

Weekly News

August 6, 2021

Announcements

School Supplies

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.

All students will receive their school supplies from one of their core teachers during the first week of school. **Students should bring a backpack or bag to carry school supplies and Chromebooks throughout the day.**

School Pictures

If families were unable to attend Wolverine Welcome this week, no worries!!! The alternate date for school pictures on Monday, September 27

Student Class Schedules

We currently anticipate students being able to see their class schedules in Student Vue Tuesday evening, August 17.

6th Grade and New Student Orientation

- Tuesday, August 17 is set aside for 6th grade and new student orientation.
- This is a student-only event.
- Buses will run their routes that morning.

- The orientation is from 7:41-9:45 a.m.
- Students will go through their class schedule, tour the building and meet their teachers.
- This is a great opportunity for students who were virtual all last year to orient themselves to ABMS and meet the staff in person.
- All sixth graders are invited.
- Any 7th or 8th grader who is new to ABMS or has never been in the building because of virtual/remote/home schooling is welcome to attend.

Lockers

Lockers will not be available to begin the school year. If parents feel that their student needs to have a locker, please contact a school counselor to work out a special arrangement.

Although we will not start the year with lockers, we may provide lockers later in the school year to those students who wish to have one. We were unsure of the expectations for mitigation efforts while planning for Wolverine Welcome, so we chose to wait until those decisions are finalized. We would hate to give lockers to students and then have to take them away. As we finalize plans, we'll keep parents and students informed via Weekly News and lunchroom announcements.

Back to School Night for Parents - Save the Date

Back to school night for parents is set for the following dates:

- 6th grade – August 26
- 7th and 8th grade – August 31
- Tentative times – 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Parent-Only Events
- Format – We will offer in-person and virtual options for these events.
- More details to come as the events get closer.

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

Greetings,

My name is Taylor Stewart. I am eager to begin my 5th season as head football coach at ABMS. I would like to provide information to the families who have a student athlete interested in playing football this fall.

Attached below is the [ABMS Football Calendar 2021](#).

******All athletes must have their District Participation Packet turned into the office before they will be able to participate. ******

Our first practice will be [August 16th 3:45pm-5pm](#). We are meeting in the ABMS gym.

Athletes will need to bring:

- Wear athletic clothing (shorts and T shirt)
- Football Cleats & Tennis Shoes
- Mouth piece (not clear)
- Personal water bottle

We will begin in the ABMS Gym with equipment check out.

Athletes will receive:

- helmet
- shoulder pads
- Hip, tail, thigh, knee pads
- belt
- Practice jersey and pants

There will be more communication to come once the season gets rolling. If you have any questions do not hesitate to email tkstewart@bluevalleyk12.org!

Thank you all for your support in your student athlete!

GO WOLVERINES!!!!!!

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.

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.

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.

From the Desk of Mrs. Tate...

We had a wonderful turnout for Wolverine Welcome this week! Thanks to our families who were able to make the date work in their schedule. If you couldn't make it...no worries! We have additional dates for the same activities:

- School Pictures will be taken on September 27.
- 6th grade and new student orientation is Tuesday, August 17 from 7:41-9:45 a.m.
- Any student who would like to come to orientation on Tuesday, August 17 because he/she has not been in the building in a while (remote or virtual learning) is welcome to attend a session for 7th and 8th grade students during the August 17 orientation from 7:41-9:45 a.m.

Our new teachers attended their "First Day of School" yesterday, and we had a fabulous day! We are so excited for our kids to meet these wonderful professionals. They love kids and can't wait to get to know their students. Our teaching staff returns to school on Thursday, August 12, and paras report on August 13. We will be in professional learning sessions August 12-17 to prepare for our first day of school with kids.

We have several openings for paraprofessional positions at ABMS. If you or someone you know would enjoy working with AMAZING kids and teachers, please contact ABMS or apply online at [the BV Employment website](#).

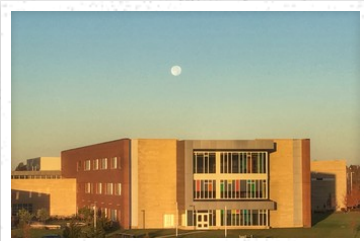
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PE lockers will be assigned to those students in extracurricular athletics so there is a location to keep their clothing and equipment.

There are a lot of moving parts to preparing for a school year, and I truly appreciate our community's patience and support as we prepare to bring all kids back to in-person learning this year. As of the writing of this newsletter article, the district has provided protocols for school and families on their website [at this link](#). Blue Valley and Aubry Bend Middle School are committed to the health and safety of our students and staff.

Our office is open Monday through Friday from 7:00-4:00. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions!

Sincerely,
Diana Tate, Principal



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