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BEASLEY'S BULLETIN

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. Please take time to celebrate the special moments and family traditions this season will bring. Our middle school students may act as though they are "grown up" and "don't care," but I can assure you it's the little moments they will remember the most. As the principal, I'm obligated to say - do not forget to check in on their academics as well! There are many students with missing assignments. They should be able to access PowerSchool to tell what exactly is missing and some assignments might even be in Google Classroom for them to finish at home. This year our semester ends 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.

This semester has been an absolute whirlwind, but full of wonderful memories. I am so proud of the work students and teachers have put in so far this year and look forward to continuing the momentum into 2023. Winter Break will be from December 26th-January 6th. We look forward to seeing everyone back in the building in 2023 on January 9th!

Happy Holidays, Happy New Year, and Go Bucks!

PROUD TO BE A BUCK!

Each year, the Jr. Herd member application has several short answer questions. The main question is, "What does school spirit mean to you?" This year, one of the applications made everyone who read it smile and beam with pride and joy. This one application is the reason why BMS will be bringing back an old newsletter favorite, Proud to Be a Buck!

Please encourage your Buck to sit with you and write one or two paragraphs about one of the following topics:

1. Why they are proud to be a Buck
2. What school spirit means to them
3. Why they are proud to be from a small town with a big heart.

All submission can be emailed or given to Ms. Young at tyoung@buchananschools.com

This month's Proud Buck is 5th grader, Emma P. Emma plays Krush Volleyball and travel softball. Her favorite subject at BMS is PE. She says that her strongest trait is that she is very protective of people. A Buck who is against bullying is a great Buck!

"To me, school spirit means doing what is best. You should always cheer people on or lift them up. You don't know what some people's lives are like. Some of the time, people bully because they have been bullied or they don't know how to control their emotions. Sometimes people really just need a boost of confidence because they might not get that a lot. You don't have to like everyone, but you should treat everyone with equal respect. That is what school spirit means to me."



CLASSROOM NEWS!

THE HUGHES CREW!

There is always something fun, educational, and sometimes even delicious going on in Mrs. Hughes's class! This month, Mrs. Hughes will be doing a special sewing project. This project will accompany the poetry book they have been working on for the last several weeks.

CLASSROOM NEWS!

ART

Another Buck is heading to State to represent BMS at the Peace Poster contest. Each year the BMS Art Department, headed by Ms. Castelluccio, works with the Lion Club. Students are given a theme and have to portray that theme to enter the contest. This year's theme was "Lead with Compassion".

Our winners this year were:

1st place - Harper G., 6th grade

2nd place - Niyla P., 7th grade

3rd place - Jaxon O., 6th grade

Join us in congratulating Harper G. who will be heading to State! Her poster won the Lions District 112B area. That includes Berrien, Cass, VanBuren, St. Joseph, and Kalamazoo counties! Great job Harper! And, great job to all of the BMS students who participated! A special thank you to Ms. Castelluccio and Lions' Club for this opportunity!

Back in the classroom, students will be making ceramic doors. And, they will be donating several boxes of canned food to RAM at the end of the quarter.



SOCIAL STUDIES WITH MRS. LUKE

On November 9, the 7th graders were treated to a MEGA presentation by Berrien County Parks employee, Mrs. Katy Swanson. Katy is an expert on prehistoric Megafauna. You've probably never heard the term before, but you're familiar with these animals. Remember learning about the woolly mammoth or saber-tooth tiger? Katy talked about these extinct creatures and many more. 7th graders had completed a mini-research project on these extinct mega-sized animals as a kickoff to their unit on the Stone Age. Katy was very impressed by their knowledge and questions. She was even sent home with homework from the students to find answers to all sorts of questions. We really enjoyed having Katy, and Lamanda Hilty (also from Berrien County Parks) as our special guests!



Students were eager to ask questions and compare today's animals to mega animals of the past.

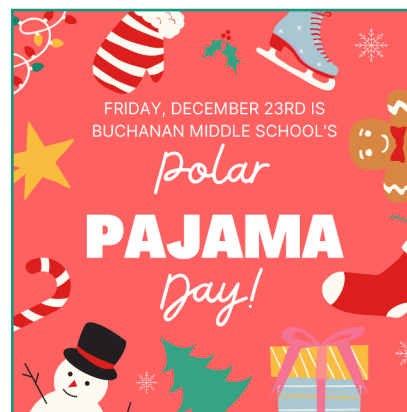
FESTIVE FRIDAYS!



12/9



12/16



12/23

SAVE THE DATE

Save these important December dates:

Nov. 28 - Dec. 16 - RAM Donation Drive

9 - Festive Fridays Begin

14-19 - Candy Gram Sales

15 - Band Holiday Concert

16 - Jingle Bell Jam 2:30-4:00

22 - Half Day (10:50 Dismissal)

23 - Half Day (10:50 Dismissal)

23 - End of 1st Semester

26 - Winter Break Begins (ends 12/31)



BOOK FAIR RESULTS

A special and huge THANK YOU to everyone who visited the book fair. Thanks to your purchases, we were able to get \$1500 worth of books for the BMS Media Center! And, thanks to donations from your amazingly gracious students, Pull-a-Pop donations along with All for Book donations raised enough money to buy books for 14 Bucks! Each year, this number gets higher and higher! Not only were our students gracious, many parents came in during conferences and gifted teachers books for their classroom libraries. This saves teachers a lot of money. Therefore, thank you to those giving parents as well! Way to be kind and giving Buchanan! Thank you for another successful book fair. We will see you again in the Spring!

