

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

- OWL Hunter Safety**
February 2, 8-5 Cafeteria
- High School Fair**
February 6
- Warriors with Honor and STEM**
February 7, 6-7 Central Library
- Band Solo and Ensemble**
February 8 & 9 GMMS
- OWL Hunter Safety**
February 9, 8-5 Cafeteria
- Hearing and Vision Testing**
February 12
- President's Day**
February 18, No School
- Orchestra and Choir Solo and Ensemble**
February 22 & 23 GMMS
- Middle School In-Service**
February 25, No School
- OWL Meeting**
February 28, 5:30-7:30 PM

January Students of the Month



January 2019

Computers: Hunter Hamm
 Boys PE: Dagen Harris
 SPED: Emilio Ramos
 SSN: Colin Kuydendall
 GT: Alice Dejarnatt
 6th grade: Avery Turner

6th grade: Rahyne Salaz
 7th grade: Jaden Solano
 7th grade: Melodie Enriquez
 8th grade: Niko Moreno-Guillen
 8th grade: Kaydance Sondag
 DIA 6th grade: Jocelin Paz
 DIA 8th grade: Magaly Luna

Vision and Hearing Screenings

We will be doing vision and hearing screenings on all 7th and 8th graders on February 12th. Please remind your student to wear their glasses or contacts that day so we can get an accurate screening. Thank you!



Attention 6th Grade Students!

OWL is only three months away (April 15-19)!

This is our LAST individual fundraiser to help you, your classmates, and future 6th grade students go to OWL.



You would be selling tubs of popcorn, that comes in all kinds of flavors, and small snacks like chocolates, pretzels, and even kitchen gadgets.

For every item you sell, OWL receives **40%** of the total price!

(For example: You sell 2 tubs of popcorn (\$15 each) and a box of chocolates (\$11). Total: \$41= OWL receives \$16.40)

This fundraiser will start January 31 and end February 15.

The goods will be delivered to the school for you during the first week of March.



If you are interested in participating to help you and a classmate get to OWL, please return this form with a parent signature.

Student Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Dear OWL families,

Great news! Colorado Parks and Wildlife will pay \$50 of your student's OWL tuition if your student attends a Hunter Education class to get a Hunter Education card.

Saturday, Feb. 2 and Saturday, Feb. 9 @ BMS Cafeteria
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. both days (Both days must be attended)

Lunch will be provided both days.

Students are encouraged to bring snacks and a water bottle.

Please arrive at 8:30 a.m. the first day to assist with the registration process.

At the end of the second day of class, there will be a multiple choice test. Students must pass the test with 75% to receive their Hunter Education card and to receive the \$50 incentive. The live shooting portion of the course will be completed during OWL camp for BMS students, and Hunter Education cards will be distributed at that time.

In order for students to receive a \$50 incentive to assist with payment toward OWL camp, they must attend both days of the Hunter Education course and pass the written test.

Parents and siblings, 10 years of age and older, may attend this course to receive their Hunter Education card. The live shooting portion of the course, which is mandatory to receive a Hunter Education card, will occur at the end of the second day of class.

We look forward to seeing you for a fun and great learning experience on February 2nd and 9th!

Please return the signed parent consent form to your Morning Meeting teacher.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife
Northwest Region Office
711 Independent Avenue
Grand Junction, CO 81505
970-255-6100

Solo and Ensemble

Written by Caleen. A, Shyanne. M

Solo and Ensemble is a chance for your child to perform in front of judges. Students are rated on their performance or performances on these musical qualities: Tone/Timbre, Rhythm, Balance/Blend, Intonation, Dynamics, Articulation, Precision, Phrasing, Technique, Posture, Literature, Interpretation/Style. Students may prepare as many as three performances. More than that generally results in poorer performances. Band Solo & Ensemble is February 8th and 9th 2019 at Grand Mesa Middle School. Orchestra/Choir will be held on February 22nd and 23rd, also at GMMS. The entry fee is \$6.00 per student per performance which pays the costs of the professional adjudicators and certificates. Performance slots are 8 minutes each during which students present their selection and receive verbal feedback from the adjudicator. Working out a solo or small ensemble builds better musicians, which will build better bands (orchestras/choirs). All students receive a certificate for their efforts, and Bookcliff Band students receive a pin if they earn a Superior rating. Solo & Ensemble Festivals have been a part of District 51 schools for nearly 90 years. Bookcliff has taken part since the first building opened up in 1965.

