

BUILDING BRAVES

October Newsletter

Notes from the principal

What an October we have had! We had a guest visitors to add a little fun to our recess time, a caramel apple bar to celebrate our awesome kids, our first nine week BRAVES day, and we enjoyed Fall Break! Not to mention the awesome dress up day for Halloween. We also learned why we should stay drug free through our Red Ribbon week activities and dress up days.

Our students continue to work hard on their school assignments and push themselves to be the best BRAVES they can be. We continue to work through expectations around the school building. A big thank you to everyone who joined us for parent- teacher conferences, your presence is greatly appreciated. Over Fall Break North Adams put out small segments on their Facebook page about media and our students. If you did not look at those, they are worth the view.

There is always so much to talk about in the newsletters so please take some time and look at the upcoming events. [November is full of dress up days and donations to help support Mr. Fawbush's efforts to raise funds for St. Jude Hospital.](#) The schedule is listed below. We are holding a competition for the most donations between the Middle School SRTs and the Elementary homerooms. In order to participate in the hat and sunglass days students will be required to donate 1 dollar. Students do not have to participate in those dress up days. We will also be accepting any other donations for St. Jude that the students would like to bring in, any little bit helps! The dress up days on Friday will not require a donation and all students are encouraged to participate. It is also Homelessness awareness month and students will have a dress up day for that as well.

This is one of my favorite times of the year because of the amazing colors all around us. I could do without the cooler temperatures, but I do love this time of the year.. The kids are so excited and their energy is contagious!



Add it to the Calendar:

Tuesday, October 31st: Halloween Dress up day 🎃

In November:

1st- Hat day (students can wear hats with a required \$1.00 donation turned in to their SRT teacher)

2nd- Sunglasses (students can wear sunglasses for a required \$1.00 donation)

3rd: Shine Bright (everyone wears neon, bright colors, sparkles), Shine bright for kids who are not feeling well. Show Choir Fall conference

4th- Show Choir Fall concert

7th: 8th grade field trip to Job Spark

8th- Flex day for staff, no eLearning, students do not attend school

9th: Hat day (\$1.00 donation required)

10th: Favorite team day (everyone dresses up no donation required) Team up to fight the battle against childhood cancers

15th: Hat Day (\$1.00 donation required)

16th: Sunglasses (\$1.00 donation required)

17th: Superhero Day (everyone can dress up) Be a hero by helping fight childhood cancer.

20th: Letter Day (details will come on this at a later date)

21st: Wear purple for Homelessness Awareness Month

22- 24th: Thanksgiving Break (the 22nd will be used as a make up day if needed)

29th: Hat day (\$1.00 donation required)

30th: Sunglasses day(\$1.00 donation required)

31st: Gold/ Yellow day (Wear gold/ yellow to show your support in the fight against childhood cancer)



Views from around the school




Kicking off Red Ribbon week!

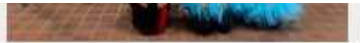


8th grade teacher Dan Hunter dressed up as Doc






Playing dodgeball with our special guest



BMS & BES office staff enjoying some Halloween fun!



7th grade teacher Rhonda Johnson as Ms. Frizzel



Our guest for October



More Red Ribbon week celebrations



CREEPY!



Halloween Fun



6th grade hanging out before school



6th grade fun

News from the 6th grade:

Thank you to all the parents who came in for parent conferences or conferenced with us through email. As a reminder, we all check our emails frequently and welcome you to email anytime you have questions or concerns. We appreciate your support from home!

As cold and flu seasons arrive, please remember that all sixth-grade work can be found on our Canvas calendars. The work is posted by 3:00 each day. If your child is absent, please remind them they need to complete all the steps for each class.

We also want to remind you that we try very hard to keep grades updated on PowerSchool. If you have any questions about your child's grades, please check PowerSchool. Anything that is blue on the PowerSchool page can be clicked on for further information. We each provide comments and descriptions for individual assignments to help parents and students better understand what is required.

News from the 7th grade team:

*Thanks to those who attended Parent/Teacher Conferences on Oct 12th.

*Looking ahead, we will have NWEA testing for math and lang. arts just before Christmas break.

Our goal for each student is to show improvement from their score back in August. Improving with anything is the result of good practice. Students doing their hw daily, paying attention in class, and being motivated to learn will result in improvement.

***MATH CLASS:** Students are currently learning about circles, diameter, radius, area, and

circumference. They are using the proper equation to solve real-world problems such as the distance around a track or the area of a softball field.

***ELA CLASS:** Students are currently working on the 6-Traits of Writing with a focus on the traits of WORD CHOICE, IDEAS, and ORGANIZATION. They are currently using problem solving skills and the ability to collaborate with each other as they connect their writing with the THEMES of the Season – Fall, Halloween, and then onto Thanksgiving... We will be reading a Drama titled, Monsters Are Due on Maple Street and comparing it to the Twilight Zone, made for TV version of the play, by Rod Serling. Students will then have the ability to compare their thoughts and images about the play with what they view on the big screen. We will be writing short constructive responses about some of the themes and characters as these messages still relate to society today.

