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BEASLEY BULLETIN

Dear BMS Families,

Happy March! Spring is on the horizon and we are definitely ready for it! February flew by in a flash as we continued forward with our business of teaching and learning around the hallways of BMS. Students and teachers are wrapping up quarter three already, which is definitely hard to believe. We are excited about what March will bring - and especially hoping for more sunshine.

During February, our school participated in multiple Black History Month projects and activities on Thursdays in Advisory. We started with a Biography Banner and students chose an influential Black American to read about and celebrate. Students then reflected on inspiring quotes from a selection of Black American Leaders. We finished with a fun activity where students learned who invented some of the everyday items we use at home and at school. March is Women's History Month so we look forward to learning all about women who made a difference in American history!

The second round of parent-teacher conferences is quickly approaching. Conferences will be Thursday, March 16th from 11:30 am to 7:30 pm, with built-in breaks for teachers, of course. Teachers will use the same sign-up format as in the fall but will start scheduling with priority students first. These are students that they'd ensure to set up a conference with based on specific academic or behavioral concerns. Look for more information to come home with your child soon regarding sign-up and other information. Conferences will be in person unless you request a phone conference instead.

During spring conferences, it's important to ask questions about your student's academic status, how you can assist them the rest of the year, and what they will need to work on over the summer to prepare to transition to the next grade level. Our teachers look forward to having the opportunity to discuss all of this with you.

Thank you for your continued support of the students at Buchanan Middle School. Have a wonderful March!

Sincerely,

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February Fun

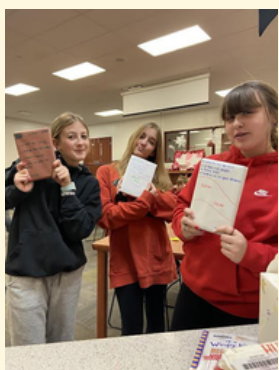


BLIND DATES! WITH BOOKS!

Did you know that your child went on a blind date on Valentine's Day? Some of them enjoyed their blind date so much, they're still on it! No worries, it was a Blind Date with a Book. The Media Center was busy with book lovers on Valentine's Day for the annual, Blind Date with a Book. Students were asked to commit to choosing a book that wasn't their normal taste. For example, if they normally read Horror books, perhaps try a Science Fiction book. Given three to four clues about the book, students were able to choose what appealed to them the most. Blind Date with a Book is a fun way to encourage reading and stepping outside of comfort zone.



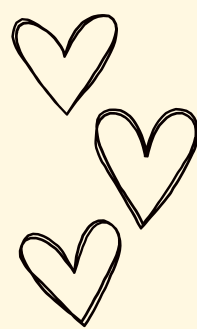
Mrs. Tucek's ELA class had mixed emotions about their Blind Dates!



7th Graders, Mailey E., Emily V., and Gracyn K. seem happy with their Blind Dates!



SPECIAL DELIVERY



The Jr. Herd had a successful Valentine's Day Candy Gram sale. A special thank you to all of the parents who sent in messages for their Bucks. While the messages were sweet and the candy was delicious, it was the delivery that made this the best Valentine's Day. Three members of the Jr. Herd, Addison B., Ava B., and Kaleb S., took it upon themselves to deliver the candy grams in style. Dressed as the Queen of Hearts, Aphrodite, and Cupid, the trio walked the halls of BMS spreading love and kindness. Thank you to everyone who participated. And thank you to Addi, Ava and Kaleb for making such special deliveries!



SPRING BOOK FAIR TIME!

The book fair is back! The Media Center will be full of great books, lots of laughs and huge hearts. The book fair will be from March 13-16th. The book fair will once again have Pull-a-Pops. Students can pay .25 to pull a lollipop from the Giving Tree. They can win prizes ranging from erasers, pens, pencils, posters and the best of all books and journals. All the money raised through Pull-a-Pop will go towards buying books for students who may not be able to afford them this time around.

The e-Wallet is also available! Parents can create an online account for their child to use at the book fair. Instead of sending cash, create an e-Wallet for your student.

