

Bookcliff Middle School



August 2015

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Important Dates

Back to School Night

Thursday, July 30, 2015
5:30 - 7:00 pm @ BMS

6th Grade Orientation

Friday, July 31, 2015
8:30 - 10:30 am @ BMS

First Day of School

Monday, August 3, 2015
7:25 am - 2:40 pm @ BMS

Student Pictures

Thursday, August 6, 2015

A Message From Principal Jim Butterfield

Hello and welcome back to the 2015-2016 school year!

Students, I sincerely hope that your summer break was relaxing, and you are ready and recharged for the upcoming school year. We have lots in store for you, as teachers are back and getting prepared for the arrival of our over 600 students!

Parents, please make sure to join your child and stop by our open house next Thursday, 30 July 2015, from 5:30-7:00pm. You will have an opportunity to visit with teachers and get the family connection started. If you are interested in joining PIT crew, please stop by and see Mr. Phillips as well.

I look forward to working with you for your students success this year!

Sincerely,

Jim Butterfield
Bookcliff Principal
Go Mustangs!

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School Hours

School is in Session from 7:25 a.m. to 2:40 p.m. Students arriving and departing are supervised outside by school staff from 7:10 - 7:25 and from 2:40 to 3:00.

To increase safety, please drive no more than 5mph when on campus and use the designated pick up areas for your student.



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Sign Up For Text Alerts

Parents,

To help ensure that everyone is kept in the loop when emergency situations come up there is a communication program (called SchoolConnects) that will allow all schools and the district to contact you regarding important news, events, and emergency or safety related situations. In order to receive this information, the district can only send texts to phones of those who have subscribed to receive the message. If you want to receive SMS text messages from the school or district, you must first do the following:

1. Ensure that your child's school has your cell phone listed in the student database under "Mobile".
2. From the SMS-capable telephone where you want to receive the text messages, text the word "Join" to the number 56360. If our messaging system finds a match for your phone number in its database, you receive a confirmation message thanking you for joining school alerts. If our messaging system does not find a match for your phone number in its database, you will receive a message that the number could not be found, and then you should contact the school to add the number to the school's Student Management System. At any time, you can unsubscribe by texting "Stop"
3. Create a contact on your phone with the name of your school or school district, or another meaningful name, and the phone number 56360. Then, when you receive a text from this number, you know who is sending it.

At this point in time, the District will only contact parents in the case of an emergency or safety-related situations. The District will reach out to parents using phone, text and email or a combination. Parents and the community can also check the district website (www.d51schools.org) or social media accounts (facebook.com/schooldistrict51 and twitter.com/district51) for emergency alerts and updates as well as general news.

In order to receive the quickest and most accurate information in an emergency situation, parents need to be sure that all home phone, cell phone and email addresses are up-to-date in the student information system, Synergy. Contact the school office if you have any questions. The texts, calls and emails will only go to those families who have those fields filled in in the database.

Should you have any questions about this new service or other emergency communications, don't hesitate to call Dan Dougherty in Communications or Tim Leon in Safety at 254-5100.

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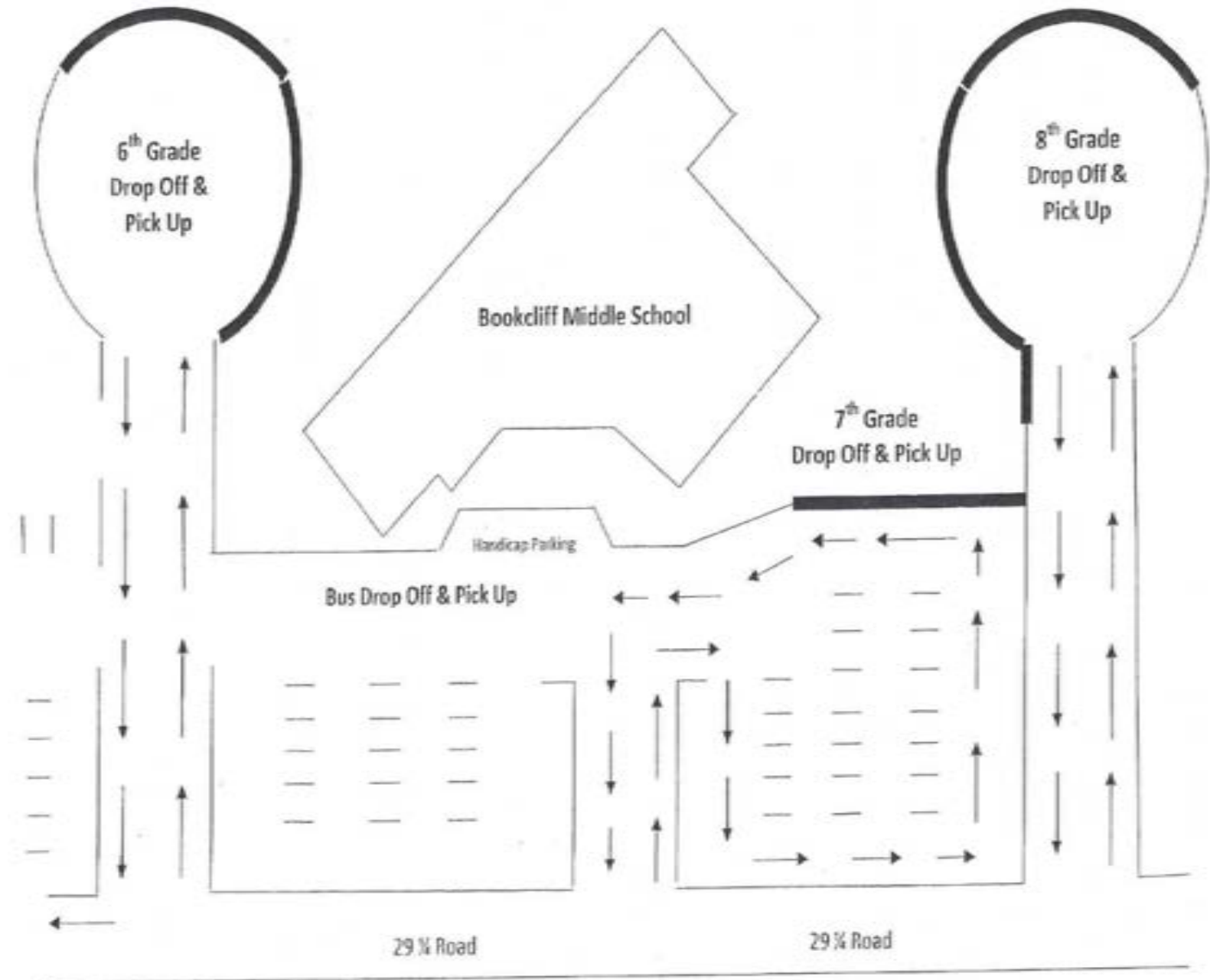
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Student Drop Off

