

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 Journalism class!

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Important Dates

6th Grade Choir Concert
October 2nd

8th Grade Band Concert
October 7th

6th Grade Band and Orchestra Concert
October 8th

7th and 8th Grade Choir Concert
October 8th

7th and 8th Orchestras/7th Band and 8th Jazz Band Concert
October 10th

End of 1st Quarter and 1st Quarter Celebration
October 11th

No School- Teacher In-Service and Work Days
October 14th and 15th

Student-Led Conferences
October 16th 7:30am-3:30 pm
October 23rd 3:30-7:30 pm
October 24th 3:30-7:30 pm

September Students of the Month

PE: Connor Murphy

Band: Wyatt and Hayden Armstrong

Choir: Madilyn Gauntt

Computers: Sierra Conrad

Special Ed: David Enriquez

DIA 6th grade: Andres Hernandez

DIA 7th grade: Diego Solis-Cuellar

6th grade: Sydni Apodaca-Nash and Janniece Sanders

7th grade: Daniel Kuykendall and Autumn Jacobson

8th grade: Payton Kolenc and Ruswin Aban

FREE BREAKFAST!!!

Don't forget, free breakfast served every morning in the cafeteria before school starts from 7:40-7:55 am!

BMS Hot Wheels Club

Written by: Jason Rushing and Blake Valiquet

At Bookcliff Middle School, there is an after school club called the Hot Wheels Club. We interviewed the leader/teacher of the Hot Wheels Club. His name is Mr. Retallack. “So Mr. Retallack, why did you, Conner, and Blake start the club?” He answered with, “to share a common interest, and we wondered if others like it too.” The next question was, “what is the purpose or goal of this club?” He answered with, “to have fun and show off our cars.” The third question was, “why do you guys do the raffle?” (The raffle is where you put tickets in a jar and they all get drawn and you pick a car.) Mr. Retallack answered with, “it adds interest into the club.” The fourth question was, “when and what time do you meet?” Mr. Retallack answered with, “Fridays from 3:15-4:15.” The fifth question was, “if I were a new person joining the club, what would I be looking forward to?” He answered with, “meeting others that share your same interest with cars.” The sixth question was, “how many members are there?” Mr. Retallack answered with, “about 10.” Our final question we asked was, “what are the big plans you guys have and want to accomplish?” Mr. Retallack answered with, “races, swap meets, raffles, and trying a family night.” That was the interview of Mr. Retallack and the hot wheels club. If you’re interested this club, this is what you need to know to join. Hot wheels club meets in the tech-ed room.

The Counselor Corner

Written by: Peiton Archuleta

The Counselor Corner is a once a week meeting for parents on Thursdays at 8:00 am. This meeting is about safety and to show what kids experience as middle school students. It is also about struggles students encounter at school. Lastly, they also talk about social media that kids use that parents should be cautious about. Another thing that the Counselor Corner is doing is food bags, which kids can get at the end of every Friday for over the weekend. They can go to the office and fill out a slip and on Friday at the end of the day, they can pick up a food bag with food they can eat over the weekend while they are not at school. There are things like Mac and Cheese in it.

The Counselor website link is listed below to find out further information:

<https://bms.mesa.k12.co.us/departments/counseling>

The Wardrobe

Written by: Casey Morris and Diana Vargas

The first question we asked was how did you get the idea? Mr. Brad answered, “I was visiting some schools in Chattanooga to get ideas for a program here at Bookcliff and most schools I visited had this program where they would buy hygiene items and clothes and give them to the students to help out.” Mr. Brad said the purpose was so that kids or families that can’t afford things could have access to things their family needs. We also asked him was how the first was week going? His reply was, “pretty good, at least 30 kids (5%) came in to get clothes and hygiene items.” He said some stuff he needed donated were clothes, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant and toothbrushes. The final question we asked him was what are your popular items? He answered with, deodorant and warmer clothing such as sweatshirts and jeans. Stop by The Wardrobe to find out even more!

New Assistant Principal, Mr. Dickes

Written by: Matthew Moates

Mr. Dickes is our new assistant principal. He came here from West Middle School and I asked him a few questions. He said that Bookcliff is a much bigger school and that there are more kids. He also said that the students here are similar in the sense that they are all middle schoolers, and they still face the same challenges as at West. The reason that he came to Bookcliff is because he was looking for the assistant principal job, and Bookcliff had a spot open for him. He also decided on BMS because of the great staff and great students. Plus, he said Mrs. Lefebre was a good assistant principal to learn from. He said that things are going to stay mostly the same now that he is here except that the third administrator job will make it easier for everyone, students and teachers. He said that as a teacher, he spent a lot of time with students making them better in the classroom, but now that he is an assistant principal he doesn't see them quite as much. He used to have kids come up to him, but students are sort of scared to come up to him now. I think that this year will be better now that he is here and he will be really helpful for everyone.

