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BTMS

Happy New Year



NEWSLETTER

Dr. Christopher Pearce | Principal

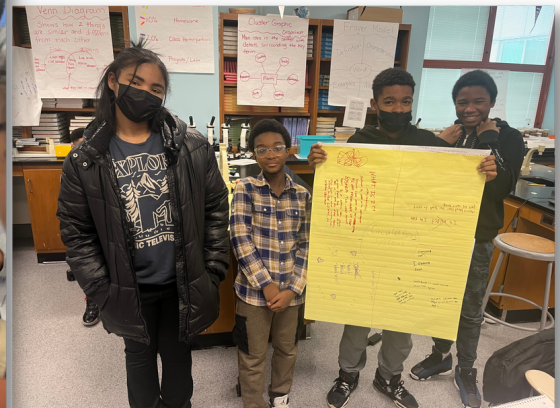
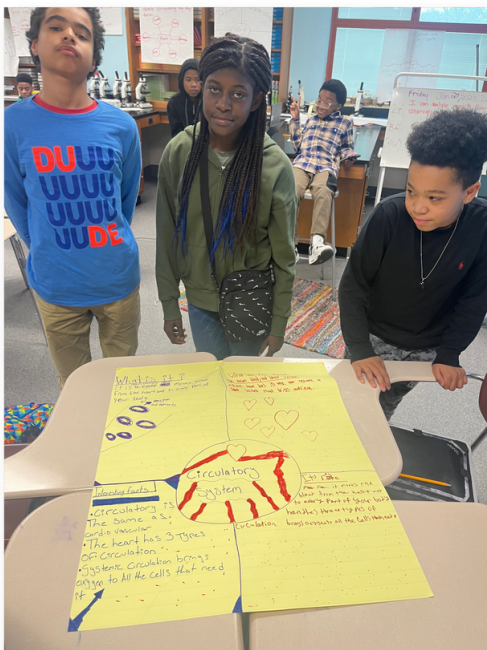
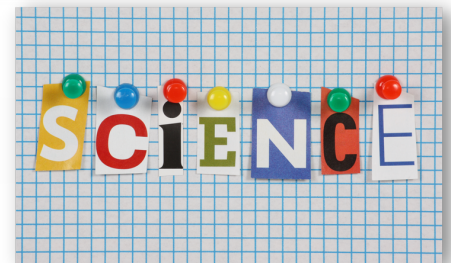
Ms. Raisa Turner | Assistant Principal

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Science News

In Ms. Jefferson's Class, 8th graders participated in the Living Environment's State Lab - **Beaks of Finches**. Students learned how structural differences of the beaks of the bird affected their survival rate. Each student was given 1 of 4 beaks - pliers, tweezers, chopsticks and clothespins. The students used their 'beaks' to pick up small seeds in the first round. If they didn't 'eat' 13 or more seeds they would be moved to an island with bigger seeds. They then competed with other birds. The students overall had a fun learning experience.