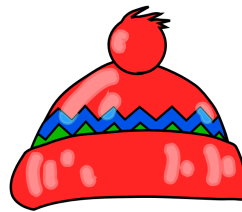


'TIS THE SEASON OF GIVING!

The Jr. Herd and Student Council are joining forces to keep Bucks around town warm and well fed. From Nov. 28 - Dec. 16, these two BMS clubs are asking fellow Bucks to **donate non-perishable foods and new hats, gloves, mittens and scarves**. All donations will be given to RAM, in hopes to keep their shelves full of food, and offer warm clothing.

Also, if you are feeling extremely giving, we are also accepting **gift cards of \$5-\$10**. During RAM's toy giveaway, it is hard to find items for teens. These gift cards would make great stocking stuffers for area teens! These will also be donated to RAM.

Please find it in your heart to send at least one item with your student. Let's all work together to fight hunger and keep Bucks 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. 14th and end on Dec. 19th. Deliveries will be on Dec. 21, 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)



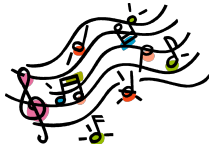
BMS, RAKING A DIFFERENCE!

The Bucks have done it again! These students are quick to say yes and help out around the school and the community. Thanks to them, three Buchanan families have beautiful yards. Our Bucks raked, cleaned gutters, and even took time to play in some leaf piles. Thank you parents for allowing your children to volunteer. And a special thank you to Mrs. Hughes for setting up this great experience for our Bucks!



Awesome Volunteers (in no particular order) : Bailey W., Melanie C., Marisa M., Delanie D., Ryan H., Kate H., Mackenzie W., Leah F., Miley H., Max W., Bella K., Riley C., Maya B., Payton B., Audrey V., Cole J., Lylah B., Zander W., Ean H., Reese B., Dakota T., Joey B., Emma D., Jeffrey L., Estrella K., Mekenzie D., Addy M., Kegan M., Cora S., Collen W., Tinley D. Staff: Mrs. Hughes, Ms. Young, Mrs. Beasley, Mr. Frontczak, Ms. Lyon, Mrs. Luke, Mrs. Wetzel, Mrs. Blair, Mrs. Murdock

SUPPORT THE BAND!



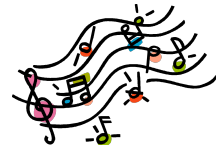
There is a guarantee that no matter which school, BMS or BHS, the band is making their presence known. It is the busiest time of the year for them. They are gearing up for the Holiday Concert on December 15th. Join them as they grace the community with some amazing holiday songs.

You definitely don't want to miss the premiere performance of the BMS Choir! This will be their first official concert!

While you are at the concert, stop by the Cookie Walk, a band tradition. Buy some delicious cookies to nibble on during the concert and on your way home. Each bag is just \$5 and it's for a great cause!

Did you buy a Poinsettia? You can pick it up at the concert!

You can also support the band by attending one of several fundraisers. This month's fundraiser is for Chipotle. When you take the attached flyer with you to the specified South Bend Chipotle, 33% of the event sales get donated to the band. Contact Mrs. Russell for more information.



BUCHANAN MUSIC PROGRAM

Cookie Walk

DECEMBER 15TH
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP FROM
6:30PM - 6:50PM BEFORE THE CONCERT STARTS
AS WELL AS NO LONGER THAN 20 MINUTES AFTER
THE CONCERT.
BUCHANAN HIGH SCHOOL
SCIENCE WING FOYER

\$5 PER BAG

The flyer features a dark grey background with three hanging gingerbread cookies at the top: a star, a candy cane, and a heart. At the bottom, there are three more gingerbread cookies: a star, a person, and a heart.

DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE

CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR
BUCHANAN BANDS
33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH | 5-9PM
52770 IN-933, SOUTH BEND, IN, 46637

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **9MKT4XR**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT

For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

The flyer has a white background with a faint, repeating pattern of the phrase "DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE". It features a large, wrapped burrito in the center.

2022 BUCHANAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

JINGLE BELL JAM

Friday, December 16, 2022

2:30-4:00 PM

Tickets are \$5 and will go on sale starting Monday 12/5.
Sales will be in front of the media center each morning.

The BMS Student Council is
sponsoring a dance to celebrate the
season! Join us for a dance in the gym
with a professional DJ, a cookie
decorating station (\$1), a craft station
(\$1), and a full concession stand!

Any student suspended out of school between December 1st-December 16th will not be able to attend.

