BRIGHT FIELD
Middle School Aviators



2026

October Newsletter

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

PRINCIPAL'S BRIEFING

I hope everyone is doing well as we enter a cooler season! We are continuing to receive data from the state concerning our state testing last year. The results are very positive in both achievement and growth!

We have also started our fall ATLAS Interim Testing. The reading and science tests are on September 29th and 30th. The math and writing tests are on October 6th and 7th.

We have had our first celebration of the year this past month. It was exciting to get all the students together in the gym. We were able to celebrate staff and students at this assembly for the great work they are doing. Our first core value, Respect, was introduced and we will recognize students who represent that core value in our October celebration.

In addition to our October celebration assembly, we will start our in-school clubs. This is an opportunity for students to participate in a fun activity and interact with students and staff from other parts of the building. There will be more details to come on sign-ups for clubs.

Be sure to save the date for our Bright Field Fall Festival on October 13th, from 4:00-6:00 pm! We have partnered with our PTO to bring you an evening of fun, including a cake walk, karaoke, and yard games. More details will be coming.

I aim to communicate with you as effectively and efficiently as possible. While email is a direct way to reach you, I encourage you to also follow us on our social media platforms - Facebook (@bfmsbentonville) and Instagram (@brightfieldmiddleschool) - where we share frequent updates. These platforms are especially useful for promoting events like our PTO Restaurant Spirit Nights, which help raise funds for the school. Stay connected to ensure you don't miss out! Thank you for your support!

Have a great October!

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





BRIGHT FIELD HEALTH NEWS



Dear Parents,

Bright Field Middle Schools Flu vaccination clinic will take place on October 21st. We will only offer the injectable form of the Flu vaccine this year. Please be on the lookout for the paperwork being sent home with your student on October 6th. **Forms must be returned by October 12th if you would like your child to participate.** If you have any questions, please let me know.

Also, if your child receives a vaccination at their doctors office please notify me at 418-7206 or by email, isellers@bentonvillek12.org. If you have uploaded immunization records to Etrieve, please notify me as well.

If you have not already done so, PLEASE go to Etrieve and fill out a health history.
Please follow these instructions.
Instructions:

- 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 sign in
- Once you are logged in you can select forms and you should be able to complete all of the yearly forms.

Have a Happy Healthy Fall!
Ilene Sellers RN BSN
BFMS Nurse

UPCOMING EVENTS

BFMS



Sept 28-Oct 2	**Bike to School Week** After-school celebration on Friday, Oct 2nd!
Oct 5	**Author Visit - McCall Hoyle** She will sign books if you have one. Lunch times TBD.
Oct 6-7	**ATLAS Interim** 5th Lunch 12:15-12:55 & 6th Lunch 12:55-1:35
Oct 6	**Robotics Spirit Night at Beef O'Brady's** 4:00-8:00 Mention BFMS to support the Robotics team!
Oct 13	**Fall Festival & Silent Auction** 4:00-6:00pm
Oct 14	**Fall Fun & Field Day** Students can bring $ for Kona Ice
Oct 15-16	**No School for Students** Professional Development for Teachers
Oct 20	**PTO Meeting** 12:30 in the BFMS Band Room
Oct 20	**Papa John's Spirit Night** 3:00-9:00 PM Use Fundraiser Code Bright Field26
Oct 21	**Flu Shot Clinic** Return forms by Oct 12th.
Oct 21	**Assembly Day & Core Value Awards** Lunch Times TBD
Oct 22	**Fall Picture Retakes**
Oct 22-29	**Book Fair - Open During School Hours** Open Late Oct 22 & 27 during PTC
Oct 22, 27	**Parent/Teacher Conferences**
Oct 28	**Student Council Snack Sales**
Oct 30	**Dress-up Spirit Day: Halloween** No weapons, face masks, or face paint allowed.

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 socals and/or website for any updates!

AVIATORS PTO BRIGHT FIELD Middle School

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/

PTO MEETING OCT 20TH

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JOIN US FOR THE NEXT PTO MEETING ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20TH IN THE BFMS BAND ROOM AT 12:30PM.

Bike to School Week

Schedule of Events

Fall 2026

- Monday 28 September — VIP Escort Up Bright Road. Be at any crossroad to Bright at 7:20am and join in the fun!
- Tuesday 29 September — Join the Bike Train at your nearest stop!
- Wednesday 30 September — Join the Bike Train & stop for a goodie at the Bike Racks!
- Thursday 1 October — Join the Bike Train at your nearest stop!
- Friday 2 October — Join the Bike Train & the After School Celebration! In front of the BFMS playground

Grab a DONUT on your way in to school!

Thank You!

Andy's Frozen Custard SINCE 1986

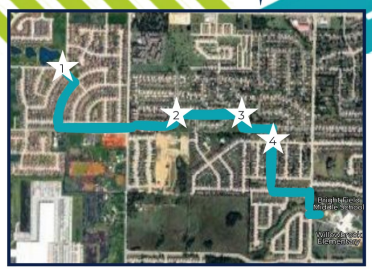
For sponsoring our after school celebration!

Bike Trains will be running every day during Bike to School Week!

Weather Permitting

Bright Field ✦ Willowbrook

Bike Train Stops & Departures





Stop 1	7:10am	Gemstone Blvd. & Cornerstone Rd.
Stop 2	7:20am	Joshua Ave. & Chickasaw St.
Stop 3	7:20am	Joshua Ave. & Jasmine St.
Stop 4	7:20am	Nottingham Ave. & Swinton Dr.
Stop 5	7:20am	Edinburgh Ave. & Newcastle Rd.
Stop 6	7:20am	Edinburgh Ave. & Dundee Dr.

