

Weekly News

July 30, 2021

Announcements

Wolverine Welcome (Optional)

ABMS will be open to students and families who would like to have yearbook pictures taken and take a self-guided tour of the building on Wednesday, August 4 between 8:00-3:00.

If families are unable to attend or uncomfortable in possible group settings, we have orientation planned on August 17 for all 6th grade students, new students to ABMS and ANY student who has not been in the building as a result of last year's remote/virtual learning. More information will come about the details of the August 17 orientation. We have an alternate date for yearbook pictures on Monday, September 27.

School Supply Lists

Because we were not physically in school the entire year last year and because emergency funds were available, we did not spend the expected amount of our budget on normal classroom supplies last year. Therefore, we will purchase all school supplies for students this year (notebooks, writing utensils, paper, folders, etc.). There may be items along the way that may be needed for classes, but the bulk will be supplied by the school.

Fall Sports

Fall Sports are right around the corner and we have many opportunities for students who wish to get involved. We are excited to kick off the sports season and would encourage any student athlete who is interested in getting involved to do so. Please remember that any student who wishes to participate in any sport this year must have the following forms completed and turned into Aubry Bend prior to their first practice. Please note that a physical must have occurred after May 1st, 2021.

[Blue Valley Middle School Participation Packet](#)

There will be a meet the coach night for all fall sports (Volleyball, Football, Cross Country and Cheer) Monday August 23th beginning at 4:30 in the Aubry Bend Commons. We will be sharing some general information and also specific practice information for each individual fall sport.

Practice locations and times are updated below. Please contact coaches with individual questions.

Football:

Head Coach: Taylor Stewart tkstewart@bluevalleyk12.org

Open to 8th Grade students

Monday August 16th Practice 3:00 - 5:00. Athletes should be dressed and report to the gym.

Please note that the first two days of practice are before school starts but will begin at 3:00.

Cross Country:

Head Coach: Minnie Beechner-Holmes mbeechnerholmes@bluevalleyk12.org

Open to 7th and 8th grade students

Wednesday August 18th. Practice 3:00 - 4:30. Athletes should report to room 110.

Cheerleading:

Head Coaches: Alicia Parker and Kim Lambrecht aparker@bluevalleyk12.org

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Open to 7th and 8th grade students

Monday August 23rd 3:00 - 4:00. Athletes should report to room 309. Please note athletes and parents are invited to the Meet the Coach Meeting on August 23rd at 4:30.

Volleyball:

Head Coach: Christyn Haberly Chaberly@bluevalleyk12.org

Open to 8th grade girls

Wednesday August 18th 3:00 -5:00. Athletes should change and report to Coach Haberly in the gym.

PE Shirts

We are currently not planning to dress out in PE for the first quarter; therefore, students will not need special shirts for PE. **Important note:** Students will still be expected to participate in PE, so it will be important for students to wear appropriate clothing to school in order to fully participate. Students should avoid tight clothing that restricts movement or any short/crop top that could potentially show body parts/undergarments inappropriate for school.

Music Performance Shirts

We anticipate having music performances for choir, band and orchestra this year. More information regarding the performance shirts will come from classroom teachers after the start of school.

2020-21 Yearbooks

Available for pick-up in the ABMS office Monday through Friday, 7:30-3:30 starting July 26.

Bell Schedule

We will return to our [9-period day bell schedule linked here](#). Students will go to every class every day. We will NOT use a block schedule this year.

From the Desk of Mrs. Tate...

Hello! Welcome to the first Weekly News of the 21-22 school year! Hopefully, this newsletter finds all our families well and rested after a wonderful summer break. Although it's hot, hot, hot outside, it's cool and clean at ABMS, and we're excitedly preparing for the start of another school year.

This summer has been busy for us. We spent much of the summer interviewing and hiring awesome new staff members who are eager to meet our students and families. Please join me in welcoming our new team members:

- Christine Amihere – 8th grade science
- Holly Bolick – receptionist/attendance
- Carley Bradshaw – psychologist
- Austin Gooden – 6th grade science
- Josh Hartman – 7th grade special education
- Julie Hess – gifted education
- Jessica Jurkovic – library media specialist
- Alison Mayes – ABMS/BVSW orchestra co-teacher
- Ginny Pattison – intensive special education
- Alisha Ptacek – 6th grade math/science
- Allison Willson – 8th grade math

We had a couple of summer resignations/retirements that created some movement, as well. Ms. Burik, pre-engineering, retired this summer, so Mr. Greg Smith, formerly 6th grade science, will be teaching our pre-engineering and robotics classes. Mr. Smith is excited for this opportunity and has been hard at work preparing the classroom for the year. Mrs. Corporal resigned as 7th grade special education teacher, and Josh Hartman will take over that assignment. I'm sure you noticed Alison Mayes as our orchestra teacher listed above, so to clarify, she will be joining Ms. Martens in the orchestra classroom team teaching 7th and 8th grade classes.

We are currently looking for people who would have an interest in working as special education paraprofessionals. We have several openings, so if you know someone who is looking for a fulfilling, fun job supporting amazing kids in our community, please have them check the district's website for employment openings [at this link](#). It's possible to look up positions under Para Educator or by Location. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us.

I realize there is A LOT of information in this newsletter, so I truly appreciate your interest and attention to the contents. Our goal is to send one email per week with important news, updates and information; however, when we have pertinent information that is time-sensitive, we will have to send additional emails, as this is our main form of communication with our families.

I know how very busy everyone is; please know that we truly appreciate your partnership in the business of communication. We promise to do our very best to get information out to you in a timely manner, and we appreciate your considerate and attentive receipt of the information.

We're looking forward to a wonderful, positive school year!

Sincerely,
Diana Tate, Principal



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