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ELA NEWS



7TH GRADE

The 7th-grade ELA class will be working on a joint writing assignment with Mrs. Kratky's Technology class. The ELA classes will also begin their novel study in mid-November. Students will be learning about a different culture from the other side of the world as well as having an appreciation for their education and the freedoms that they are granted here in the United States.

6TH GRADE

In 6th grade English/Language Arts, students are finishing up reading about Roald Dahl's childhood set 100 years ago. Ask your student about tuck boxes, if they would like to go to school in the 1920s, and mice in the gobstopper jar. Next up are the Mysteries & Investigations readings. Students will follow Dr. Walter Reed as he helps uncover the medical mystery causing yellow fever in Cuba around the year 1900. Finally, students will follow the famous Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson in "The Speckled Band."



STEM CONTEST

The STEM class will be having their first big competition this month! The Lego competition will be Nov. 6th and 7th from 1:30 to 2:20 in the Media Center. There will be a bracket competition, where each team plays each other, and the highest score wins!





FROM THE COUNSELOR



It is not too late to join our Lory's Place group. We have had our first meeting, but always have room for one more. Please call Mrs. McLaughlin at 695-8406 if you would like your student to participate.

Club H2O will be starting November 2 for 7th grade girls. We have a few spots still available so if your interested in your 7th grade young lady participating, please call Mrs. McLaughlin at 695-8406



We were excited to have our first visit from the Humane Society in October. Two fun loving kitties joined us for a couple of hours! This month, our kitties will be back for a few kids to read with and puppies will be joining to make new friends!



Don't forget each Saturday is a "Caturday" at the Humane Society of Southwest Michigan. Your student can read to kitties from 11-12:30 to work on their reading skills. No sign up is needed. Show up with a favorite book and make a new friend!

On December 2, at 1:30, The Humane Society will be in the Reindog parade in downtown St. Joseph. It is a lot of fun! Check it out!



BAND



Hello Buchanan Band Families:

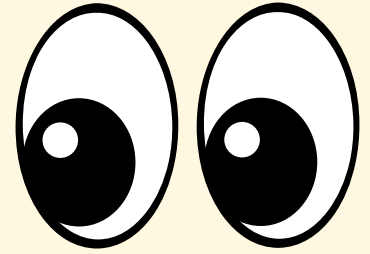
It was a pleasure to speak to so many of you during Parent Teacher Conferences. As I noted during conversations we're going to be using something called the "BAND" App to help us stay informed and well connected. This will be a one stop shop for all bands at both the middle and high school levels. It has any and all documents we send home, a calendar of events, signups for volunteering (to help fund your child's booster account) and so much more. Information for joining can be found below

Join our 'Buchanan Bands' group on BAND - The app for groups and communities!

<https://band.us/n/a6aa96K9fefaj>



SAVE THE DATE!



- 11/1 - Vision Screening
- 11/7 - Popup History Club 2:30-3:30
- 11/9 - Rake a Difference
- 11/10 - NO SCHOOL
- 11/13 - PTO Meeting 6 PM
- 11/15 - Humane Society Visit
- 11/17 - Picture Retake Day
- 11/20 - PTO Fundraiser Pick-up and Fall Family Night
- 11/22-24 - THANKSGIVING BREAK

Please remember that you can check all Buchanan events by using our Buchanan Schools website or the Buchanan Middle School website.

<https://www.buchananschools.com/>
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IT'S BAAAACK!!!



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 7 at 2:30-3:30 PM (you must have a ride pre-arranged for 3:45 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).



BEASLEY BULLETIN



Dear BMS Families,

Happy November! October flew by in the blink of an eye. We had another amazing Homecoming week with a lot of student and adult participation. It was such an awesome week to be a part of the Jr. Herd. We also held our fall Parent-Teacher conferences and I am proud to report we were able to meet in person, on the phone, or via email with 80% of our students' families. Our partnership with you continues to be a crucial part of your students' education and we are incredibly thankful to have so much support.

November brings cooler weather. At lunch, we try to take the students outside as much as possible. If there is precipitation of any kind or if the temperature drops below 40 degrees, we will keep students inside. Please try to encourage your child to wear a coat or jacket. If you are in need of a coat, please contact the office and we will check our supply from coat drives of years past, or will direct you to contact Redbud Area Ministries for assistance. I know it can be difficult to get middle school students into coats, but if they want to go outside at lunch, they will need to ensure to dress accordingly.

Thank you so much to those of you who participated in the BMS PTO Fundraiser this year. We are thrilled to have your support as we continue to look to provide fun activities for students such as dances, field day, field trips, and possible improvements to our outdoor courtyard classroom. Our next PTO meeting is on November 13th at 6:00. Come join the fun planning!

Items from the fundraiser are scheduled to be delivered on Monday, November 20th. Parents can pick up items that day from 2:45-6:30. Please enter through the Bistro doors (Door 13) as all items will be in the Bistro. New this year, we are also going to hold a Fall Family Fun Night on the same date from 4:00-6:30. All are welcome, and it is the perfect chance to pick up your fundraiser item. We will have a few stations and our school photographer will be on-site to take family photos for anyone who registers. Stay tuned for information about this to come home soon. Any fundraiser items not picked up will be sent home with students on Tuesday, November 21st, depending on the size. If the boxes are too big for your child to take on the bus or on their walk home, we will reach out to you for someone to pick them up at an alternate time.

I am anticipating this second quarter to go as fast, if not faster, than the first quarter. If you have not already, I'd highly suggest you get PowerSchool set up to ensure you are aware of your student's grades in real-time. Please call the office if you need help setting this up. Students themselves do grade checks twice a week, but it is also important for you to be aware of grades as we all know adolescents need all the reminders they can get. It is an honor to be your partner in this middle school adventure. Thank you for your continued support and please continue to reach out if you have questions or concerns (sbeasley@buchananschools.com).

Go Bucks!
Sincerely,

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