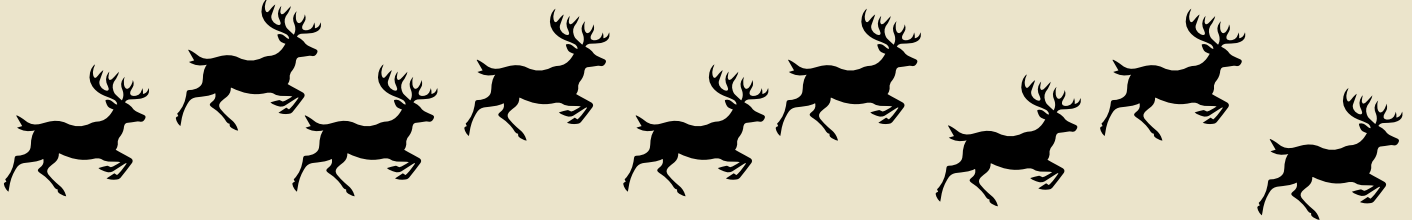


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Just like that - we are in October already! Our September flew right by thanks to our engaging classroom instruction from teachers and hard work from students. Teachers and students started forming valuable working relationships that will carry them 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.

This fall, our school is focusing on building GRIT! During advisory classes, students will learn about growth mindset and what it means to have grit. With technology at their fingertips, we noticed over the past few years that students struggle with patience, perseverance, and hustle. They are used to someone giving them answers (Hey Alexa...Hey Siri...Hey Google...) immediately and some of the grittiness we typically see is dwindling. Students will learn more about strategies to improve their perseverance and will face challenges to test their grit. We'd love this initiative to carry over to their home life. Maybe you will see them rake leaves for longer periods of time. A parent/guardian can dream, right?

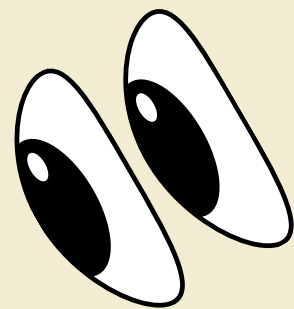
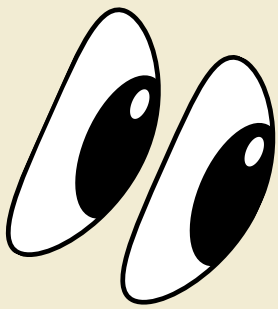
The end of the first quarter is October 16th this year. We will have our Fall Parent Teacher Conferences on Wednesday, October 23rd from 3:00-7:00 and then Thursday, October 24th from 11:30-7:30. Conferences are a wonderful opportunity for crucial conversations regarding your child's academic progress 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 (10/24 & 10/25) 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!

Shelby Beasley
Principal





THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

WACKY WEDNESDAY

Wacky Wednesday means all of the BCS schools have an early release. BMS's release time is 1:50.

MORNING ARRIVALS

Please remember, when dropping off your Bucks in the morning, pull all the way up! And, please do not drop off your Buck in the parking lot.

HOMECOMING SPIRIT DAYS!

Sept.30-Oct. 4

MON - Meltdown Monday - Dress for a workout, 80/90s aerobics, sports, etc.

TUE - Tropics or Tundra - Choose to be chill or heat it up!

WED - We Wear Green - BMS is always green on Wednesdays to support our very own hero, Ollie!

THURS - Thrift Shop Thursday - Dress tacky, wacky and wild

FRI - SPIRIT DAY!!! Wear Maroon and White!!

All outfits must be school appropriate.

GO BUCKS!

SPORTING EVENTS

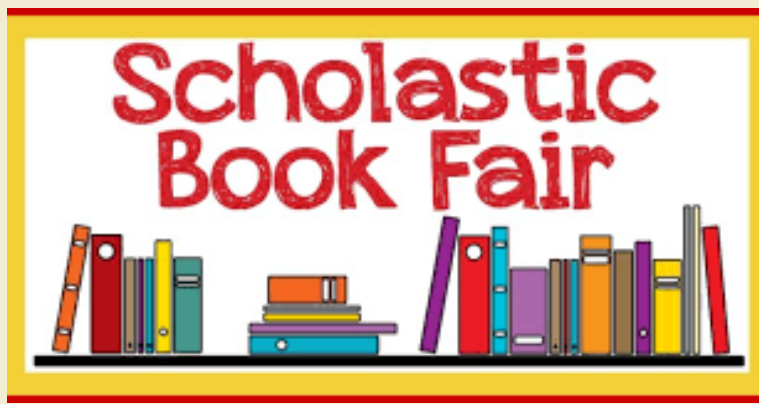
Just a reminder, all BMS can get into sporting events for free. However, students **MUST ATTEND** the sporting event with a parent/guardian.

NEWSLETTERS

Each month, the BMS Newsletter, *JH Journal*, will be available online only. There will be no hard copies sent home. Please visit the BMS Homepage each month to get the best in BMS information.

USING POWERSCHOOL

If you haven't used PowerSchool in the past, please sign up for an account. PowerSchool is the best way to keep track of your students grades and missing assignments. Download the PowerSchool app on a smart phone, or sign in on your computer. When using the app, the school district code is **GZZC**.



It's the time of year to put books into the hands of our Bucks! BMS will be hosting its annual book fair on October 21-25 . 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>



CLASSROOM NEWS

SOCIAL STUDIES 7TH GRADE

We are thrilled to announce that Mollie Watson, Assistant Director of the Niles History Center, and Erika Hartley, an Instructor at the Institute for Intercultural and Anthropological Studies, will visit Buchanan Middle School in mid-October. Hartley is also the Field Director and Curatorial Fellow for the Fort St. Joseph Archaeological Project, researched by Western Michigan University.

Located on the banks of the St. Joseph River in Niles, Fort St. Joseph is a site rich with history and archaeological significance. Watson and Hartley will engage Mrs. Luke's 7th-grade Social Studies students in an exciting session, sharing insights into the life of an archaeologist and a museum director. They will also reveal fascinating archaeological finds made by WMU at Fort St. Joseph.

This is a fantastic opportunity for students to gain firsthand knowledge about archaeology and history. Watch our Facebook page for photos of the experience.

ELA 6TH GRADE

In 6th-grade English/Language Arts, BMS students wrote a short story using their five senses to focus on adding details to their writing. Many students have also completed their first quarter independent reading project due by October 9th, ask your student about their "Book Talk." Now sixth graders are reading excerpts from Roald Dahl's childhood memoir *Boy: Tales of Childhood*. And they will notice how Dahl also writes with lots of attention to sensory details even with non-fiction writing. In the next few weeks, ask your students about Mrs. Prachett and which candy your student would pick from her shop, if any.

ATTENTION 7TH GRADE GIRLS! CLUB H2O IS BACK!

BMS 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 will run for only nine weeks! If you are interest in either finding out more or signing up your young lady to participate, do not hesitate! Call Mrs. McLaughlin at 695-8406.