Welcome Mrs. Heimstra

Written by: Rylee H. and Makenna J.

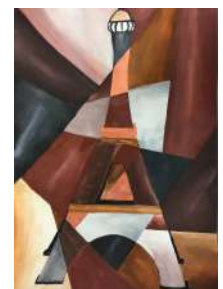
We would like to welcome Mrs. Heimstra to the Bookcliff community. She graduated from Adams State in Alamosa, CO. Including student teaching, being a substitute, and having her own classroom, she's been teaching for five years. She became interested in teaching when she started helping her children do their homework and it just became a part of what she did so she decided to make it her career. She loves how Social Studies and English fit together and make life interesting. Gandhi, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Toni Morrison are some of her greatest inspirations because they all have or had a special view on the world. As a teacher she wanted to make a difference in the world while helping students decide what to do next because that affects the outcome of something else. Outside of school she loves to read, write, cross stich, garden, and spend time with her family.



Artist of the Month

By Anna R. Miranda B. Alexa L. and Tamara A.

Kambrie is the February Artist of the Month. She started creating art when she was about 5 years old, and has been passionate about it ever since. Kambrie got interested in art because her father's family are all incredible artists and painters. She is inspired by nature when creating art. One of her favorite pieces that she made is of a rose with shattered glass. Art is important to Kambrie because she can express herself as a person and be creative in her own way. Congratulations Kambrie!



Wrestling and Track

Written by: Mariana, Kaydance and Nicole.

If you're interested in joining wrestling, talk to Mr. Pollard, you will have to sign a wrestling contract. Students will have lots of fun at practices and competitions. Victory is won by yourself. Be aware that you have to pay \$70, if you can't afford it, go to Mr. Pollard and he will figure something out. Everyone in 7th and 8th grade can join. If you're a 6th grader interested in wrestling, you cannot join the team but you can go talk to Mr. Pollard and he will give you some options. Wrestling develops independence, self-motivation and confidence. The coaches this year are Mr. Martinez, Mr. Whalin and Mr. Pollard.

Students should sign up for track because it is a fun and exciting challenge that is practiced outside. Some of the activities you can do in track are running, jumping and throwing things. Some of the benefits of being in track are: it keeps you busy, keeps you in shape and can help you in all of your sports. The meeting will be the week before spring break. Practices are every day after school. The coaches this year will be Mrs. Coniff, Mr. Whalin and if enough kids join, there will be another coach. Only 7th and 8th grade can join. There is a \$70 fee to join, if money is an issue, come talk to the coaches or the office.

Welcome Mr. Bollinger

Written by: Emily M. and Amber S.

We would like to introduce Mr. Bollinger to the Bookcliff Middle School family. He has been teaching for about 12 years, but this is his first year here at Bookcliff Middle School. He went to Colorado Mesa University, and has taught all the way from kindergarten to high school. He started off substituting for supplemental income, and then learned he loves working with children. His favorite subjects are social studies, music, and ELA. He grew up with a family of teachers, so that pushed him to be a teacher as he grew up. He loves hanging out and spending time with his family and friends. He also enjoys hiking and playing music. He looks up to his parents, and values their insight on life. He took over Ms. Castle's spot of teaching 7th grade ELA. Welcome Mr. Bollinger, we hope you have a great time here at Bookcliff Middle School.



Girls on the Run

By Ericka L. Emily L. and Selena B.

There is an after school activity called Girls on the Run! The cost is \$55 but \$45 scholarships are available which makes the cost \$10. If the \$10 is still too much, then you could look into a full scholarship, we don't want any girls not to join because of the fees. Registration is open now through February 10th and girls from all grades can join. Practice will be held on every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:45-4:15. Girls on the run provides the opportunity to run while building your self esteem. The first practice will be on February 19th. The 5k run will be on May 4th in Fruita. If you have any more questions talk to Mrs. Smith.