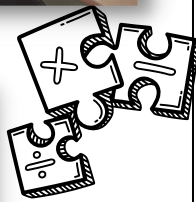
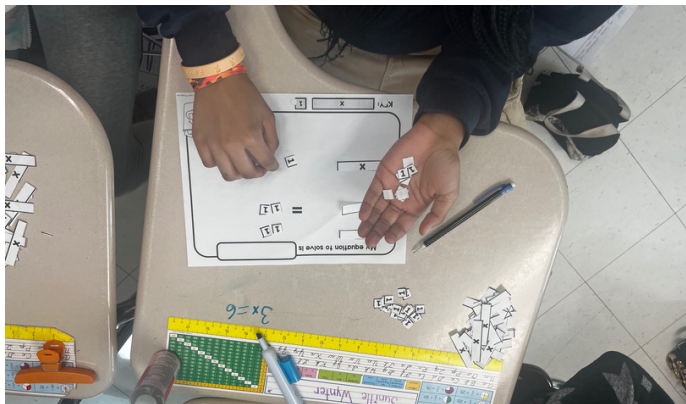
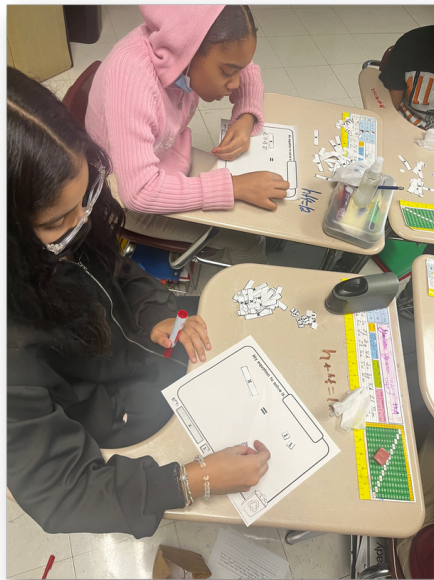
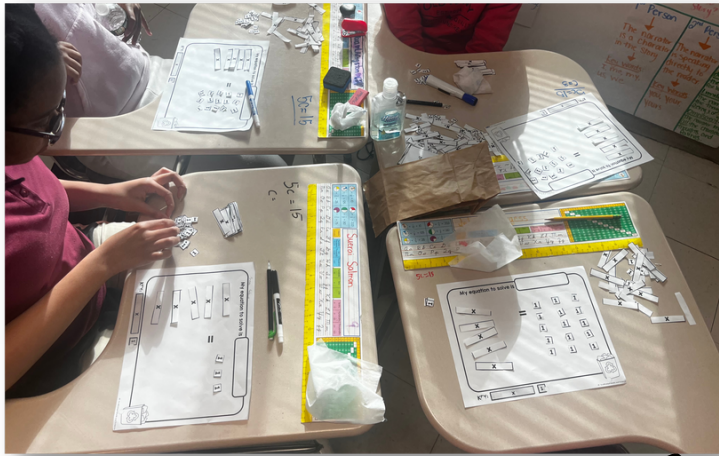
7th Graders created a Placemat about the **Circulatory System**. Each person was given a different colored marker. They created a graphic organizer with circulatory system in the center. Each person had to answer one question - What is it? What are its parts? etc. They watched a video to help answer the questions.



Math News

Ms. Tata's 6th grade class was learning how to solve one step equations using **algebra tiles**. This hands-on approach kept the scholars engaged and allowed them to conceptually understand how to solve a one-step equation.

Each scholar cut out their own set of manipulatives where they modeled each problem using zero pairs and the inverse property of operations, to keep both sides of the equation balanced. This met the needs of all students! Who said algebra can't be fun?!



Library Media News

The life skills students created beautiful collages of animals using photos from old encyclopedias. Some students highlighted specific animals in their collages such as large cats and elephants while others decided to use a variety of animals from around the world. These collages are proudly displayed in the library for all to see and celebrate. Stop by and check them out!! A round of applause and high fives to these students for their creative work.



Congrats to the **5th Grade Students** for having the highest Attendance Rate for the month of December!

WELL DONE!

5th Grade	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
82.96%	82.70%	80.10%	80.63%



Retention Prevention Workshop

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2023
AT 8:00 A.M.



Let's go!

RETENTION PREVENTION

NEW YEAR, NEW GOALS!
100% ATTENDANCE!



Don't get left behind. Show up and succeed.

On January 19, Ms. Auteri, our Parent Coordinator along with Ms. Smith, our guidance counselor and special guest, Mr. Burts from the Board of Ed., held a Retention Prevention Workshop for the BTMS families to help our students clean up their absences.

When pupils are absent or late, they miss out on essential instruction. This can significantly reduce achievement, regardless of academic ability.

From this workshop, our families were able to reflect on the importance of attendance and why it matters!



Upcoming February Dates

- **3rd** - 2nd Marking Period Ends
- **6th** - 3rd Marking Period Begins
- **8th** - Senior Pictures
- **13th - 17th** - Kindness Spirit Week
- **14th** - Valentine's Day Candy Grams Delivery
- **17th** - N.P.F.H. Kindness Party
- **20th - 24th** - Mid-Winter Recess (No school)

Staff of the Month: December



Congrats to Ms. Tata, one of our 6th grade teachers, Ms. Lewis, our head security & Ms. Jennifer and Ms. Crystal, our school chefs!

Valentine's Day Candy Gram Sales & Upcoming Valentine's Day Party

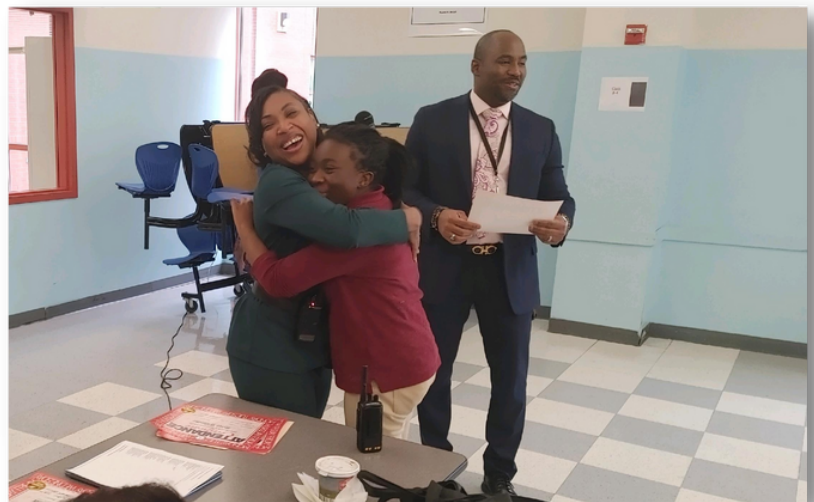
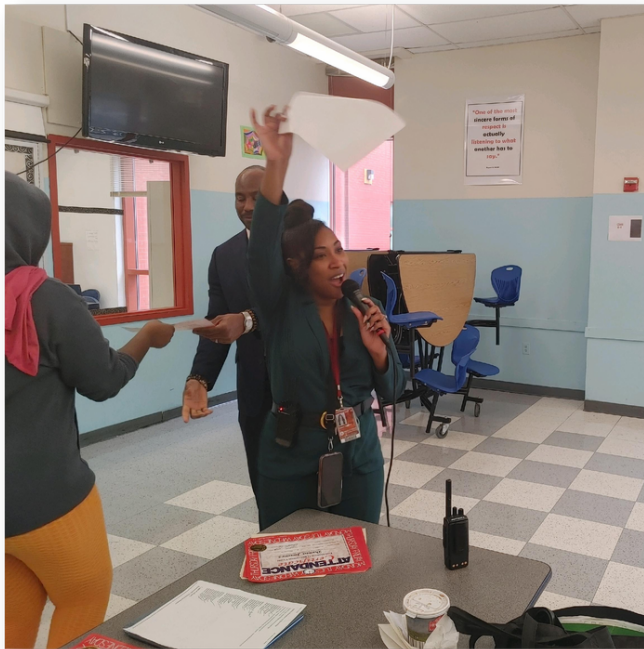
Photography Class at BTMS

Students at BTMS take photography with Mr. Woodbury each Thursday. Below are images of some of the photos that our students took in his class. Our students have TALENT!



Candy Grams will be sold during lunch time until February 13.

100% Attendance Party for the month of December!



February Spirit Week at BTMS

FEBRUARY
SPIRIT WEEK
SPREADING LOVE & KINDNESS
FEB 13TH - FEB 17TH

13TH
SPORTS TEAM CRUSH
SHOW LOVE TO YOUR FAVORITE SPORTS
Wear your favorite teams
Jersey or T-Shirts!!

14TH
SPREAD THE 'LOVE THE BTMS WAY'
WEAR PINK OR RED!
Candy Gram DELIVERIES!!

15TH
FRIENDS FOREVER!
TWIN ZONE - DRESS TO IMPRESS

16TH
KINDNESS DAY!!
Share Candy, Kind words,
Encourage your friends

17TH
N.P.F.H. VALENTINE'S PARTY
COLOR FOR THE DAY: RED & BLACK!!

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Professional Learning Community (PLC) Corner



Here at BTMS, our **teachers are always improving on their practice by participating in our various Professional Learning Communities.**

Take a look at the PLC's we have conducted so far to ensure that our teachers are effectively building their capacity. We even had **Camryn Chisolm**, a 5th grader, lead one of our Math PLC's on using the S.T.A.R. strategy.!

