BRIGHT FIELD
Middle School Aviators



2026

September Newsletter

Compassion ◆ Community ◆ Determination ◆ Excellence ◆ Growth ◆ Respect ◆ Responsibility

PRINCIPAL'S BRIEFING

Welcome back!

We have had a great start to our 2026-27 school year. On the first day of school Ms. Hullett and I met with students as a grade level. We addressed the expectations in the building, in particular at recess and in the cafeteria. We also reminded the students that cell phones, smart watches and Bluetooth headphones are not permitted for use in the building. We are very proud of our students and they are adjusting well to the expectations of middle school even though some of them may be very different and new.

Thank you for your patience in the car rider line in the morning and afternoon. The safety of your student is our number one concern, but we also want to be respectful of your time by loading and unloading as efficiently as possible. Please continue to follow the direction of the duty teachers and especially be cognizant of the stop signs they are using. Remember, cell phone use in a school zone is not permitted under state law unless it is a hands-free emergency call.

We have begun distributing PBIS points to students. This is an effort to show appreciation for our students displaying respect, responsibility, compassion and determination.

At the end of this month we will have our first ATLAS interim tests. The Reading and Science test will take place on September 29th and 30th. Math and Writing will be on October 6th and 7th.

We had our first PTO meeting on August 18th. I appreciate the show of support at that meeting. We have a fabulous PTO that has always shown tremendous support of our staff and students. If you would like to get involved with PTO, please feel free to reach out to our officers at brightfieldmiddlepto@gmail.com

I hope everyone is enjoying the start of school! We are going to have a great year!

Respectfully

Aaron Gaffigan

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Reporting An Absence

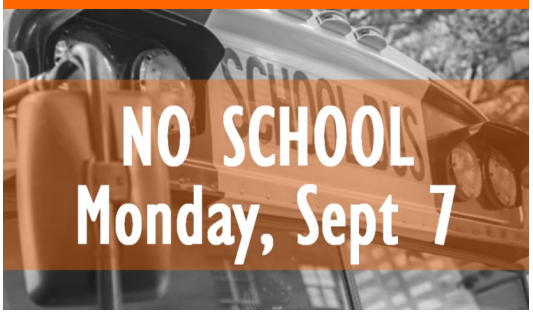
BFMS Parents: When your child is sick or going to be absent, please **EMAIL** the attendance clerk at

BFMSattendanceclerk@bentonvillek12.org



REMINDER

LABOR DAY



BRIGHT FIELD HEALTH NEWS



WELCOME BACK!
REMINDER: If your child is 11 years old on or before September 1st and they have not received the Tdap Booster, please make arrangements to have this completed by October 1, 2026. Your student will NOT be allowed to attend school on October 1st without proof of vaccination . Please bring in proof or notify the nurse at isellers@bentonvillek12.org if this vaccination has been completed. If you can't get an appointment before the deadline, I will need proof of appointment. All students need an updated Health History. If you have not completed this please follow the instructions below:

- Visit bentonvillek12.org
- Select menu
- Select parent
- Select Forms - Online Forms (Etrieve)
- If you know your username and password you will be able to input that information and select login
- If you are unable to remember your password, select the forgotten username and password and it will ask you to put in your email address and you will receive an email to reset your password.
- Once you are logged in you can select forms and you should be able to complete the Health History.

We will be starting vision and hearing screens on the 6th grade this month. Please make sure your child has his/her glasses with them for this.
THANK YOU!
Ilene Sellers RN BSN
BFMS NURSE

UPCOMING EVENTS



BFMS

Sept 2	**Last Day to Order PTO Spirit Wear**
Sept 2	**PTO Membership Drive ends**
Sept 7	**Labor Day** No School
Sept 10	**Wear Gold** Show support for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
Sept 15	**PTO Meeting** 12:30 in BFMS Band Room
Sept 16	**Freddy's Spirit Night** 5:00-9:00PM Mention BFMS & the school receives 15%
Sept 16	**Assembly Day - Introduce our Core Values** Lunch Times TBD.
Sept 18	**Blue Angels STEAM Field Trip**
Sept 19	**Fall Clean the Streets Day with BFMS/Willowbrook** 9:00-12:00 Meet at Citizen Park
Sept 21	**Top Gun STEAM Field Trip**
Sept 22	**Hat Day - Robotics Fundraiser** Pay $1 to Wear a Hat
Sept 25	**Thunderbirds & Bombers STEAM Field Trip**
Sept 28-Oct 2	**Bike to School Week**
Sept 29-30	**ATLAS Interim** Please be on time for school. Lunch times TBD.
Oct 5	**Author Visit - McCall Hoyle** She will sign books if you have one. Lunch times TBD.
Oct 6-7	**ATLAS Interim** Please be on time for school. Lunch times TBD.