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High School Fair

February 6, 2019

BMS Gym

11:30-12:30

Bookcliff Middle School hosts a High School Fair each year so that 8th grade students and parents have a chance to get a deeper understanding of High School options available in the Grand Valley. Parents are welcome to attend.

Programs invited to Attend

- Central High School (JROTC, STEM, general information)
- Fruita 8/9 and Fruita Monument High School (Agriculture and FFA, general information)
- Grand Junction High School (Business Academy and general information)
- Palisade High School (International Baccalaureate Program and general information)
- R-5 High School
- Valley School West Program
- Grand River Academy
- Career Center
- School To Work Alliance Program (SWAP)
- Collbran Job Corps
- Western Colorado Community College

Counselors' Corner

Please see the information below about safe2tell Colorado. It is a valuable resource for students and parents.

<https://safe2tell.org/?q=how-it-works>

How it Works

Safe2Tell Colorado's tip reporting process is simple. Safe2Tell Colorado provides students, parents, and community members a safe way to report information about any issues that concern their safety or the safety of others.

Key Components:

State law ([\(C.R.S. Section 24-31-601 et seq.\)](#)) guarantees the anonymity of every caller.

- ✦ Anonymity is guaranteed by law; there is no caller id and callers' names are not asked.
- ✦ Safe2Tell Colorado is available to all Colorado schools, students, teachers, and parents.
- ✦ Reports can be made to Safe2Tell Colorado by calling 1-877-542-SAFE (7233).

Reports can be submitted through the Safe2Tell Colorado's website by clicking [Submit a Tip](#). Tips may be submitted using a smartphone through the Safe2Tell Colorado mobile app (app available on [Apple Store](#) or [Google Play](#)).

- ✦ Calls to Safe2Tell Colorado are answered 24 hours a day, seven days a week by trained Colorado State Patrol Dispatchers.
- ✦ A trained communications officer collects information for the report and assigns a tip number to the reporting party.
- ✦ Every tip submitted to Safe2Tell Colorado is thoroughly investigated once given to the appropriate school and/or law enforcement agency.
- ✦ Safe2Tell Colorado serves as a conduit for the information received, sending it directly to the school and/or law enforcement for local investigation and/or intervention.
- ✦ Safe2Tell Colorado uses a unique and highly sophisticated database program that allows for two-way dialogue between the reporting party and the answering point.
- ✦ All information is encrypted, allowing for complete anonymity.
- ✦ Web reporting and mobile app options allow reporting parties to upload photos and social media posts, which aid law enforcement in conducting thorough investigations.
- ✦ The sophistication of the Safe2Tell Colorado database system is ever-evolving and helps identify trends of violence in schools and communities.

Students know, long before adults do, what's occurring in their schools and in communities – including fighting and bullying, substance abuse, dangerous and concerning behaviors, threats, depressions, suicide, and self-injury: either witnessed in-person or online. Youth violence, according to the [Surgeon General's Report on Youth Violence](#), is a highly visible problem that affects all segments of our society. Because of its impact on victims, their friends and family, and society at large, youth violence has been designated a public health concern, thereby emphasizing the need for coordinated prevention efforts. Communities now focus on collaborative prevention efforts with support from multiple systems: justice, education, health, mental health, and human services. Safe2Tell Colorado provides a unique bridge between these agencies and the youth who need help to avert an act of violence or injury.

In order to break the code of silence, the Safe2Tell solution works to improve the culture and climate of schools. A vital component of the prevention model is conducting intentional conversations that empower students to speak up without fear of retaliation, embarrassment or labeling. Safe2Tell Colorado provides the promise of hope and help.

Warriors with Honor And STEM Academy Night

*Central High
School
Library*

*Thursday,
February 7*

6:00-7:00 pm

You and your family are invited to learn more about all the amazing educational and social opportunities at Central High School!

During our Warriors with Honor program, you will have the opportunity to meet with faculty from academic departments to learn more about the advanced (Pre-Advanced Placement and Advanced Placement) classes, STEM Academy and unique opportunities that we are so proud to have at CHS! Whether your interest is in

science, debate, performing arts, English, Technology, JROTC, and/or athletics, this program gives you and your family the chance to explore them all!

We look forward to meeting you at this casual, fun, and informative program!

Questions? Please contact the Central Counseling Office at

254.6101