Math Counts

Written by: Jake Trujillo and Johnny Perez

Recently I chatted with Mr. Pollard about Math Counts. First we talked about what Math Counts is, Math Counts is an after school club to work on challenging math problems that you will not normally see in a math classroom. Math Counts participants are training for the Regional Math Counts competitions, where they compete against over 100 different students on the Western Slope to achieve state level. Math Counts is a nationally known program that may provide scholarship opportunities for students and a competitive environment for the math world. Meetings will begin on Mondays after school from 3:30-4:30 starting September 23rd.

8th Grade Unity T-shirts

Written by: Michael Tafoya and Zack Patton

Every year, every kid is given the chance to participate in the 8th grade Unity Shirt art contest. The winner last year was Kim Cardona and the winning design was a stylized horse head. According to Mr. Powell, the 8th grade students last year chose the winner by voting on it. There were about 5-6 designs, but this year there are only four. He said that the quality of designs went up since last year though. The goal of the Unity Shirt is to create unity throughout the grade level and instill in 8th graders a sense of pride for their class and for BMS.

Entertainment: New Movie Releases!

Written by: Hayden Armstrong

A lot of interesting movies are coming out very soon. New movies like Joker are coming around October 4th, where they explain the backstory of the DC comic villain, the Joker. IT: Chapter 2 was released September 6th, where we see the same group of characters trying to get rid of Pennywise for good.

As far as the next few months, we will also see the likes of Terminator: Dark Fate on November 1st, where they are picking up the franchise right after Terminator 2: Judgment Day. Frozen 2 comes out on November 22nd, and Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker coming out December 20 as far as big movies coming out. Smaller, but interesting, movies are also coming out too, like Ad Astra on September 20th and Harriet on November 1st.

Advice Column

Written by: Payton Kolenc, Rhiannon Parker, Isaiah Enriquez, and Emilio Ramos

Everyone's got questions, but does everyone have an answers to those questions?

From anonymous:

Where do I go if I need help for my personal problems or mental health?

That's a great question, I understand at times getting help for problems can be intimidating, but I swear the counselors don't bite! (I hope) If you need help with something personal, or you know someone who does then we would tell you to visit the counselors office near the main office, close to the 7th grade cores, and if you're still worried about a friend or family member then please call the safe2tell number: **1-877-542-7233** and if you need a friend then I am here, I will literally be anyone's friend I swear, I will get the sadness out of you one way or another.

From Anonymous:

What do I do if I lost my ID?

If you've lost your ID head to the library. There, Mrs. Wiltse can tell you how much it would be for her to print a new ID for you or office or maybe get a new one. But honestly, I want to help you, so just make sure to keep your ID safe to begin with. I suggest getting a protector on lanyard to keep them safe. If you need it then you can also get it hole punched in the library with Mrs. Wiltse.

From Anonymous:

How do I stay organized?

Well my friend, I can agree, staying organized can be so hard! Anyone who says it isn't is a liar. But the thing is that we all can be organized we just need to find that organization, like what works for each individual. I would suggest things like planners and notebooks. Also calendars, which some people seem to forget, which is really unfair to calendars considering all that lost organizational potential. In summary, just experiment with your resources to find what keeps you organized, what works for some won't work for everyone, and I guarantee that you'll find something that works with some patience.

From Anonymous:

How do I make friends?

By being nice and acting nice then you'll have a chance of making friends. Like being yourself has a better chance of making friends. But everyone is different, just act like yourself. Friends come at different times. It might take awhile, but it'll always happen. Don't ever force yourself to make friends. Also I will be your friend.

New School Rules

Written by: Logan Goodwin

There have been some changes from last year to this year. The new BMS start time is 7:55 instead of 7:25. The new end time for BMS is 3:15 instead of 2:44. Most rules are for safety and keeping everyone safe. In a classroom, you're supposed to pay attention and try to get your work done. If you need to go get a drink or go to the bathroom, you have to have a pass with you in the halls at all times. You can't leave class within the first and last 10 minutes of class, unless it's an emergency of course. Phones are only allowed in a class if a teacher says that you can use it or listen to music with the teacher's approval. No food or drinks are allowed in the class (except for water) unless you got approval. In the hall, the main rule is no phones and no earbuds. Outside, the rules are simple, no wheels on campus (bikes, scooters, etc.) and make sure to lock your bike or scooter up. At lunch time, when you're outside you can't eat or drink anything, that has to stay in the lunchroom. The rules in the lunchroom are no throwing food, try not to make big messes and make sure to clean up after yourself, no phones, and when you're done eating, wipe your table with a rag and stack your chairs in two groups of four, and there can only be eight people per table, no more than eight.

Washington DC Trip

Written by: Caeson Murphy

The DC trip is June 2nd to June 6th, 2020. This trip is not a free trip and there are ways you can lower the price. The trip is five days, in these five days, students will visit national monuments in Washington DC, such as the WWII Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, and the MLK Memorial. In New York, they will visit Times Square, Central Park, the Statue of Liberty, and will go to a Broadway show. Mrs. Coleman says to pack light and leave lots of room for souvenirs. Students might want to bring some spending money to purchase those. The informational parent meeting was September 12th, but parents can still contact Mrs. Coleman if they are interested.