

Weekly News

August 27, 2021

Calendar Items

Monday, August 30 - Musical auditions begin

Tuesday, August 31 - Back to School Night for 7/8 grades 6:30 - 8

Wednesday, September 1 - Volleyball games all away

Thursday, September 2 - Football game @ home

Monday, September 6 - No School Labor Day

Tuesday, September 7 - No School

Athletic calendars are located at the end of this document

Announcements

Securly – Online Safety

Take an active role in your child's online safety with Securly Home

Your child's online safety, in the palm of your hand. The time to take action is now. We recognize that student safety and well-being in the online world is a shared responsibility between our schools and families, and with Securly - the district's cloud-based filtering system - taking an active role in your child's online safety has never been easier.

DOWNLOAD Securly Home Parent Portal app (on iTunes or Google Play)*:

With the Securly Home Parent Portal app, families can monitor student technology use and customize filters on district devices outside of the BV Network/IP Address.* This app is currently available to families with students who received a district Chromebook/MacBook to use at school and home. Watch the video below for instructions to download/configure the app. Securly Home accounts are tied to the email address you have listed in ParentVUE. If you

need assistance adding or updating your email in ParentVUE, call the front office of your child's school. *If parents need assistance in account setup they can put in a BV Care ticket.

RECEIVE self-harm notifications:

Families who download the Securly Home Parent Portal app will automatically be opted-in to receive mobile push notifications if their child searches content related to self-harm on a district-provided device. While school personnel may monitor online activity on district devices when students are connected to the BV Network/IP Address, it is the responsibility of our families to monitor online activity on district devices in the evenings, on weekends, over holidays and during school breaks by downloading the Securly Home Parent Portal app. For resources to help talk to your child about their well-being, visit <https://www.bluevalleyk12.org/studentwellbeing>.

PAUSE access to the internet:

With Securly Home, families can temporarily disable/pause access to the internet on their child's district device outside of the BV Network/IP Address. This feature is currently functional on Chromebooks and is projected to be available for MacBooks in the near future.

REVIEW weekly online activity emails:

Families will receive weekly email reports from Securly containing a sample of their child's online activity on district-provided Chromebooks/MacBooks as part of the 1:Learner initiative. Those who do not want email updates can opt out by clicking Unsubscribe at the bottom of the Securly email.

***PLEASE NOTE:**

Custom filters/rules set through the Securly Home Parent Portal will only apply when a district device is NOT connected to the BV Network/IP Address. Once a student reconnects to the BV Network/IP Address, district devices will follow Blue Valley's filters.

Learn more at www.securly.com/home or visit www.bluevalleyk12.org/securly to find answers to frequently asked questions. Need help? Email help@securly.com or visit <https://support.securly.com>.

Car Lane Update

Car and Bus lane has been steadily improving each day. In an effort to continue the efficiency of our car lane we are going to test a new routine. Beginning Monday car riders may be dropped off in the back of the building **after** 7:30 AM. This cannot begin until 7:30 AM because our buses are unloading up to that time. Parents must drive the entire loop in the back of the school and drop their students off on the sidewalk leading up to the back doors of Aubry Bend Middle School. Parents can access this back loop by taking the road between Aubry Bend and Southwest off of 175th. Drive past the tennis courts and take a right towards Aubry Bend. After 7:30, parents may enter the back parking loop and drop students off on the sidewalk leading up the building. Student are not be dropped off outside the front or back sidewalk loops. The front car lane will continue to be option for the unloading of students in the morning from 7:15 on. We will try this for the next two weeks and adjust as necessary.

After school pick up will remain in the front of the building only. Students cannot be picked up in the back of the building after school.

Literacy Screening

Literacy is an essential skill for learning and life beyond K-12 education. As such, and in accordance with new state policies around literacy and dyslexia, all Kansas schools will screen students in Kindergarten through 12th grade to determine if they are at risk of not reaching grade level benchmarks in reading. At the middle school level, this screening for most students will be a brief measure taken in a classroom setting. If the screening shows a score below grade level benchmarks, additional brief measures will be administered. Families would be contacted if multiple data points indicate the student is not reading at grade level benchmarks. We welcome this opportunity to take a closer look at reading for the benefit of our students. Further, this information will support teachers in planning instruction and providing support when needed in reading.

Musical

The fall 2021 ABMS musical will be "Rock of Ages (Middle School Edition)"! We are so excited to get this show going!

Audition packets for cast were handed out at lunches this week. If your student needs one, [PLEASE CLICK HERE](#)

Auditions for cast will be next week. Students can find all audition information on the link above. Cast list will be posted to that link on Friday, Sept. 3. We are a no-cut program. All students who audition will be in the cast.

Crew Forms were also handed out at lunches this week. If you need another copy, [PLEASE CLICK HERE](#)

Crew lists and calendars will be posted to that link on Friday, Sept. 3. We are a no-cut program. All students who turn in a crew form will be in the crew. We try to give everyone their first choice, but when it's not possible, we will give them their highest choice crew that is available.

Please contact KSVail@bluevalleyk12.org with any questions!

Back to School Night Information

We are excited to welcome our 7th/8th parents to Back to School Night at Aubry Bend on Tuesday, August 31! Please see the schedule below. This is a parent/guardian only event.

If you wish to view Back to School Night Information in a **virtual format instead of in person**, we will send a link to all families the day of the event with short videos from our teachers introducing themselves and their class.

