

BRIGHT FIELD
Middle School Aviators

2026

November Newsletter

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

PRINCIPAL'S BRIEFING

Hello Bright Field Families,

I hope everyone enjoyed the Fall Break. It was a much needed opportunity for students and teachers to recharge their batteries. It won't be long before Thanksgiving Break will be here. With November upon us, we have a few things going on in the building.

I hope Parent/Teacher conferences went well. It was nice to see you in the building interacting with our staff. While we only have conferences once a semester, I always urge you to keep in contact with your child's teacher concerning their progress.

We recently had our first club day here at Bright Field and believe it was a success. It was great to see all of our students involved in a club. All of our clubs are a mix of 5th and 6th graders and sponsored by one or two staff members in the building. I believe the clubs are a great way for our students to collaborate and make new friends. Club days are held once a month, and our next club day will be November 18th.

On the days we have our clubs we also have our core value celebrations. In the last celebration, we recognized students that exhibited respect in the building. We also introduced what responsibility looks like at Bright Field. Students exhibiting responsibility will be recognized at our next celebration.

We appreciate all the support for Snacktober! We were able to supply the Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter with around 2,000 snacks! Thank you for your generosity!

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

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

Thanksgiving Break



BRIGHT FIELD HEALTH NEWS

November is Diabetes Awareness Month. Talk to your health care provider about the risk factors in your family, take precautions, & support the people you know with Diabetes! According to the CDC, each year over 18,000 youth are diagnosed with type 1 diabetes and over 5,000 youth are diagnosed with type 2 diabetes. Type 2 diabetes is preventable! Encourage your family to eat a healthy diet, limit sweetened drinks and exercise daily.

Students are encouraged to wear BLUE on November 13th in observance of World Diabetes Day.

Please remember your child needs to be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school after any illness and Do NOT send any medication to school with your child. If your child receives any immunizations during the school year, please notify your nurse.

Ilene Sellers
RN BSN
BFMS NURSE



UPCOMING EVENTS

BFMS



Nov 2-6	**Keep It Clean Donation Drive** Shampoo, Laundry Detergent, & Deodorant
Nov 6	**School Spirit Day** Wear your BFMS, BHS, or BWHS Gear to School!
Nov 6	**Tailgate Together** 5:00-6:15pm at the BHS Track Facility
Nov 10	**Chipotle Spirit Night** 5:00-9:00PM Mention BFMS or use code AL8YFBM
Nov 12	**Hat Day Funraiser for Robotics** Pay $1 to wear a hat - all money goes to support BFMS Robotics
Nov 13	**World Diabetes Day** **Wear BLUE to show your support**
Nov 16	**Band Concert** 6:30 PM in the BFMS Gym
Nov 17	**PTO Meeting** 12:30PM in the BFMS Band Room
Nov 18	**Clubs & Core Values Awards Assembly Day** Lunch Times 5th Grade 11:10-11:50 & 6th Grade 11:55-12:35
Nov 23-27	**Thanksgiving Break** No school, Enjoy the Holiday!
Dec 1	**Orchestra Concert** 6:30PM in the BFMS Gym
Dec 10	**Choir Concert** 6:30PM in the BFMS Gym

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
NOV 17TH

AVIATORS PTO BRIGHT FIELD Middle School

JOIN US FOR THE NEXT PTO MEETING ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH IN THE BFMS BAND ROOM AT 12:30PM.

DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR
BRIGHTFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO

25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH | 5-9PM
2400 SE WALTON BLVD, BENTONVILLE, AR, 72712

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **AL8YFBM**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT

CHIPOTLE

For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. $150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.



KEEP IT CLEAN
PERSONAL CARE DRIVE

VS

Support our annual
Keep it Clean donation drive by bringing one of the following items to your school.

● **Shampoo** ● **Laundry Detergent** ● **Deodorant**

Your donation will benefit Bentonville students in need

Join us to kick off the **Bentonville West vs Bentonville High** Football game at **Tailgate Together!**
Friday, November 6th
5:00-6:15 p.m.
BHS Track & Field Complex



Bentonville Schools

TAILGATE TOGETHER

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6 | 5:00-6:15p.m.
BHS TRACK & FIELD COMPLEX

Join us to celebrate community and kick off the **Bentonville West vs Bentonville High** football game!

HIGH SCHOOL DRUMLINES
FOOD GAMES ACTIVITES

Please bring one of the following items to support our annual **Keep It Clean** donation drive.

SHAMPOO | LAUNDRY DETERGENT | DEODORANT

Your donation will benefit Bentonville students in need.

WANT A T-SHIRT?!
Scan the QR code with your phone's camera to grab one!





FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH
5:00-6:15PM
BHS TRACK FACILITY

PLAY GAMES - GET CONCESSIONS - HAVE FUN

And don't miss these highlights!

5:30 PM Mascot Dance Off

5:50 PM Drumlines Perform with Spirit Squads

6:00 PM Drumlines & Spirit Squads lead fans to stadium

KNOW-BEFORE-YOU-GO

- *The event is free & open to all!*
- *Keep it Clean donations of laundry detergent, deodorant and shampoo will be collected at the entrance.*
- *Buy game tickets at GoFan* — SCAN ME!
- *Free parking available at Barker Middle School & The International School at MMJ*
- *BHS Band Boosters will be selling concessions*

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

RESPECT

5TH GRADE



Madeline H. | Emmie F. | Grace J. | Eliza R.

Beckett E. | Josh E. | Porter D. | Kenan H.

BRIGHT FIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

RESPECT

6TH GRADE



Marigold D. | Lilian M. | Aubrey C.

Archer P. | Finn M. | Liam W.

BRIGHT FIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL

Counselor Corner

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We have a few things going on this month!

First, all classes will be presented with the Empower Me program by the Children's Advocacy Center. This program addresses body safety awareness and how to ask for help. Topics will cover the different signs of a safe person vs an unsafe person, identifying at least five safe adults they can go to, ways to be safe on the internet, etc. You will be receiving more information about this program in the next few weeks.

All **6th** grade students will be presented with the Signs of Suicide (SOS) Program by the counselors, Mrs. Foster and Ms. Short, the week of November 2nd. The presentation will include a few short videos with discussion following each one. They will be asked to think of 5 trusted adults in their life that they could turn to if they ever needed help. The students are not required to participate and if they begin to feel uncomfortable or find the discussion difficult, they are free to step out of the room. You will receive more information about this next week.

Please reach out to one of the counselors if you have any questions!

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BRIGHT FIELD ANNOUNCEMENTS





AVIATORS






BFMS ORCHESTRA
- FALL -
ORCEHSTRA
Concert
DECEMBER 1, 2026
6:30PM
BFMS GYM
PERFORMERS:
Students are to arrive at 5:45 for tuning and warm ups.


BRIGHT FIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL AVIATORS
PRESENTS
FALL BAND
CONCERT
NOVEMBER 16
6:30 PM
BRIGHT FIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM
IMPORTANT INFORMATION
Band students need to arrive at 5:30 PM wearing their band shirt.
Parents can wait in the cafeteria while the band is warming up.
Gym doors will open around 6:20 PM.


No School November 23rd – 27th
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!


BFMS Choir
Winter Concert
Thursday, December 10, 2026
6:30 PM
BFMS Gymnasium
All BFMS families and staff are invited to attend!
Arrival time for choir students is 5:50 PM

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/