Bookcliff Middle School



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Enjoy this edition of the Bookcliff newsletter that has been brought to you by the 8th grade Yearbook class!

Important Dates

Teacher Work Day January 3rd, 2017

First Day of 3rd Quarter January 4th, 2017

Martin Luther King Day-No School

January 16th, 2017

Middle School Honor Choir January 19th, 2017 @ FMS

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A Message From The Principal:

On January 2, 2017, Mountain Valley Contracting will be working with Mesa County to rebuild the bridge that connects 29 ½ road over the waterway just north of Orchard Ave. This will directly affect student travel to Bookcliff for the 2nd semester. Student Transportation of America is working with the District in order to possible reroute a bus to pick up the students that live directly north of the canal, on Cedar and parkway streets. Those students who live further north should plan to leave a little earlier, and take 29 or 30 road to get to Orchard, then proceed to Bookcliff along that route. The construction is expected to take up to 5 months.

Take care,
Jim Butterfield
Principal
Bookcliff Middle School

Health Office

Immunization Requirements

Colorado State Immunization Law (Board of Health rule 6 CCR 1009-2) requires all students attending Colorado schools to be vaccinated against certain diseases, unless an official exemption form is filed for medical, religious or personal reasons. All 6th grade students, as well as all 7th and 8th grade students that still have not received an up to date Tdap immunization must show proof of this immunization. Tdap is a Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis booster. It provides the added protection of pertussis (whooping cough) to the standard Tetanus booster.

The following are all the required vaccinations needed to attend K-12 school. If your child has recently received one of these vaccines please send an updated copy to school.

- Hepatitis B.
- Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (DTap)
- Inactivated poliovirus (IPV)
- Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)
- Varicella (chicken pox)
- Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap)

Immunizations can be administered by your child's health care provider and the Mesa County Health Department (970-248-6900)

O.W.L.

Written by: Anthony M., and Jarod G.

The O.W.L. program that has been at our school is a great opportunity for students and is funded by a combination of Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Bookliff Middle School, and fundraisers. However, problems have arisen this year due to budget cuts in Colorado Parks and Wildlife causing Bookliff Middle School to take on more of the funding which then leads to the fundraising of students. You may just ask yourself why this is a program that is worth the funding? And when we asked Mr. Weckenbrock why this



is worth funding he had said "That it is an incredible opportunity for students to learn by doing and they are to then truly experience what they are learning in a way that is unforgettable and life changing. The amount of funds that we are targeting for is a total of \$3,500 which these funds will go to transportation, clothing/ outdoor gear, food, and educational supplies. This program impact the students by connecting students with professional scientist also it is exposing them to 21st century skills needed to pursue a scientific career this teaches them life skills such as problem solving, critical thinking, and as well communicational skills. These fundraisers include https://www.facebook.com/D510WL, https://www.gotunbe.com/watch?v=MLliZzewt_0, https://www.gofundme.com/d51owl. Please help our students to be able to participate in this amazing opportunity and a learning adventure that they will never forget. Mrs. Coniff's boys participated in O.W.L when they were sixth graders at Bookcliff and when they go camping or on hikes they are still able to recall a lot of the information they learned at O.W.L. because it made learning real and so much more memorable. Any help sending student to O.W.L will be greatly appreciated.

Fitness Tip of the Month from Ms. Mary Beth

Consistency and intensity are the keys to becoming more fit. When an individual commits to an exercise program and then does it wholeheartedly, they will see improvements in their fitness.

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January Artist of the Month

Written by: Abigail F. and Jazzy L.

The new artist of the month is Sydney Hunger, an eighth grader in DIA. She says she was inspired by her mom, and started doing art when she was in kindergarten. Her favorite art piece that she did is a sketch of sea stars and shells, and her favorite artist is Leonardo Da Vinci.



Box Tops for Education

Written By: Lindsay G, and Havanna T.

This semester our school had a competition to see who could collect the most box tops. The winners of this competition were the ladies of the front office with 376 box tops. They earned a breakfast party. The next competition's box tops will be collected and counted on February 15th. Make sure to bring box tops to your morning meeting classes.

The top ten morning meeting classes were:

- 1. BMS Office (376)
- 2. Mrs. Kroon-Sonnen (330)
- 3. Mrs. Alyward (175)
- 4. Mrs. Schumann (142)
- 5. Mr. Whalin (135)
- 6. Mr. Donoher (111)
- 7. Mrs. Coleman (92)
- 8. Mr. Banaszak (60)
- Ms. Castle (51)
- 10. Ms. Zumwalt (48)

For the winter competition, BMS Morning Meeting classes are hereby challenged to beat the office record of 376 Box Tops. Ask your grandparents, cousins, aunts, & uncles to keep Box Tops & gather them for the great cause of supporting the BMS Gifted-Talented program, ensuring great prizes for the D51 Scholastica Tournaments, & winning your morning meeting a breakfast party!



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Turkey and Adopt-a-Family Update

Written By Samora S.

Bookcliff raised over \$750 during the Turkey Bowl fundraiser and throughout the Turkey Bowl Assembly. We will be having more little fundraisers for Adopt-a-Family in December, we are hosting a silent auction for teachers, there have been bake sales, we are selling Santa Grams, and we will have a concession stand at the dance/party December 16th. This year we will be able to adopt at least 3 families (one from each grade level) and more if possible. We will be able to provide a full family dinner with turkey and all the fixings, plus we will buy the family warm clothing and gifts. The family's will be receiving the dinner and gifts on Saturday, December 17th. Thank you to everyone who donated and helped to support Bookcliff families during the holidays!



8th Grade Unity Shirts

Written by: Nicole L, Lauren G, Felina M.

On Tuesday November 29th, the 8th grade students were given T-shirts by the 8th grade teachers. They were able to afford the T-shirts by an online fundraiser named Crowd Sourcing. They said they bought the T-shirts to create unity in the classroom. There were 30 T-shirt designs to choose from and the students chose from the top 6 designs. The students voted for Rebecca Espinoza as the front design and Destiny Davis as the back design. What the students liked most about the T-shirts were that they neat, clear language, an image that was very recognizable and that the students chose the designs that were put on the T-shirts. The teachers also said that everybody smiled in the picture which made it a lot of fun!



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BMS Students of the Month and Alpine Bank Students of the Month

6th – Kimberly Cardona-Serna (Smith)

6th - Rylee Halcomb - (Marsh)

7th - Emilie Jaeger

7th - Anna Warren

8th – Naomi Cortez

8th –Cayman Haltiner

DIA 6th –Aspen Czarnecki

DIA 7th - Brianna Adan

Art – Tanner Green

Girls P.E. – Charlize Hackney

Tech Ed - Emily Mullen

SPED – Kaydance Sondag 6th (Mcclure)

Intervention - Jasmin Lerna-Hererra (Smith)









