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BEASLEY BULLETIN

Dear BMS Families,

It is hard to believe that we are already in May. Time flies when you're having fun and learning a lot! During the second week of May, we celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week. I am incredibly proud of our BMS teachers and staff's hard work, compassion, and dedication. We are so lucky to have a group of teachers at BMS who truly love their students and love what they do. Seeing them in action each day is inspiring, and I feel so blessed to have such an incredible staff. Thank you BMS teachers and staff!!

May also brings around the Battle of the Bucks competition at BMS. This competition splits our advisories into four different color teams - Blue, Green, Red, and Yellow. Students compete in mini-challenges and also earn tickets for good behavior, citizenship, or academic excellence. The Battle of the Bucks ends in June on our Field Day when the final winner is announced! This is definitely my favorite time of year. Please be sure to ask your students about it.

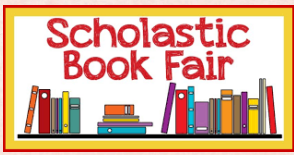
Thank you for your continued support of the students and staff at Buchanan Middle School. Have a marvelous May!

Sincerely,

Shelby Beasley

Principal
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BUY ONE, GET ONE BOOK FAIR!



Ms. Young is taking one last swing at promoting reading. There will be one last book fair for this year. On May 14- 17, there will be a **Buy One Get One Free** book fair at BMS! Students will be able to shop the fair during school hours. The best part about this fair is that it will be open to parents during the BMS Spring Fling on May 17 from 5:30-7:30 PM. Stop in and get some great deals that will last your Buck the entire summer!

YOU
got
THIS



ALMOST
THERE!!!

SAVE THE DATE



- 5/8 - Band & Choir Field Trip
 - 5/14-17 - BMS B1G1 Book Fair!
 - 5/15 - Spring Band Concert - 6:30 BHS Auditorium
 - 5/16 - Track MHSAA Regionals
 - 5/17 - BMS Spring Fling - 5:30- 7:30 PM
 - 5/24 - No School
 - 5/24 - Last Day to Order 2023-2024 Yearbook
 - 5/27 - No School - Memorial Day
 - 5/31 - Seventh Grade Beach Bash 5:30 - 7:30 PM
 - 6/5 - HALF DAY
 - 6/6 - HALF DAY
 - 6/6 - Seventh Grade Ceremony - 6 PM @ BHS
 - 6/6 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
- ENJOY YOUR SUMMER BUCKS!



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/>

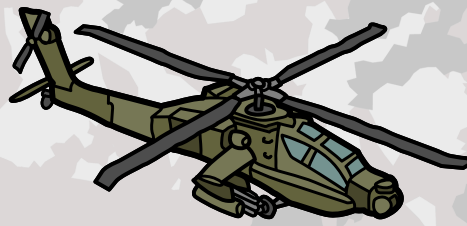


MARCHING WITH THE MILITARY!



Help the Jr. Herd Committee thank our brave men and women of the military by donating to Marching with the Military. The drive will be from April 29-May 23. These items will be donated to the Battle Creek Veteran's Hospital and Homeless Outreach Program. Please join us in reminding our veterans that they are appreciated and will never be forgotten.

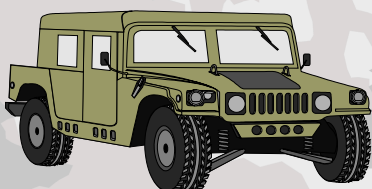
*The list has changed, so if you have a list from previous years, please use this new list.



- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Toothpaste/Toothbrushes
- Non-alcohol Mouth Wash
- Flip Flops
- Paint by Number Kits
- Men's Underwear (no briefs)
- Tennis Shoes
- Non-spiral bound journals
- Coffee
- Popcorn, oil, salt

- Body Wash/Deodorant
- Toothbrush Covers
- Shaving Cream/Razors
- Gym Shorts
- Craft Kits
- Winter Coats/Spring Jackets
- Winter Boots
- Word Searches/Crosswords
- Sudoku
- Fast Food Gift Certificates \$5-\$10

Please NO:
 Food, Used Clothing,
 Crocheted Blankets,
 Lap Robes, Bar Soap, Used
 Sunglasses



ICONIC AMERICA

Since November, 40 of the 7th graders, Mrs. Kratky, and Mrs. Luke have been participating in a fellowship with PBS and the Michigan Learning Channel. The group meets during Advisory on Monday and Tuesday morning for 30 jam-packed minutes. To begin, the group examined PBS' "Iconic America" series and learned about media production and the importance of storytelling. Afterward, they began taking steps to create their own mini documentaries on an iconic place in southwest Michigan. Initial thoughts were Lake Michigan, which posed a lot of transportation questions. Looking out her classroom window one afternoon, Mrs. Luke pondered, "What about the School Farm?," and the rest, as they say, is history! Mrs. Luke smiles when she shares the memory, "When we asked the students how they felt about making our documentaries about the School Farm, they were thrilled! 7th grade is when you really start to notice that transition from childhood to adulthood for some kids, but the childlike excitement to revisit a place they love couldn't be contained. The excitement was palpable!" Our students have been able to take a deep dive into the world of media production through this fellowship. PBS and the Michigan Learning Channel provided our students with a premium WeVideo account until July, and the fellowship gave Kratky and Luke over \$250 of media equipment each (microphones, tripods, lighting, charging blocks, and gimbals). Berrien RESA generously loaned the group a set of iPads to record b-roll and interviews. Currently, there are 9 documentary groups, but due to time constraints, Kratky and Luke are uncertain if all will be finished by the PBS and the Michigan Learning Channel's May 16 deadline. Even if they miss the PBS/MLC deadline, the students will continue working on their documentaries in order to post them to the School Farm webpage. "We did this for our community," says Mrs. Luke, "they're the ones who know how iconic our School Farm really is. The students have worked incredibly hard on this, and Mrs. Kratky and I are very proud of them. I think they're starting to realize what they're doing is a big deal; especially those who interviewed people at Plow Day. I'm excited to watch them be recognized for their hard work."





Save the Date!

BMS 7th Grade Ceremony

June 6, 2024

6:00 pm



More info coming soon!

**CELEBRATING
OUR
7TH GRADERS!**

**BUCHANAN
MIDDLE SCHOOL'S**

SEVENTH GRADE BEACH BASH

DJ, GAMES, FOOD, & FUN!

FRIDAY | MAY 31 | 5:30-7:30 PM

FOR 7TH GRADE STUDENTS ONLY!

STUDENTS MUST HAVE A RIDE
TO AND FROM THE EVENT.

TICKETS = \$5

MUST BE
PURCHASED IN
ADVANCE!