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## BEASLEY BULLETIN

Dear BMS Families,

Happy February! I hope this newsletter finds you and your families healthy and enjoying the sunshine that has finally made an appearance. Hopefully, I did not jinx that for us! As difficult as it is, and please know we understand the struggle, please try to convince your students to still wear a coat/hat/gloves. While the weather isn't quite as bad as January (here I go jinxing us again), it's definitely still cold enough for a coat. If your child needs any of these items, please feel free to call the office and we will do what we can to help you.

As I mentioned in the last few dialer calls, students recently finished NWEA testing. Students will receive a Family Report detailing the results of this round of testing. If you need any help interpreting this report or understanding the data, please reach out. I'd be glad to help!

February, while a short month, will be packed full of academics and fun activities for students. We look forward to our Feel Good February Kudos led by our Jr. Herd and Valentine's Candy Grams. We will also be learning about influential African Americans during our Black History Month Thematic Thursday unit. February will go by in a flash, but we are taking advantage of every minute!

As always, thank you for your support as we continue to foster student learning to lead towards academic achievement and excellence! Go Bucks!

Sincerely,

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# GOOD NEWS FROM GROVES



NWEA is a test that is given in the fall, winter, and spring at BMS. One purpose for the test is to measure the growth that students make as they progress through the year. As you will see, my students are certainly moving in the right direction!

- 85% of my students hit their winter NWEA reading goal!
- 96% of my students hit their winter NWEA math goal!

Even more impressive, the following data represents the percentage of my students that have ALREADY hit or surpassed their spring goals.

- 60% of my students ALREADY hit or surpassed their projected growth goal for the spring NWEA reading test!
- 74% of my students ALREADY hit or surpassed their projected growth goal for the spring NWEA math test!

I am very proud of the results that were achieved by my students on the winter NWEA reading and math tests! These results demonstrate that with effort, greatness can be achieved. In my class, we are a no excuses classroom! The vast majority of students are buying into this philosophy! With continued effort, my expectation would be that the spring NWEA scores will be even better!

Nice Job,

Mr. Groves

Such a great job could not go unrecognized! Several students wanted to share their success. In a brief interview, this is what some of the 'Groves' had to share.

Why do you believe you did so well on the test?

Adaleigh B.- I worked hard, tried my best and paid attention during class.

John Z. - I worked hard. I also studied when I needed to and got my work done.

Sophia C.- I did well because of our great teacher. When he teaches, I actually pay attention.

Jennessa F. - Mr. Groves actually teaches us. He doesn't sit at his desk. If you go to his desk he helps you.

What advice would you give other students on how to do better when testing? And, how do you plan to stay successful?

Adaleigh B.- Always try and work hard. I'm really good at art so I will work hard to be an artist.

John Z. - Work hard and never give up. Keep studying and keep your grades up.

Sophia C.- Actually pay attention in class. I will continue to try my best.

Jennessa F. - Pay attention and do the work. If you don't understand something, ask questions. Don't sleep in class and try harder!



# FEEL GOOD FEBRUARY



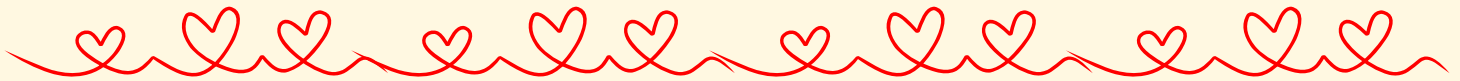
Each month, the Jr. Herd Committee initiates a positive theme. This month is a BMS tradition, **Feel Good February**. February is used to make sure that everyone feels good, feels appreciated, and knows that they matter. First, students were asked to write Positive Affirmations. They were given their own form to write 10 Positive Affirmations that they could use to uplift themselves daily. Then, each advisory class worked to choose 10 Positive Affirmations that would hang in their advisory class for everyone to see and read each day. Secondly, and one of the best parts of the month, is the Kudo Korner. Here, students write a Kudo to one another. This Kudo is used to tell students why they are such a benefit to BMS, Buchanan and the world! As part of the Random Acts of Kindness discussed on the morning news, WBMS anchors suggest different ideas for Kudos. For instance:

“Today, write a Kudo to encourage someone to do their best.”

“Today, write a Kudo to a staff member who has helped you this week.”

“Take some time today to write a Kudo to someone you rarely speak to, but you want them to know that you see that they are working hard.”

In a matter of a week, the Jr. Herd is proud to announce that over 300 Kudos have been sent to students. Encourage your Buck to share their Positive Affirmations with you. And, encourage them to write a Kudo for a friend or future friend.



## CHOIR NEWS



Buchanan Middle School Choirs will be going to Choral Festival on February 27! We also have two middle school students who will be singing solos and solo and ensemble this year. Sixth graders, Braydon J. and Esme S. will represent Buchanan Middle School Choir at S&E this year!



## SAVE THE DATE



2/15 - Pre-Festival Band Concert - 6:30 PM BHS Auditorium

2/16 - No School

2/19 - No School

Don't forget that you can check sporting and club event dates and times on the Buchanan Schools website.

<https://www.buchananschools.com/buchanan-middle-school/>