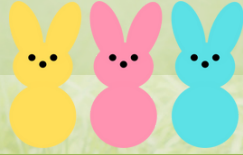


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## BEASLEY BULLETIN

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. Depending on what grade level your child is in, they either learned about the Little Rock Nine, the Children Sit-ins during the Civil Rights Movement, or took a close look at the poem, "The Hill We Climb" by Amanda Gorman. During March, our Thematic Thursdays were planned by our very own tech genius, Mrs. Kratky. Students will learn more about coding and computer science, and even look at a bit of Women's History as March is Women's History Month.

The second round of parent-teacher conferences is quickly approaching. Conferences will be Thursday, March 28th 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 with specific academic or behavioral concerns and we want to ensure to set times to discuss our plans for the remainder of the school year. 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,

Shelby Beasley

Principal

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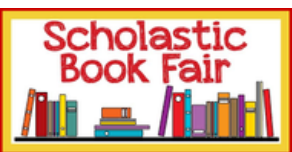
# THEY ESCAPED!

The seventh graders finished up their unit on the Stone Age by trying to escape it! Mrs. Luke's classes had to apply their knowledge of the Paleolithic and Neolithic Ages to solve challenging puzzles. When they entered class on Tuesday, February 20, they were faced with a box with six locks; arranging from simple luggage locks, to standard combinations, to a speed lock (directional). When students finished, they were able to choose their reward. Rewards ranged from an extra bingo stamp to five points of extra credit. Mrs. Luke is happy to report that everyone was on their best behavior, and treated all materials and one another with respect. Students worked very hard to escape, and enjoyed themselves. Special thank yous to Ms. Young, Ms. Lyon, Mrs. Tittle, Ms. Staggs, and Ms. Thomas for assisting with escape room management.

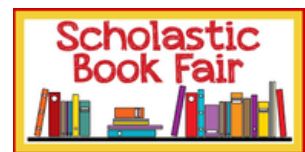
From the editor:

A special thank you to Mrs. Luke for creating such an educational and entertaining activity. She has been working on this project for the students for months. She was determined to create a fun experience for her students and she definitely succeeded in doing so. Way to go Mrs. Luke!





# BOOK FAIR TIME!



It's the time of year to put books into the hands of our Bucks! BMS will be hosting its annual book fair on March 22-28. 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. Don't be surprised if your Buck brings home their Wish List.

\*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>



## SAVE THE DATE



3/6 = School Wide Vision Screening  
3/22 - 28 = BMS Scholastic Book Fair  
3/26 = Drama Club Showcase; Tin Shop  
3/28 = Half Day; 10:50 Dismissal  
3/28 = Parent Teacher Conferences; 11:30-7:30  
3/29 = No School - Good Friday  
4/1-5 = Spring Break

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/>





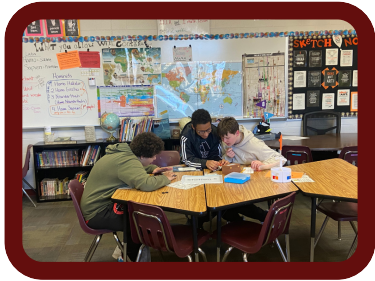
BMS's very own Cupids delivering Valentine's Day Candy Grams.  
Ava B., Kaleb S., Addi B.



Twin Day during Winterfest  
Tinley D., Delanie D., Sophia N., Ella H., Payton B



Down time during Jr. Herd concession stand sales for 5th grader Zoey O.



Working hard to escape the Social Studies Escape Boxes  
James S., Aiden S., Lucas B



Another fun Pep Rally in the books! Thank you BHS!



## Fun Times at BMS



Jr. Herd and Student Council donating food items to Pastor Habicht and the First Presbyterian Church Food Bank.



Mr. Groves and his OUTSTANDING 5th grade class. Great work on hitting your NWEA goals Grovers!

Writing Kindness Kudos during Feel Good February!  
Tessa H., Evelyn P., Zoey P.



Ms. Young catching up with some of her old Jr. Herd members.  
Camille L.  
Norah K.  
Hannah H.  
Destiny T.