2026-2027 PTO BOARD

Tina Lewis
President

Gina Earhart & Nichole Mannion
Co-Vice President

Jessica Daniels & Kim Sparks
Co-Treasurer

Melinda Fogarty
Secretary

How to Stay in Touch!

Email: brightfieldmiddlepto@gmail.com

Website: https://bright-field-middle-school-pto.square.site/

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/BrightFieldMiddleSchoolPTO/

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/bright_field_middle_school_pto/

2026-2027 PTO MEETING DATES

We will meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 12:30pm in the BFMS Band Room

August 18th	January 19th
September 15th	February16th
October 20th	March 16th
November 17th	April 20th
December 15th	May 18th

At each meeting, you will hear reports from the principal, officers and committee chairs. Please join us when you can!

*Dates are subject to change. Please check our socials and/or website for any updates!

BRIGHT FIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

WHAT DOES PTO DO?

BFMS PTO is an organization that helps build a sense of community among parents, staff and students by helping with any needs the school may have.

- Provide funds to assist in the purchase of educational and recreational needs throughout the school year.
- Regularly extend hospitality to our dedicated teachers and staff to express gratitude and uplift their spirits.
- Assist counselors in providing students/families in need through our Gives Back program.
- Facilitate two yearly $500 scholarships to graduating BHS/BWHS seniors that attended BFMS.
- Promote parental involvement by offering numerous volunteer opportunities as the year unfolds.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

For our PTO to meet the goals that we've set for the 2026-2027 school year, we need your help! You can help us by:

- Becoming a member at one of our many membership levels
- Purchasing Spirit Wear to show your school spirit
- Attending meetings and bringing your ideas and talents
- Signing up for one of our many volunteer opportunities
- Sponsoring a hospitality event for the staff
- Joining one of the following committees:
  - Hospitality
  - Gives Back
  - Scholarship
  - Bike to School Week
  - Silent Auction
  - Fall Festival
  - Tailgate Together
  - Teacher Appreciation

SCAN HERE TO JOIN!



Don't miss out on our 2026 Aviators Spirit Wear! We have t-shirts, long sleeve shirts, crewneck sweatshirts and hoodies! Deadline is Sept 2nd. Order here: https://bright-field-middle-school-pto.square.site/bfms-spirit-gear

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4507 W WALNUT ST, ROGERS, AR 72756

BFMS PTO BRIGHT FIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL

BFMS SILENT AUCTION
COMING SOON!
CONTACT PTO AT BRIGHTFIELDMIDDLEPTO@GMAIL.COM
IF YOU HAVE AN ITEM OR BASKET TO DONATE

Bike to School Week

Sept. 28-Oct. 2

PTO MEETING
SEPT 15TH

AVIATORS
PTO BRIGHT FIELD Middle School

JOIN US FOR THE NEXT PTO MEETING ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH IN THE BFMS BAND ROOM AT 12:30PM.

BRIGHT FIELD ANNOUNCEMENTS



ATLAS Interim Testing Dates

Sept 29th - Reading
Sept 30th - Science
Oct 6 - Math
Oct 7 - Writing



Please be on time to school.

Lunch times may change and will be sent at a later date.





Join Us in Showing Support!

On **September 10th**, our school will be coming together to support **Childhood Cancer Awareness** by wearing **gold**! Gold is the awareness color for childhood cancer, and wearing gold is a simple way to show support for children and families affected by cancer. It also reminds us of the courage and strength of the many young warriors who are fighting this disease.

We invite all **of our students, teachers, and staff** to wear something **gold or yellow** on September 10th. Whether it's a gold shirt, ribbon, accessory, or even just a touch of yellow, every bit of gold helps us stand together. Let's fill our school with GOLD and show our students and families that **they are not alone!!**

Counselor Corner

Kristi Foster - krfoster@bentonvillek12.org 479-418-7200
Nicole Short - nshort@bentonvillek12.org 479-418-7308

Welcome to Bright Field! We are so glad you're here! My name is Kristi Foster and I'm the full-time counselor. My email is **krfoster@bentonvillek12.org** I primarily work with Top Gun and all of the 6th grade teams, but I am always available to help all students.

