and your families healthy and staying warm. We were pretty lucky in December, but I feel like we are paying for it now. As difficult as it is, and please know we understand the struggle, please try to convince your students to wear a coat/hat/gloves. If you are in need of any of these items, please feel free to call the office and we will do what we can to help you.

As I mentioned in the last few dialer calls, students recently finished NWEA testing, give or take a few make-up tests. In advisory class, students will work with their teachers to update their NWEA goal sheets. We will celebrate those that met their goal, and provide support and encouragement to those that did not quite get there yet. Students will receive a Family Report detailing the results of this round of testing. If you need any help interpreting this report or understanding the data, please reach out. I'd be glad to help!

During January in advisory classes, teachers led students through a Thematic Thursday unit on Empathy. Empathy, or the ability to be aware of or understand the thoughts and feelings of another, is a valuable life skill for our adolescent children. Students reflected on a time they were shown empathy, showed empathy to others, and completed a few in-class activities where they "walked in someone else's shoes." We look forward to sharing our school-wide Black History Month project that will come from our February Thematic Thursdays.

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

Sincerely,

Shelby Beasley

Principal





## FIFTH GRADE NEWS



Mrs. Hughes' class will be involved in an Around the World in 1-Hour Learning Bizarre taking place on Thursday, February 17th. Students will be issued a B.M.S. Passport to have stamped or stickered by each classmate as they pass through each country's content. Each student will be required to teach their peers about their country during a short presentation. Classmates will be asked to document one fact they found interesting about each country in order to have their passports stamped/stickered. They will also have an opportunity to sample foods from each country, see crafts made, or hear music associated with each country. We are looking forward to this international experience!



## SEVENTH GRADE NEWS



7th graders will be learning how to write their names in Cuneiform, the world's first written language. They'll find out just how hard it was for the ancient Mesopotamians to document history when they try their hand at using flat wooden sticks as styluses to etch their names into clay.



## JR. HERD



It is **Feel Good February** at BMS! The Jr. Herd is breaking out the Kudos station to make sure that every Buck knows that they are important. What is a Kudos? A Kudos is a quick note that students are able to write to classmates and staff to let them know that they are appreciated. The Kudos station will be out the entire month of February.

The Jr. Herd is also selling Valentine Candy Grams. For just \$1, students and staff are able to send a delicious heart shaped lollipop to someone to show them that they care. The Holiday Candy grams went so well, that Ms. Young is allowing parents to send Valentine Grams as well. So parents, if you want to surprise your Buck with a Valentine Gram, send \$1 to school and email your message to Ms. Young at [tyoung@buchananschools.com](mailto:tyoung@buchananschools.com).

