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## BEASLEY BULLETIN

Dear BMS Families,

Spring is finally here! I hope everyone had a restful Spring Break and is ready for a strong finish for the remainder of the 2022-23 school year. Along with showers, flowers, and (hopefully) warmer temperatures, spring also means it is testing season! Students will take the MSTEP and then the last round of NWEA in the next two months. MSTEP is quickly approaching.

MSTEP Testing Dates:

- 5th-Grade: April 11, 13, 18, 20 (ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies)
- 6th-7th Grade: April 25, 26

Students and Staff at Buchanan Middle School worked diligently this entire school year to prepare and I am confident students are ready to show what they know on the MSTEP. Setting up students for success on testing days requires a valuable partnership with parents and guardians. We rely on you to ensure your child goes to bed early, has a restful night of sleep, eats a healthy breakfast, gets to school on time, and understands the importance of trying hard and doing the best he/she can on the test. Attendance is absolutely critical on those testing days, including arriving on time for school. We appreciate your help with all of these extremely important matters.

Thank you for your continued support of the students and staff at Buchanan Middle School. Have a fantastic April!

Sincerely,

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# Proud to be a Buck!



Ava is a Busy Buck! She is part of Art Club, Drama Club, Jr. Herd, Running Club and the Yearbook Club. She is also one of the anchor people on WBMS. She was on the Cross Country team and is now on the Track team and loved playing floor hockey. Like every middle school student, Ava loves talking to her friends and she is an avid reader. And like so many of the students at BMS, she is Proud to Be a Buck.

"I'm proud to be a buck because being a Buck means you're part of a family; a family where every teacher and student are appreciated and treated with kindness. BMS is a family that supports everyone and is a no-tolerance bully school. I love how BMS makes everything about the kids and helps make sure everyone is treated fairly. My favorite color is maroon (obvi) and I love to practice volleyball and do art."

## SAVE THE DATE!

**April 7** - Half Day, Good Friday; 10:50 Dismissal

**April 28** - No School

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# 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](mailto:tyoung@buchananschools.com) **by May 1st.**