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BEASLEY BULLETIN



Dear BMS Families,

Just like that - we are in October already! Our September flew right by thanks to our engaging classroom instruction from teachers and hard work from students. Teachers and students started forming valuable working relationships that will carry them throughout the year. We got reacquainted with school routines quickly and look forward to continuing the momentum as we strive for academic excellence.

If you have not already, please sign up for the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Having access to PowerSchool's Parent Portal can help you keep track of your student's grades to prevent any surprises when report cards come out later in the month. If you need help setting up your PowerSchool, we would be glad to help you with that. Please email tyoung@buchananschools.com for assistance.

The end of the first quarter is October 6th this year. Mid-month, we will have our **Fall Parent Teacher Conferences**. We will hold conferences on Wednesday, October 18th from 2:30-6:30 and then **Thursday, October 19th from 11:30-7:30**. These are a wonderful opportunity for crucial conversations regarding your child's academic progress and school behavior. We utilize an online sign-up system for this and information will be sent out in multiple formats to ensure all can sign up. That same week we will have our first two half-days of school this year. **On half days, dismissal at BMS is at 10:50 a.m**.

Please always feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. We appreciate your partnerships in your child's education. It truly takes a village, and we are lucky to have such a strong Buchanan Middle School community. Thank you for your continued support.

Go Bucks! Sincerely,

Shelby Beasley sbeasley@buchananschools.com





Are you grieving the loss of someone special in your life? Lor'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, School Counselor, at 695-8406

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 and develop to their full potential. This group is limited and only runs for nine weeks. If you are interested in having your student participate in Club H2O, please call Kathy, School Counselor, at 695-8406.



DID YOU KNOW.....

According to a 2010 study, children who read to animals for 15-20 minutes once a week for eight weeks increase their reading skills by 12-20%??? The Humane Society of Southwest Michigan offers "Caturday" each Saturday from 11-12:30 for your child to read to cats! What a great way to not only improve reading skills but also to show a shelter animal some love! Call 269-927-3303 for more details

The Humane Society of Southwest Michigan will be hosting an open house on October 7, from 11-2 where you can walk through the kennels and visit with the dogs and cats! What a great way to meet a new forever friend!

Call 269-927-3303 for more details

COMING SOON!

We are working in partnership with the Humane Society of Southwest Michigan for a new student group project. Select students will be invited to participate in this program. We are going to start small, but hope to grow the program soon. Stay tuned for more information!



Hey parents, many of you call to let us know that your Buck will be absent. Did you know that you can also email Mrs. Holmer and let her know that your Buck will be absent? Call or email at: tholmer@buchananschools.com



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS BACK!





It's the time of year to put books into the hands of our Bucks! BMS will be hosting its annual book fair on Oct. 16-20. Some familiar and helpful fun items will return to the book fair.

*eWallet = The eWallet is one of the most helpful tools for parents who don't want to send money with their student. Simply visit the Scholastic Book Fair link and create an eWallet for your Buck. Granparents and relatives across the globe can add money to an eWallet for a student.

*Pull-a-Pop = This is probably one of the most popular and fun activities at the book fair. Students pay .25 to pull a lollipop from The Giving Tree. They can win various prizes, including books, bookmarks, pencils, journals, and many more items. The best part of Pull-a-Pop is that all of the proceeds go towards buying books for students who may not be able to afford a book at the book fair.

*Book Preview = Students will be able to preview the book fair a few days early. Not only preview it, but watch entertaining book trailers provided by Scholastic.

*Online Shopping = If you can't make it to the book fair, you can shop online. All proceeds from online purchases go to BMS as well! Send relatives who love to gift books the link to the BMS Scholastic homepage. They can shop online as well. Items not available at the book fair may be found online.

Please follow this link to view our Scholastic Homepage, create an eWallet, and even shop online. Whatever you do, promote reading at home and help add books to the BMS library by supporting the book fair.



https://www.scholastic.com/bf/buchananmiddleschool2







Our beloved History Club is back at BMS!



Are you a fan of history? Have you always wanted to join the infamous BMS History Club, and have been waiting with baited breath for it to return? Now's your chance! Back by popular demand, and in a new format is the BMS History Club! Our first meeting will be Thursday, November 9 at 2:30-3:30 PM (you must have a ride prearranged for 3:30 pickup). There will be a showing of a documentary about the sinking of Michigan's most famous freighter, the Edmund Fitzgerald in Mrs. Luke's room (7th grade wing, room 3132).



SAVE THE DATE



10/2 - PTO Fundraiser Begins 10/6 - End of Quarter 1

10/6 - Fall Fest (flyer was sent home) 2:30-4:30

10/9 - PTO Meeting @ 6

10/9 - Title 1 Parent Meeting

10/9-13 - Homecoming Spirit Week

10/13 - Homecoming

10/16-20 - BMS Scholastic Book Fair

10/16 - PTO Fundraiser Ends

10/18 - Parent/Teacher Conferences @ 2:30-6:30

10/19 - Half Day (10:50 Dismissal)

10/19 - Parent/Teacher Conferences @ 1:30-7:30

10/20 - Half Day (10:50 Dismissal)







HOMECOMING WEEK!



Who is ready to have some Homecoming fun? The hallways are always full of laughter and very creative Bucks. Join in on the fun with the following dress up days for Oct. 9-13. Please remember, you do not have to dress up. This is just a fun week of silliness while learning.

Monday - No Mirror Monday = no mirror means no one is picture perfect, just wacky

Tuesday - Pattern Day =

5th Grade = polka dots

6th Grade = camo

7th Grade = animal print

Wednesday - Wild West Wednesday = wear your best western gear

Thursday - Jersey Day

Friday - SPIRIT DAY!!! = show your school spirit by wearing all of your maroon and white gear















* IT'S TIME TO RAKE A DIFFERENCE!



BMS's Student Council and Jr. Herd are once again teaming up to Rake a Difference in Buchanan. Students from both BMS clubs will head out and rake leaves for an family chosen by United Way. If you would like to volunteer, students and parents are welcome to join the team. Please follow the instructions of the United Way link to join the BMS team. Feel free to call Mr. Frontczak with any questions.

https://volunteer.uwsm.org/need/joinTeam/?

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Donate candy at:

City Hall, Buchanan Area Senior Center, Edward Jones, Honor Credit Union, United Federal Credit Union, Redbud Fitness, Country Heritage Credit Union, and at Fork in the Road