Parents, feel free to visit the book fair with your student during our day of conferences on March 16th. Students can visit the book fair each day from March 13-16. All proceeds from the book fair will go towards getting great books for the Media Center. Thank you for helping us in promoting reading

Visit the BMS Scholastic webpage to create an e-Wallet and shop the fair online.



BUCKS 4 A BUCK!



Ronald McDonald
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The Student Council is bringing back Bucks 4 a Buck. Bucks 4 a Buck will raise money for the Ronald McDonald House. During the Change Challenge, each grade level will have a bucket to collect their change in. The collection buckets will be stationed outside the Media Center where you can deposit your money each morning. All coins will need to be dropped off in your bucket for your team. Dollar bills will be put in other grade level's buckets. Each dollar bill will subtract 25 cents from opposing grade's totals. Mr. Fronczak will count the money in each grade level's buckets at the end of each day. At the end of the challenge, the grade level who donated the most money will get a surprise!

Going along with the Change Challenge will be paid hat days. On Friday, March 3rd and 10th, students can pay \$1 to wear their favorite, school appropriate, hats. This challenge will go on from March 1st through the 16th. On March 9th, students can buy a delicious bag of popcorn during lunch for \$1. Let's raise some money for the Ronald McDonald House!



SUPPORT THE BAND



March 4 Band! March is Marching Band month in Buchanan, and we will be celebrating our AWARD-WINNING Band Program with a month-long fundraiser to help us raise the money needed for NEW UNIFORMS! You will be able to find tip jars around town in various local businesses, and you'll be able to catch live performances at some of our local establishments during the following Give-Back Events:

March 11th @ Bucktown Nutrition
March 12 - 18 @ The Union Coffee House
March 29th @ The Sweet Shop



SAVE THE DATE

March 9 - Honors Band @ Andrews University 9:25AM
March 10-16 - BMS Book Fair (March 10 Preview Day)
March 11 - Band Fundraiser @ Bucktown Nutrition
March 12-28 - Band Fundraiser @ Union Coffee House
March 14 - Report Cards!
March 16 - Half Day 10:50 Dismissal
March 16 - Parent/Teacher Conferences 11:30 - 7:30
March 17 - No School
March 20-24 - Spring Break
March 29 - Band Fundraiser @ The Sweet Shop
March 30 - Honors Band @ Andrews University 9

Please remember Bucks 4 a Buck is from March 1-16.
All funds raised will go to the Ronald McDonald House.

STUDENT DEVICES

Parents, please take time to read the Student Devices page on the Buchanan Community Schools Homepage. On the page you will find a sample of the Acceptable Use Policy Agreement that was signed at the beginning of the school year. This document allowed BCS to assign your student(s) a Chromebook. It lays out the general conditions for participation. On this page, you can also read the Device Protection Program. This document explains what is covered when you pay for the school insurance for your student(s) device.

Please go over these documents and read them with your student(s). The IT Department is dealing **with an overwhelming amount of** computers being broken. Many of the damage is intentional. Keys are being pulled off and screens are being shattered by students shutting their devices while pencils are in them, slamming them down on desks, dropping them while in their binders, or just carelessly carrying them and dropping them.

Computers are such an important part of the school day. Please make sure that your student(s) understands the responsibility of owning a computer and the consequences for damaging it. Please use this link to review the above mentioned documents. And thank you for working with us to keep computers in the hands of our students and not in repair!

<http://www.buchananschools.com/student-devices>



YEARBOOK TIME!



As the year slowly crawls to an end, it time for the BMS Yearbook Club to start collecting pictures for the yearbook. If you have any great pictures from sporting events or dances, please email them to Ms. Young.

Two of the most fun pages are returning this year. The first page is Bucks Around Town. This page allows the club members to include pictures from parades, sporting events, and other Buchanan activities. The second page is, one that everyone gets a kick out of, Guess That Baby! Parents "loving" send their best baby pictures and the fabulous Yearbook Club creates a fun page for students to enjoy.

The Yearbook Club thanks you in advance for sending any and all pictures! Please do not send a printed photo with your student. All pictures must be emailed. Please email pictures to tyoung@buchananschools.com