6th Grade drop off and pick up is on the north end of the school on Mustang Way. You want to proceed all the way into the loop to drop off/pick up students. You do not want to drop off/pick up students at the corner of the Activity Center. This causes traffic to back up on 29 ¼ Road causing congestion for the entire school area.

The 7th Grade area is in the middle loop closest to the main entrance. We have created a loop through the parking lot area. Please circle through to the curb before dropping off/picking up students. This will prevent them from having to cross two lanes of traffic. T

The 8th Grade area is on the South end of Bookcliff Middle School. Please proceed into the loop or the right side pullover area to drop off/pick up students. Be aware that the bicycle rack is located in this area.



Bookcliff Middle School Student Drop Off & Pick Up Diagram
(not drawn to scale)

New Salad Bars

In Spring 2015, the Colorado Health Foundation awarded a second grant to D51 Food Services in the amount of \$235,000 (\$1/2 million in two years) to install commercial grade refrigerated salad bars in D51 schools! Salad bars have been shown to increase participation, decrease plate waste, and increase fruit and vegetable consumption.



Schools with salad bars are able to offer a greater variety of fresh fruits and vegetables increasing nutrients available to students.

D51 NS continues to increase sourcing of local farmers bringing more local produce to the schools to be used in the salad bars. Currently all apples served in the first 4 months of the school year are from local farmers! Coming this fall pinto beans from Delta, Colorado.

Plans are in the works for year-round nurseries providing assorted vegetables; tomatoes, carrots, romaine lettuce and more.

Girls' Volleyball

Monday, August 3- Informational meeting and handouts

Tuesday, August 4 -2:45 PM- 4:30 PM Practice starts after school for both 7th and 8th grade girls

Game Schedule: The first match will start at 3:45PM unless noted.

Monday, August 17 - BMS vs RMS - 8th grade @ BMS, 7th grade @ RMS ABC Rotation
Tuesday, August 18 - BMS vs PVMS - 8th grade A 3:45PM @ PV, 7th grade A 4:45PM @ PV
Thursday, August 20 - BMS vs OMMS - 8th grade @BMS, 7th grade @ OMMS CAB Rotation
Monday, August 24 - BMS vs MGMS - 8th grade @ MGMS, 7th grade @ BMS ABC Rotation
Tuesday, August 25 - BMS vs HFMS - 8th grade A 4:45PM @ BMS, 7th grade A 3:45PM @ BMS
Thursday, August 27 - BMS vs GMMS - 8th grade @ GMMS, 7th grade @ BMS CAB Rotation
Monday, August 31 - BMS vs Fruita - 8th grade @ BMS, 7th grade @ FMS ABC Rotation
Tuesday, September 1- BMS vs EMS - 8th grade @ EMS, 7th grade @ BMS BCA Rotation
Thursday, September 3 - BMS vs DBMS - 8th grade A 4:45PM @ BMS, 7th grade A 3:45PM @ BMS
Thursday, September 10 - BMS vs Caprock - 8th grade A 4:45PM @BMS, 7th grade A 4:45PM @ Caprock
Monday, September 14 - BMS vs WMS - 8th grade @WMS, 7th grade @ BMS BCA Rotation



District Tournament: Thursday, September 17 - Saturday, September 19.

Please check with your coach for any scheduling changes.

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