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Bike to School Week

Sept. 28-Oct. 2







PTO Important Dates

October 1st—Bike Train

October 2nd—Bike Train & After-School Celebration

October 9th—Silent Auction starts at 6:00pm

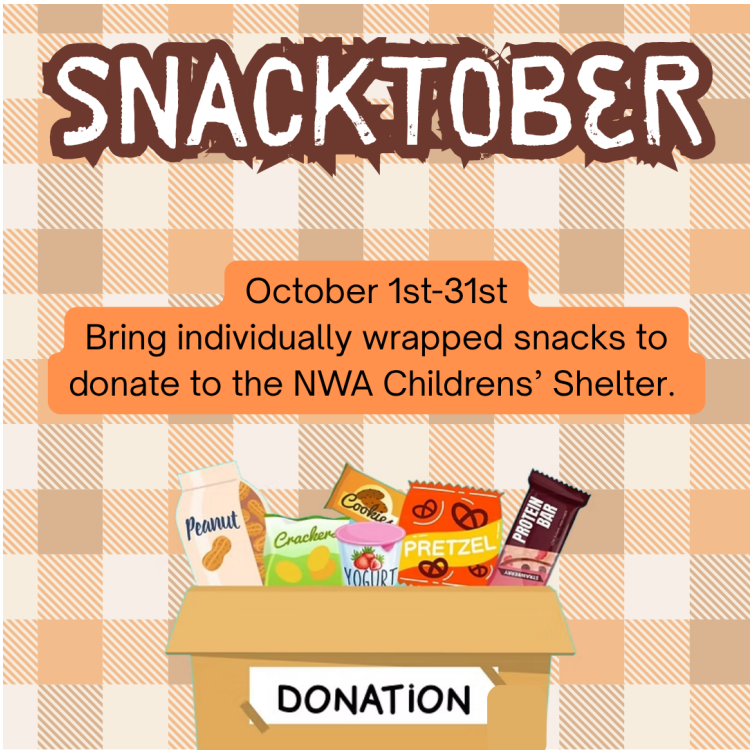
October 9th—Last Day to Order Pizza Combo for Fall Festival

October 13th— Fall Festival & Silent Auction Closes at 5:30PM

October 20th—PTO Meeting at 12:30 in BFMS Band Room

October 20th—Papa John's Spirit Night 3:00-9:00pm

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.

Please note that lunch times are different.
5th Grade 12:15-12:55
6th Grade 12:55-1:35



BFMS
Bright Field Middle School

Sign up to donate baked goods for our cake walk at Fall Festival! Please drop off items in the office by noon on October 13th.



https://shorturl.at/72rZC





OCTOBER 14, 2026

Field Day Schedule

6th Grade	5th Grade
Outside 9:00-10:30am	Inside Gym 8:30-10:30am
Lunch 12:00-12:40pm	Lunch 11:00-11:40am
Inside Gym 12:40-2:40pm	Outside 1:00-2:30pm



Kona Ice
Klassic $4
King $5
Color Changing $6
Kollectable $7



Counselor Corner

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Applications are now OPEN for the Benton County Sharing and Caring "Hope at Christmas" program! The website is www.sharingandcaringkids.com/what-we-do/#hope

We do not have any other programs available to provide help.

Fill Out an Application Starting at **12pm** on **September 25, 2026**, you can fill out your application **online**. You will also upload pictures of the documents we need to see (like ID and proof of income). If you don't have a computer, ask your local library — they can help.

Wait for a Response - After you apply, our volunteers will look at your form and documents. If you meet the rules, we will send you a message that says you are **"Conditionally Approved."** This means you are almost done — but there is one more step!

Come to an Interview - Every family **must** come to an **in-person interview**. This is where we double-check your documents and talk with you about your children's wishes and needs for Christmas.

For those who qualify, gifts will be distributed on December 11, 2026.

IMPORTANT: Families may only receive Christmas assistance from **one organization**. If we find your family is receiving support from multiple groups, your Sharing & Caring application will be denied, and you **may be ineligible for two years**. We do cross-check with other community partners.

Required Documentation

Sharing & Caring OF BENTON COUNTY

Who You Are

- Driver's license or photo ID
- Social Security card or ITIN letter
- Tax return (optional, but very helpful!)

Where You Live

- A bill or letter with your name and your Benton County address (Like a light bill, rent paper, or doctor's bill)

How Much You Make

- SNAP letter (from DHS)
- Pay stub (after August 20)
- Tax return or benefit letters (child support, SSI, VA, etc.)

Who Your Kids Are

- Birth certificate or guardianship papers
- Social Security card or school record
- *If your child is over 18 and still enrolled in Benton County Schools: Student Summary Profile*
- *If you are pregnant: doctor's note or ultrasound (due before April 1, 2026)*

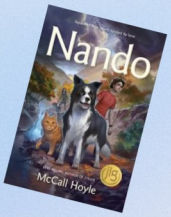
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AUTHOR VISIT

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!









BFMS JOIN ARTSONIA

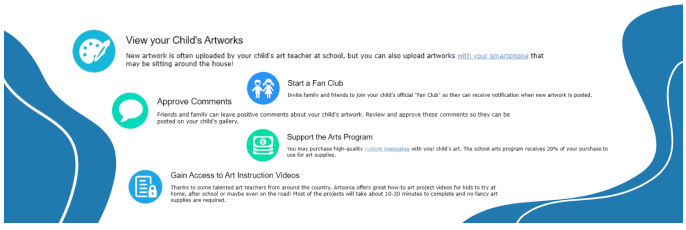
Follow along with your childs art journey!

Share with family!

Contact Mrs. McCollum or Ms. Revoir with questions.

Use your camera to scan this code.

You can also browse to www.artsonia.com/parents and enter this Parent Code SB69D47D





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

SOCIAL MEDIA



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/