



# BTMS



## NEWSLETTER

*Dr. Christopher Pearce | Principal*  
*Ms. Raisa Turner | Assistant Principal*

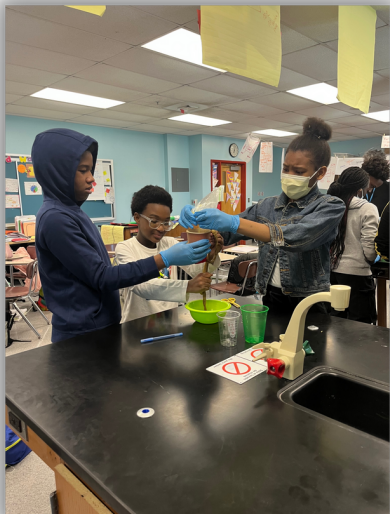


**FEBRUARY 2023**

### Science News

**In Ms. Jefferson's** 7th graders explored the Digestive System. They completed "The Grossest Lab". They used crackers and bananas to represent the food and added water and orange juice to represent saliva and enzymes. These things were placed in a bag and then they mashed everything together. This was fun but it gets better.

They then put on gloves and poured their mashed-up substances into a stocking and moved the materials through the 'digestive system'. They pushed the material until all of the liquids were removed and they were left with their waste. It was a great experience where they got to laugh and gag a little. Can't wait for the next lab!



### \*New: Robotics Club!





## Math News



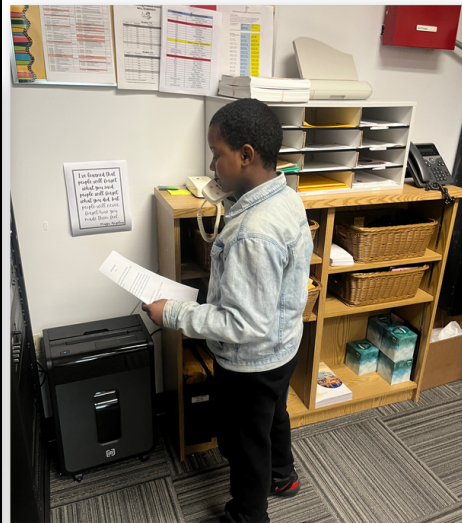
**Ms. Tata's** 6th grade class learned about ratios through this fun and engaging activity. This activity gives a break from the normal routine and best of all - it ends with food! They collected data from a bag of skittles, then used the data to fill in a table where they modeled three ways to write ratios and the corresponding reduced fraction. There were a set of questions that assessed student understanding of ratios. They had a blast and got to enjoy this sweet treat at the end!"



## BTMS Morning Announcements

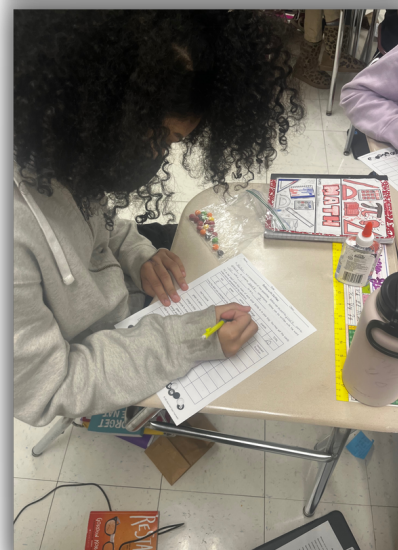
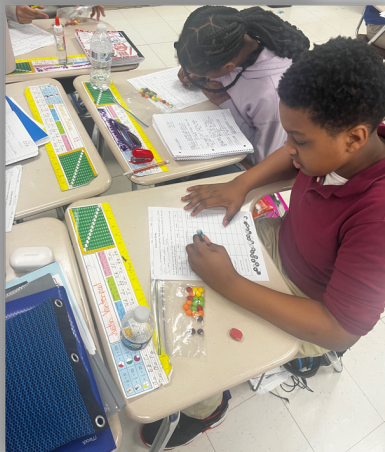
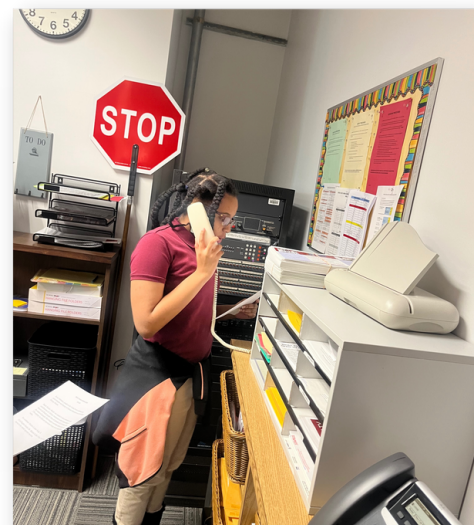
Every Morning, our student Advisory Council says the morning announcements for the whole school to hear! BTMS prides itself on student leadership. The BTMS culture transcends through their messages every morning!