News from 8th grade:

Thank you so much to everyone who came to our Parent/Teacher Conferences. We had a great turnout and had awesome discussions with everyone. As we look ahead to November, we have a field trip on Nov. 7th to the Coliseum for Job Spark. The kids have been bringing in money for a special lunch of either Chick-Fil-A or Papa John's pizza. However, anyone is welcome to pack their own lunch or eat school lunch that day. The kids have been instructed that we will have a strict dress code as we represent Bellmont Middle School. This includes NO SHORTS, SLIPPERS, OR PAJAMA PANTS. If girls wear holes in their jeans that are above the knee, they need to have shorts or leggings on underneath to cover up any skin that would be exposed on the thigh area. If we feel like anyone does not follow our dress code for that day, they will be staying at school and not attending the field trip.

Now that we are in the swing of the school year, we look forward to seeing an improvement in behavior and academics as we work hard to get this group ready for high school. The 8th grade year can be challenging for kids as we push them to use classroom time wisely, turn work in on time, and not be involved in elementary type drama. Please encourage this at home as well.

Remember to continue to check Powerschool for your child's grades and reach out to any teacher if you have questions.

News from the Related Arts team:

From Mrs. Macklin the Music teacher:

Dear Parents,

For the middle and high school choir concert this fall/winter, I wanted to try something new. The kids have been so receptive and working hard towards getting the show ready!

The dates of the show are Friday November 3rd and Saturday November 4th both at 7pm. I chose these dates specifically because there was nothing else on the school calendars in terms of sports or other activities. We won't have to worry about sharing the parking lot, and I knew there weren't any away games or tournaments to worry about. Families will need to purchase tickets for this concert, but they are only \$5.00 and will be sold at the door (cash or check only, we don't have the ability to do cards). We are not doing assigned seating, just general seating. Everyone age 5 and older will need a ticket.

Since this is our big concert of the semester, I will use it as our performance grade. This means that the students will be required to be in attendance. I am also scheduling a few after-school rehearsals the week leading up to the performances. I realize that not everyone will be able to make all of these, but please do what you can to make these rehearsals. The more rehearsals the students attend, the better prepared they will feel.

The t-shirts that the students are to wear have been sent home, and I am asking them to wear

either black pants (girls can wear thick leggings so the light doesn't shine through them) or nice blue jeans (no holes, rips, or tears). For shoes, they should be able to move/dance in them. I have told them that for each of the songs that they are in they are welcome to add accessories if they chose.

Please email me with any questions you may have and thank you for allowing me the opportunity to work with your student. I have had the best start to the school year that I've had in several years and your kids are a big part of that☺

Rehearsals: High School Only—Monday Oct. 30th 3:30-5

ALL—Wednesday Nov. 1st 3:15-5:30 (Dress Rehearsal)

ALL—Thursday Nov. 2nd 3:15-6:00 (Dress Rehearsal)

Show Times: Friday Nov. 3rd 7pm (be here at 6:15pm)

Saturday Nov. 4th 7pm (be here at 6:15pm)

Jaime Macklin

Choir Director

From the Library:

Our Book Fair was an absolute success! Thank you so much for all who purchased books as the money earned goes straight into more books for our students.

Students have an opportunity daily to come to the library, so they should always be able to have a book for pleasure reading. And, as we get further into the school year, please remind your children to return books to the library in a timely manner and in good condition.

PBIS update

The first BRAVES day to celebrate our students and their awesomeness was a huge success. They had a fun day in the gym listening to music and playing sports. They also had the opportunity to get concessions and eat/ hang out outside with friends during their BRAVES day time.



Attendance reminders

All students have **5 excused days**. Vacations are not verified as excused days. When school is in session, students need to be at school. If a student is not called in that day, then they are an unverified absence which results in unexcused absences. Unexcused absences do receive disciplinary consequences.

If a student is absent for 3 or more consecutive days, they must have a medical note from a doctor excusing them for those 3+days.

On unexcused absences, teachers do not have to allow students to make up the work.

Absences reset at the end of each semester.

**November
Fundraising for St. Jude**

2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
			1 HAT DAY - \$1	2 SUNGLASSES DAY - \$1	3 Shine Bright Day (neon, bright, sparkles, etc)	Shine bright for those kids who are not feeling well and need our help
	6	7	8 NO SCHOOL Teacher Flex Day	9 HAT DAY - \$1	10 Favorite Team Day	Team up to fight the battle against childhood cancer
	13	14	15 HAT DAY - \$1	16 SUNGLASSES DAY - \$1	17 Superhero Day	Be a hero by helping fight childhood cancer
	20 "Letter" Day	21	22 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break	23 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break	24 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break	
	27	28	29 HAT DAY - \$1	30 SUNGLASSES DAY - \$1	Dec 1 Gold/Yellow Day Final Day Of Fundraising	Wear gold/yellow to show your support in this fight against Childhood Cancer.
On November 20, each class (or grade level) come up with a letter to use for dress up day.		*8 th Grade will be using the main gym for Fun Day Friday's each Friday at 3:25pm.		*Encourage the kids to give, Give!		*Anything extra your class or grade level wants to do -- GREAT!

November 2023 Fundraising for St. Jude

6th Grade

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
The BMS SRT class that raises the most money per person will win a party.			1 Hat Day \$1	2 Sunglasses Day \$1	3 Shine Bright Day (neon, bright, sparkles, etc.)	4 Shine bright for those kids who are not feeling well and need our help.
5	6 Movie Monday \$1	7 Talking/Techy Tuesday \$1	8 No School Teacher Flex Day	9 Hat Day \$1	10 Favorite Team Day	11 Team up to fight the battle against cancer.
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Kristie Schlemmer

Kristie is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters