

BOOKCLIFF MIDDLE SCHOOL

Home of the Mustangs

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Enjoy this edition of the Bookcliff Middle School newsletter brought to you by the 8th grade Yearbook class!

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Important Dates

Honor Orchestra Concert
November 15, 7pm GJHS

Turkey Bowl Assembly
November 16, 2018

Select Band Concert
November 18, 4pmGJHS

Thanksgiving Break
November 19-23

Girls Basketball Starts
November 26

October Students of the Month



October 2018

Art: Kenzie Rewold
Girls PE: Journie Welch
Tech Ed: Blake Valiquet
ESL: Adilene Paz Canchola
GT: Melissa Baldwin
6th grade: Valeria Romero
6th grade: Addison Decker

7th grade: Brady Russell
7th grade: Logan Goodwin
8th grade: Juan Trevino
8th grade: Amber Smith
DIA 6th grade: Diego Solis Cuellar
DIA 8th grade: Owen Kieran

Immunizations

It is Colorado law that your student is either fully vaccinated or has an exemption form signed every year to attend public schools. Tdap is required upon entry to 6th grade. If your 6th grader has not gotten their Tdap or you have received a non-compliance letter, please call the Health Office. Our Health Assistant, Kathy, can help you and let you know what paperwork is needed! If your student has gotten immunizations, please provide paper documentation to the Health office, so it can be entered in our system!

Turkey Bowl

By: Makenna J. and Rylee H.

The Friday before Thanksgiving break we will hold our annual Turkey Bowl. The Turkey Bowl will consist of the bowling competition with canned food and “turkeys”. The front office will be collecting money to determine which teacher will be dancing in tights and a turkey costume at the assembly. The teachers competing to dance will be Mr. Weckenbrock, Mrs. Grinstead, Ms. Hawkins, Mrs. Armendariz, Mr. Pollard, Mrs. Lolis, and Mrs. Smith. The money collected will be used to help fund our adopt-a-family program. Last year we raised about \$1,200 and we were able to adopt 3 families for a total of 15 people.



Mathcounts

The Mathcounts team meetings have started. It is still open to any students who are interested in joining a competitive math team. We meet on Mondays and Thursdays from 2:55-4:15 after school.

Counselor's Corner

The mental health team has been busy providing class scheduling, individual counseling, mediation, crisis intervention and substance use prevention. In addition, the Why Try Program was introduced during the month of September. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) spoke to 8th graders regarding mental illness and suicide prevention in the beginning of October.

During second quarter, it is anticipated that NAMI will make a similar presentation to all 6th graders. A Grief Group, 6th Grade Boys Social Skills Group, 7th and 8th grade girls Relational Aggression are also scheduled to begin second quarter.

If you have concerns about your student, please contact Ms. Van Ert at 254-6220 x 32121. She will discuss the concerns with you and identify the best person to work with your student.

Please visit our website at <http://bms.mesa.k12.co.us/departments/counseling> to learn more about Bookcliff's Mental Health Team.

Honor Orchestra

Written By: Tamara A. and Emily L.

Congratulations to all the students who made it into Honor Orchestra! Every year students from all schools in the district have the chance to audition for the Middle School Honor Orchestra Festival. Only the top 50 students are chosen and this year we had 16 students from Bookcliff make it in, the most of all middle schools in the valley! To get in, students play two different song excerpts, a scale and sight read for judges. Students who made it in for Bookcliff are:

Magaly Luna, Leonardo Fuentes, Lenah Anderson, Laurel Hughes, Owen Kieran, Juan Macias, Elijah Buniger, Abri Bosco, Sophie Herd, Jasmine Buniger, Attean Foutnier, Matthew DeLaLuz, Conner Vandeburgt, Kenya Contreras, Kenzie Rewold, and Anna Respect.

FMC's (Friday Morning Clubs)

Written by: Charlotte V.

Every Friday, we have different clubs instead of Morning Meeting. For almost 30 minutes you get to do fun things! The students get to choose their top three out of all the clubs and Mrs. Wiltse will try to get everyone in at least one of them. For this quarter, they now have the choice of new book clubs, a drawing club, a food club, a fly fishing club and new art clubs! Along with those we still have all the usual clubs like basketball, volleyball, bucket band and different kinds of game clubs. For example, in the new club "The BIG Giveback", the students will be making quilts to give to an organization that they choose in our community.

Welcome Back Mrs. Armendariz

Written by: Emily M. and Amber S.

We would like to welcome back Mrs. Armendariz! This is her 9th year teaching, she worked here at Bookcliff her first three years. She has worked with high school students and middle school students for a total of 8 years, going on 9. Her hobbies are playing volleyball, hiking, and spending time with her family. She wanted to make a difference in kids' lives by being a therapist or counselor, but decided to become a teacher to impact more kids' lives. She moved from Aurora, Colorado to Grand Junction. She studied at Colorado Mesa University here in town. We are happy to have Mrs. Armendariz back here at Bookcliff Middle School!



MESA Program

Written by Ericka L. & Selena B.

MESA Program is on its second year here at BMS, run by Mrs. Perea and Ms. Hawkins. They meet on Tuesdays after school in room 183 from 2:45-3:45. They have one competition each month that may require them to travel to other schools across the valley, transportation there is provided. At meetings after school they will build their projects for competitions or have smaller projects that they need to work on. They have a 3D printer this year that they would like to get started for fundraisers. We have some new technology that would be fun after school programming for everyone! Their next competition is on November 26 hosted by Grand Junction High School. They are making catapults and trebuchets to test how far they can throw objects across CMU's Ballroom. All of their meetings and competitions are after school. Their last competition was at OMMS for building boats out of milk jugs. The students were to build a boat on site, then swim it across the pool to pick up one team member and swim back to the starting line. They took 4 teams and two of them won a prize for engineering design. MESA has already started but it is a yearlong program, which means you can join now or take a break if you are playing sports or participating in other activities for a little while. We would like to welcome those students who were not able to come first quarter due to volleyball, there is still time to join! It is free for all students interested in participating! The parents are expected to pick their students up from competitions or the students can carpool with other families.



Select Band

Written by: Shyanne M. and Caleen A.

Congratulations to Bookcliff Band Students who got nominated for Select Band:

Mason Martinez

Talija Strautins

Emily Rogers

Wyatt Armstrong

Shalom Trowbridge

Charlie Ann Mullen

Johnny Ponacatonnus

Select Band 2018 is November 16th and 17th, and this year the event will be held at the Montrose Pavilion. Select Band is like an honor band made up of the top 10% or so of band students from 25 Western Slope Middle Schools. They play music that is challenging and interesting. Selected students learn their part on their own, and then get together for a weekend of auditions, sectionals, rehearsals and a then a concert. There is also a separate high school group that shares the concert. Select Band does not happen all year. Students are nominated by their director in September, a committee goes through the nominations in early October, and the event itself takes place the Friday and Saturday before Thanksgiving. Middle schools take mainly 8th grade students because of their experience, maturity, and musicianship. 6th and 7th graders may attend if they are qualified. Directors nominate students according to their musicianship and maturity. Tone Quality and Technical Ability figure in as well as the ability to read music and level of focus in class. A committee then puts together a band with a sort of draft process. So even though you have to be a great student to get it, not all great students make it in. We like to include students from smaller rural schools that might have only 18 total people in their band as well as students from larger city schools like Grand Junction or Montrose.

Artists of the Month

By: Makenna J. and Rylee H.

Angelina is one of the artists of the month. She has been drawing since she was very little and does it because she has fun doing it and it relieves her stress. Her favorite artist is Sheena because she inspires her. Angelina got interested in art because she loves how it works and she just loves doing it.



Jenna is the other artist of the month. She has been doing art since a very young age. Her aunt inspires her and she wants to be as good as her. Jenna's favorite artist is her aunt and she got interested in art because of her aunt.