**Timothy Jenkins**  
8th grade



**Boubacar Diallo**  
6th grade

**Surei Salmon**  
6th grade





# Congrats to the **ALL GRADES** for meeting the MVCSD Attendance Goal of at least **90%** for the month of February!

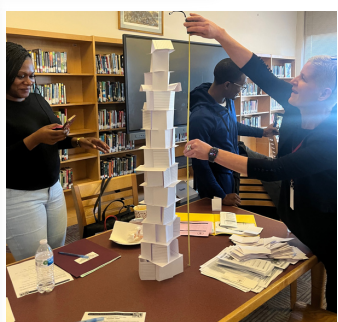
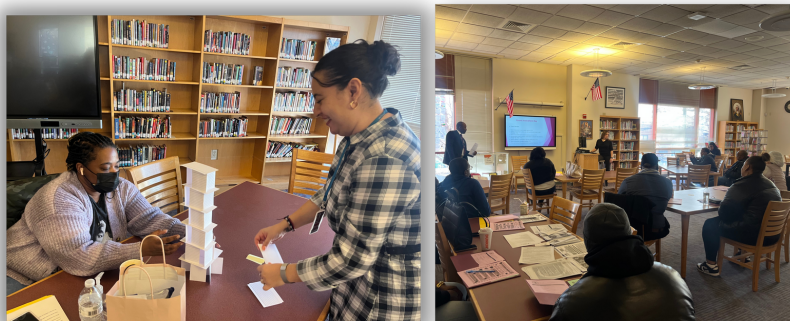


	February
5th & 6th Grade	95.51%
7th & 8th Grade	91.97%



## Parent Involvement Day!

On February 13, BTMS held a Parent Involvement Day. It was a great success! At least 35 families came out to see their children's teacher and participate in the activities that were planned for them. This was an amazing outcome compared to previous years. Parents left pleased and stated that communication is improving. Our ENL community is also participating more during our events. We are a team, and our success couldn't have been possible without the effort of the administrators, teachers, parents, staff and scholars. Our BTMS students are our top priority at BTMS and we will continue working towards our goal of STUDENTS SUCCESS!



## Upcoming March/April Dates

- **3/6 - 3/31** - Spring Bunny Grams
- **3/10** - Progress Reports
- **3/15** - Early Dismissal (half day) (Superintendent's Conference Day)
- **3/15** - January & February Attendance Party; Honor Roll celebration
- **3/22** - ELA Mock Exam: 8am - 12 pm
- **3/29** - Iona AI After school field trip
- **3/30** - ELA Night
- **3/31** - Early Dismissal of 2:45 pm
- **4/3-4/7** - Spring Break

## Staff of the Month for January



Congrats to Ms. Jefferson, our Science teacher, Mr. Mike, one of our custodians, Ms. Joan, our lunch aid and Mr. Brown, one of our Security Guards!



