



## 2020-2021

### Newsletter #32 May 3rd-7th

Westport Schools COVID Reporting Hotline: if you've tested positive or have been directly exposed to a positive case, please call: 203-341-1016

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Bedford Middle School's  
Student Newspaper

### **PRINCIPAL'S ANNOUNCEMENT: PHASE II FULL-OPEN MODEL**

This week, our PTA stepped-in big time to honor and celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week. This being an exceptional year, was matched with an exceptional showing of support. Monday morning our staff enjoyed breakfast courtesy of the Tasty Yolk food truck; Tuesday staff received individual boxes of fresh baked cookies with notes of appreciation; Wednesday staff received small bags of treats and supplies including a prize ticket; Thursday staff enjoyed an end-of-day ice cream social by College Creamery Ice Cream Truck; Friday staff enjoyed continental breakfast and 3 prize winners will be drawn later today for the prizes!

Thanks goes to our BMS PTA Co-Presidents Amie Peck and Kerri Sorensen and the numerous volunteers that drop everything to pitch-in, help-out and make a positive difference.

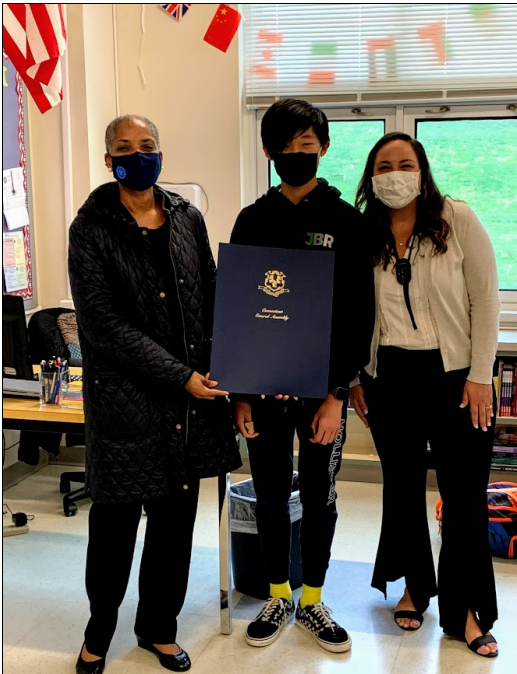




Note: As of Monday, May 10th, there are only 30 school days remaining with the last day of school for students on Monday, June 21, 2021; we anticipate Monday, June 21st to be a shortened half-day.

## Women's History Essay Contest Winner!

BMS 8th grade student Ryan Tzou won Connecticut State Representative Stephanie Thomas' Women's History Essay Contest! Ryan wrote about his grandmother who emigrated from China and is a forever source of inspiration, determination and pride for Ryan and his family. Rep. Thomas surprised Ryan and Ms. Tripuizzi's Social Studies class; she introduced herself, presented the citation to Ryan and then stayed for an impromptu Q&A session. "Ryan told the triumphant story of his grandmother, a Chinese immigrant who experienced countless obstacles in her life that she never let hinder her dreams and goals," Thomas said. "Ryan's love and admiration for his grandmother poured through the carefully constructed words in his essay, which made it both inspirational and heart-warming to read."





## Navigating Middle School During a Pandemic

Parent presentation: [Navigating Middle School During a Pandemic](#) by Mrs. Jessica Rabine, School Counselor, Bedford Middle School and Dr. Valerie Babich, Coordinator of Psychological Services

## Save the Date: BMS Moving Up Ceremony 2021

The BMS Moving Up Ceremony 2021 will take place on Tuesday, June 15th, 6-7 p.m. (rain date Wednesday, June 16th, 6-7 p.m.). We will send additional information including e-tickets, paperless programs and more as we draw closer to the event.

## UPDATE: Transition to 9th Grade

Each 8th grade student will have the opportunity to meet individually with their Staples High School counselor. During this brief meeting, the SHS counselor will review their 9th grade schedule and answer any questions your child may have. The SHS counselors will be coming to BMS on the following dates:

- Thursday, June 10th (11:18-2:45)
- Monday, June 14th (11:18-2:45)

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

- No courtesy riding on school buses through to the end of this school year; you can only ride your assigned school bus/van
- Students may not walk out of BMS for parent pickup without first signing-out in the main office; this is an important safety requirement

## Math Mentors for Distance Learning Students

Now open to all middle school students, this is a great opportunity to ask math questions and receive support from a SHS math honor society student! [LINK MAO Extra Help](#)

## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE: May 10th-14th

DAY, DATE	IN-SCHOOL HYBRID COHORT	SCHEDULE ROTATION
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Monday, 5/10/21	FULL OPEN for Cohorts A & B	E-Day
Tuesday, 5/11/21	FULL OPEN for Cohorts A & B	A-Day
Wednesday, 5/12/21	FULL OPEN for Cohorts A & B - <b><i>EARLY DISMISSAL AT 12:40 p.m.</i></b>	B-Day
Thursday, 5/13/21	FULL OPEN for Cohorts A & B	C-Day
Friday, 5/14/21	FULL OPEN for Cohorts A & B	D-Day

### **Prior Newsletters**

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