We also have Nicole Short with us part-time. She can be reached at **nshort@bentonvillek12.org** Ms. Short works with Thunderbirds, Bombers, & Blue Angels.

Beginning in September, we will be presenting classroom lessons on bullying and cyberbullying.

If your family will be needing Christmas assistance, be watching for important dates from Sharing and Caring regarding sign-ups for help. They typically begin the first week of October. I will have specific dates for you in the October newsletter.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to email or call at 479-418-7200.

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Aviator Choir

We have begun the year learning the basics of proper posture and breathing to support our singing. Students have already been learning how to sing with solfege and singing in 2 part harmony through canons (rounds). Each choir member will receive their own copy of the BFMS Choir Information Packet September 1-3. This will be brought home to read with parents. All the important information about performance dates, required performances, choir shirts, AR state standards and more will be included. The signature page & choir shirt orders will be due by September 10.

Mrs. Skaggs' General Music Classes

6th Grade music students are currently reviewing notes & rests values. Soon after, we will begin our bucket drumming unit. Students will be learning how to use proper drumming technique, reading & performing rhythm patterns and incorporating dynamics such as piano and forte.

Fifth grade music students are reviewing rhythms, notes & rests and treble clef notes in preparation for playing the soprano recorders. They will learn proper playing technique and fingering for notes on their instrument. If your child doesn't have a recorder, they may purchase one from Mrs. Skaggs for $5. When you begin hearing your child practice at home, they should be playing with pleasant, soft tones without squeaks (with candle-flame breath as we say in class).

Required Materials for class

All of Mrs. Skaggs's students are expected to have earbuds or headphones, Chromebook, pencil and a dedicated pocket folder for music or choir class to bring each time they attend class.



Contact Mrs. McCollum or Ms. Revoir with questions.



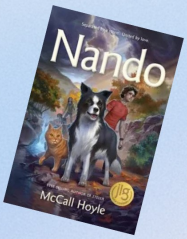
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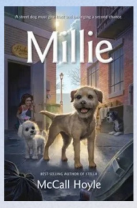
October 5th

Author McCall Hoyle will visit Bright Field Middle School on Monday, October 5th. She LOVES reading and dogs! She writes empathy-building books with animal friendships. Her book, *Nando*, is one of the 2026-27 Bentonville Middle Schools Battle of the Books! If you purchase a copy, you can bring it on the day of the author visit and Mccall Hoyle will sign it for you!











LIBRARY

- If you have any questions about the BFMS library, you can contact Mrs. Goodwin through School Status Connect or at kgoodwin@bentonvillek12.org.
- Oct 5th: Author McCall Hoyle will be visiting Bright Field! You can purchase one of her books from any store, then your student can bring it to school that day to get it signed!
- Our first Book Fair will be in October! A sign up sheet to sign up to volunteer at the Book Fair will be coming soon.



BFMS 40 Book Challenge

Students can participate in the 40 Book Challenge throughout the school year. Students read and record their books on a google slideshow that can be found in the library google classroom. Students receive prizes for 10, 20, 30, and 40 Books!

5th Grade Code c4bg6tfw



6th Grade Code 6behk73d

Rules and Due Dates can be found in the slideshow.

10 Books - Due by November 2nd

20 Books - Due by January 8th

30 Books - Due by March 30th

40 Books - Due by May 1st

How to keep Informed about Bright Field Middle School Upcoming Events!

Bentonville Schools App for phones and iPads gives you a personalized window into what is happening at the district and schools of your choice.

BFMS Website - bfms.bentonvillek12.org
You can find BFMS event ads and monthly school newsletters here

Facebook Page– like us @**bfmsbentonville** OR
https://www.facebook.com/Bright-Field-Middle-School-114267055912662/

Instagram
https://www.instagram.com/**brightfieldmiddleschool**

School Status Connect
https://connect.schoolstatus.com





Please Check Your Student's Lunch Balance

You can check your student's lunch account balance, view the history of items purchased at
Lunch Account Balances

For a fee, deposit money into the account through the site
Send Money To School

https://bentonville.nutrislice.com/menu/