# Valentine's Day Candy Gram & Pop- up Shop Sales!

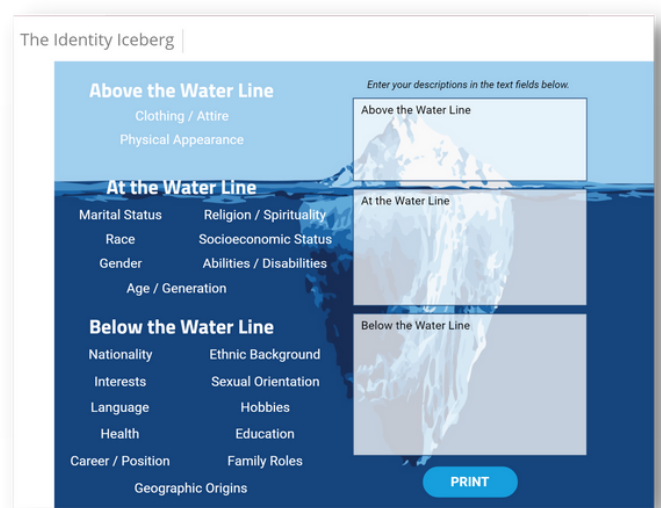
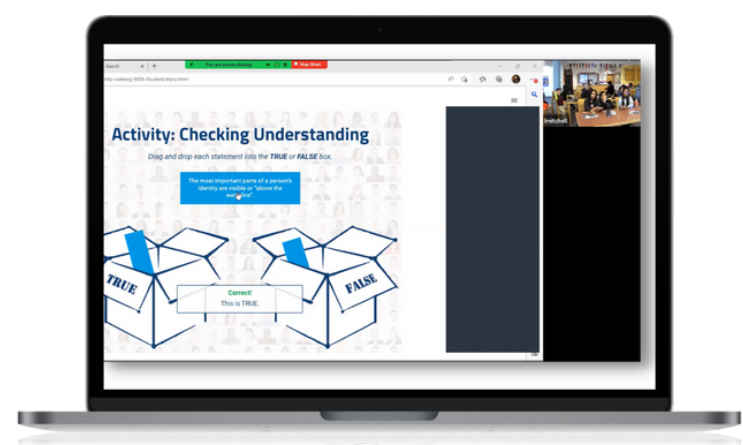
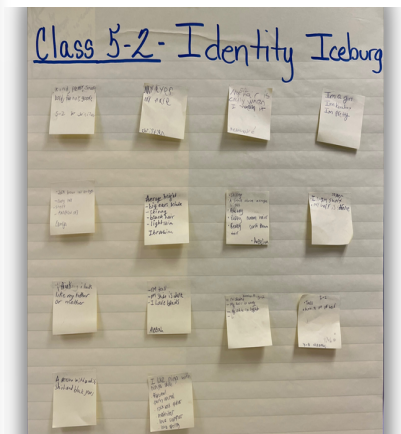
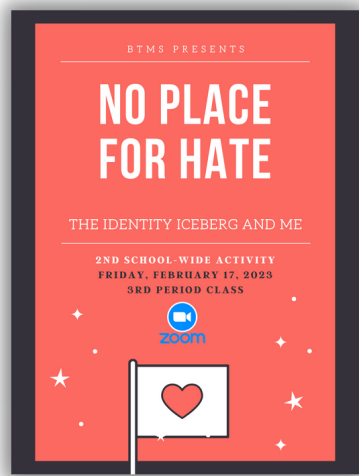
Our Valentine's Day Candy Grams and Pop-up Shop Sales was a huge success! We raised over \$850 dollars. Shout-out to the 5th & 6th grade students who supported this the most!



Thank you to all staff that helped make our Valentine's Spirit Week a success!

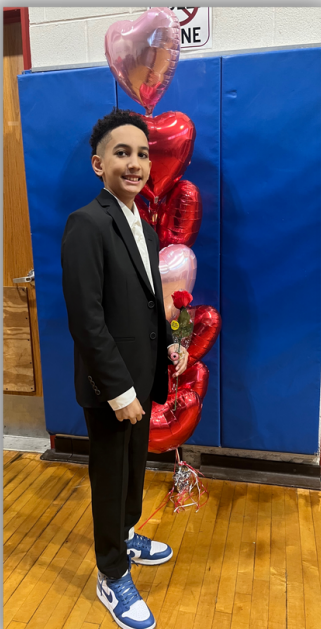
# NPFH Activity #2

On Friday, February 17, the entire school took place in our 2nd No Place For Hate Activity. This activity was about understanding one's identity using an iceberg analogy. All students participated via Zoom in the classrooms and it was a huge success! Special thanks to our NPFH student Ambassadors for assisting in the activity.





# N.P.F.H. Valentine's Day Party



We raised over **\$1,000** for this fundraiser!



# Staff Yoga Faculty Meeting



Here at BTMS, our staff are always working hard to accomplish student success. Oftentimes, self-care is not attained. Well, on February 8, Dr. Pearce and Ms. Turner gave our teachers a "Yoga Faculty Meeting" instead of our regular monthly faculty meeting to provide self-care to our staff. The staff who attended truly enjoyed it and appreciated the thoughtfulness and healthy snacks provided. It is the vision of Dr. Pearce to ensure that staff is taking care of themselves so that they can do their best to support our students!



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## G.E.M After School Program

The girls in our G.E.M. (Girls Embracing Maturity) after school program here at BTMS created their own lip glosses! They were so excited with the colors they chose. Check out their lip glosses in the picture to the right!

