

# BOOKCLIFF MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Home of the Mustangs

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Enjoy this edition of the Bookcliff Middle School newsletter brought to you by the 8th grade Journalism class!

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### Important Dates

**Honors Orchestra Concert**  
November 21st – GJHS @ 7:00

**Western Slope CBA Select  
Band Concert**  
November 22 & 23 – GJHS @  
4:00

**No School-  
Thanksgiving Break**  
November 25th-29th

### October Students of the Month

**PE:** Addison Decker

**Art:** Jason Rushing

**Tech Ed:** Timbur Wolfe

**ESL:** Arely Carmona

**GT:** Tate Schmalz

**DIA 7th grade:** Yvette Flores

**DIA 8th grade:** Briseida Arteaga

**6th grade:** Joshua Carreno-Mendoza and Jesus Serna-Casteneda

**7th grade:** Tricia O’Leary and Antonio Padilla

**8th grade:** Linkoln Bennett and Brelissa Robb



### Student Council Update!

Bookcliff is currently in the middle of its second fundraiser of the year, the annual Adopt-a-Family fundraiser. As a school, we are hoping to sponsor a few families as a and provide a holiday dinner and gifts for the families selected. Please stop by the office to donate to the “Turkey Jars” and have a hand in selecting to teacher that will dance as a Turkey at the assembly on November 22nd.

We are also beginning our annual canned food drive. Each Morning Meeting class will have their own box to fill and the winning class will receive a donut party on Friday, November 22nd.

## 7th and 8th grade Basketball

*Written by: Angel Ortiz and Trevor Wilson*

Basketball was invented in the early 20th century. They shot the ball in a peach basket. The one team we are going to be talking about is going to be BMS. They are going to be going to a tournament next week. They have 24 people that play on their 8th grade team and they have 22 people playing on the 7th grade team. The eighth grade A team won their game against Caprock this week and they go to the tournament next week. The tournament for both teams will start next Thursday November 14th and go through Saturday.

## MESA Club

*Written by: Marichuy Almaraz and Estefania Soto*

MESA Program is on its third year here at BMS, run by Mrs. Perea and Ms. Hawkins. The club meets after school on Tuesdays in room 169 from 3:15-4:15. They have one competition against other schools each quarter. At the meetings after school, they build projects for competitions or have smaller projects that they work on. They now have two 3D printers this year that they use to print items for the program. The club also has some robots and circuit boards that they like to incorporate into the meetings as well. The next competition is on November 18th, hosted by Grand Junction High School and BMS. They are making Catapults and Trebuchets to test distance and accuracy. This competition will be held at BMS in the BAC gym. Almost all of the meetings and competitions are after school except for one in April where the club will travel to CMU during the school day. The last competition was at OMMS for building boats out of milk jugs. The students built boats on site, then swam across the pool to pick up one team member and swim them back to the starting line. MESA has already started, but it is a year-long program, which means you can join now or take a break if you are playing sports or participating in other activities for a little while. MESA Club would like to welcome any students who were not able to come first quarter, there is still time to join! It is free for all students interested in participating! Parents are expected to pick their students up from competitions or the students can carpool with other families. MESA Club aims to have a lot of fun in a relaxed environment. Please come see what they are all about!

## Honor Orchestra

*Written by: Willa Henderson, Kylie Romero, and Maya Johnson*

The importance of challenging bright minds and giving them extra support on their journey is super important. Giving recognition to those who go above and beyond is also exceptional. One way Bookcliff chooses to recognize students who are talented is Honors Orchestra, a program that picks the top 50 string players in the district to play together in a concert.

Bookcliff Middle School orchestra director, Amber Campbell, tells us more about this event. Students must audition in order to join. "The audition will be challenging," she says. "The students will receive the music three weeks prior." The students will practice a few Mondays in a span of two months and hold a concert during the end of November." But the question is, are the students ready? "Not always, but by the end of it, they are," Campbell says. "The pieces are always one level above standard middle school literature." The program has proven successful in the past, spanning 15 years, and Campbell thinks that those selected will be better prepared for high school orchestra. The concert is on November 21st, at Palisade Highschool at 7:00 pm. Students attending from BMS: Walter Hoffman, Matthew De La Luz, Addison Decker, Mari Burnham, Elijah Buniger, Attean Fournier, Dakota Jacobson, Willa Henderson, Elli Dorr, Abby Vroman.

## November Artist of the Month

*Written by: Juan Macias-Flores and Cris Flores-Macias*

The Bookcliff art teacher, Mrs. Allee, chooses a very talented artist every month to be nominated as artist of the month. This month of November, she nominated Willa Henderson. Willa thinks she was chosen for artist of the month because she draws with passion. She was inspired to draw art to change people's perspectives on things. She started falling in love with art in the 5th grade. She was inspired by one of her closest friends, Avi, who she met at camp. So Willa wanted to entertain people like Avi did. Her favorite piece of art she's done is a drawing that's on display in the 7th grade core. She likes the style of it and is very proud of it. She follows her favorite artist on Instagram named Nan Fe. Her style of art is very interesting and catches Willa's attention.



## “Dodge the Hunger” Dodgeball Tournament

*Written by: Ty Gardner and Juan Becerra*

The Dodge the Hunger Dodgeball Tournament is a fundraiser for the Adopt-a-Family program that provides meals and gifts to families in need during the holiday season. We interviewed Coach Rush to find out a little more. This year, BMS raised over 600 dollars and the district-wide tournament will be held at Grand Mesa Middle School on November 15th. We also interview the winning team's member, Isabella Drysdale, and she had this to say, “I was happy that we won, now we just have to win a few more to win the whole thing”. We also interviewed Angel Ortiz, part of losing team, he stated, “I felt very sad and mad, I was depressed that we lost. I thought we were going to win”. The overall anticipation of the Dodge the Hunger Tournament was that the DIA team would win, but 8th grader, Mason Higgins carried his team to victory.