In Person Schedule – 7th/8th grade – Tuesday, August 31

6:30- 6:37 pm Hour 1

6:40-6:47 pm Hour 2

6:50- 6:57 pm Hour 3

7:00 –7:07 pm Hour 4

7:10 – 7:17 pm Hour 5 for 7th grade; Hour 6 for 8th grade

7:20- 7:27 pm Hour 7

7:30-7:37 pm Hour 8

7:40- 7:47 pm Hour 9

***There is no 5th hour for 8th grade and no 6th hour for 7th grade – those are considered our lunch periods.

PTO News

Are you good with numbers? Do you like handling money? If you answered yes to these questions you would be perfect for our **PTO assistant treasurer position!** Or, if this doesn't sound like you, but you want to be involved, we WANT you. Sign up now!

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/4090c44abac23aafc1-20212022>

Check out our PTO square site where you can get your **PTO Membership** and **Invest in ABMS**. Soon we will have **spirit wear** available too! <https://aubry-bend-pto.square.site/>. Or you can join using this form

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6th Grade News

ELA:

ELA began Unit 1 this week, which focuses on the essential question, "How do conflicts in relationships change us?" We read a short story titled "Zlateh the Goat" from the literature textbook. Students are analyzing and writing about conflict and plot line while reading.

Math:

Students spent the week familiarizing themselves with the eight mathematical practices by working in groups to persevere through challenging problems. We will regularly refer to these practices throughout the school year. Next week, students will start Unit One: Geometry.

Social Studies:

Students created avatars this week in Classcraft and have begun a quest (or the mission of these first two weeks). We have examined actual REAL ancient artifacts and made inferences about where they were from!

Science:

Students have been learning about scientific vocabulary: qualitative and quantitative observation, inferences and variables. This week we will be doing labs to help them apply their learning. They will be learning how to measure volume in milliliters and observing how mystery liquids interact.

7th Grade News

What a great first full week of school! Our kiddos received lockers on Monday and are getting so good at opening them! We're learning names and faces, and learning content is already underway. Here's what we've done this week and what's to come:

Science:

We have challenged both the brain and building productive teamwork skills through fun activities, and now we are making brainteaser cubes to practice our skills in making a claim, listing our evidence, and explaining why the evidence supports our claim (the CER method). Next week we will gather data by testing our cubes on our peers in other science classes and introduce the brain unit through a very interesting case study phenomena!

Social Studies:

We have introduced the five themes of Geography this week. Ask your student if they remember the themes of MR. HELP! Next we'll begin going through the themes more in-depth to practice applying those skills.

Math:

7th grade math students focused on mathematical thinking, collaboration, and productive struggle this week! We also introduced collaborative slides, which will reinforce those

concepts throughout the year. Next week we start Unit 1 Rational Numbers (Integrated)/ Real Numbers (Advanced). Looking forward to a FUN year!

ELA:

Students have had a wonderful start to the school year! They are working on writing direct quotes and inference quotes while citing them correctly using MLA format. They will soon be learning about Objective Summaries and how to write them.

Please take a moment to open this link. It shares the 7th grade novel list for the 21-22 school year. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1irR9sxMj8Enh8HEgOzE-zRc1t3TChvR3nWEZTLCZQJE/edit?usp=sharing>

8th Grade News

Farris Science:

Scientific Methods Quiz on Tuesday Aug. 30

ELA:

We are continuing to read *The Outsiders*. Also, we will begin writing our narrative essays. We are taking a scene from the novel and re-writing it from the perspective of one of the "Socs." We will focus on narrative techniques, such as dialogue, pacing, description, and sensory language to capture the action and convey the experiences and events.

Social Studies:

Students have been looking at the five American ideals that the nation was founded upon, Opportunity, Liberty, Democracy, Equality and Rights. Next week we take that knowledge and background to begin looking at the creation of our nation with the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

Algebra 1:

Functions unit. Students are observing patterns in multiple ways to determine the relationship between variables.

From the Desk of Mrs. Tate

Our first full week of school was AWESOME! The kids and teachers have been hard at work developing routines and procedures to get us back into the swing of a school year. We hope that our families are settling into routines again, too.

As you may have already noticed (from an article above), we're going to try a new routine for a couple of weeks to help expedite our morning drop-off. Hopefully, this plan will help students get to class on time in the morning and help drivers use safe, curbside drop-off areas to deliver kids. School starts at 7:41a.m.

Last year, we built an extra five minutes into our first hour because we weren't opening the doors until 7:30, but since we're opening doors at 7:15 this year, we don't have that time cushion. We hope that by making the drop-off change, our students can be in class ready to learn at 7:41 a.m. when the bell rings. If you have questions or need clarification, please reach out. We're happy to help.

Thank you to our 6th grade parents and guardians for a positive and fun Back to School Night last night! We loved welcoming you into the building and appreciate the supportive comments and kindness shown to our staff. Our 6th grade students are AWESOME, and we're so happy to partner with our families for a great year.

If you were unable to attend last night's 6th grade Back to School night, we hope you were able to access the virtual option sent via email.

We look forward to welcoming 7th and 8th grade parents and guardians on Tuesday, August 31. If you plan to attend in person, parking will be at a premium. Please feel free to use the south lot at school. You can access the south lot via the street between ABMS and BVSW. Turn right at the T in the road, and you'll see the parking lot on your right. We'll start right at 6:30 to honor everyone's time commitment.

If you are unable to attend in person, we will send virtual links to teacher/staff videos via email Tuesday afternoon.

Thank you, again, for your support of Aubry Bend! We love our community and want you to know that you can depend on us!

Sincerely,
Diana Tate, Principal



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