

# Weekly News

September 17, 2021

## Calendar Items

Monday, September 20 - Volleyball games  
Wednesday, September 22 - Volleyball games  
Thursday, September 23 - Tenor/Bass Festival @ BVSW  
Thursday, September 23 - Cross Country Meet @ BVH  
Thursday, September 23 - Football game away  
Friday, September 24 - Fall sport pictures  
Monday, September 27 - School picture Make-ups

**\*\*\*Athletic calendars are located at the end of this document\*\*\***

## Announcements

### Conferences

Conferences for Aubry Bend Middle School will take place on Wednesday September 29, 2021 and Thursday September 30, 2021. The primary conference format will be Zoom, but we will also be offering an in-person option. This email communication will only allow parents to sign up for the in-person option. We will communicate next week with the Zoom communication.

- Prior to registering for a scheduled conference, we recommend logging into Canvas with your student and determining where conferences would be most beneficial. We greatly encourage students to attend these conferences with parents, as this provides a great opportunity for discussion between students, parents and teachers.

- In-person conferences will be available on Wednesday night from 3:20 - 7:20 PM. If you are interested in an in-person conference please fill out this [Google Form](#). Please fill out the Google Form for each of your students that you wish to have a conference for. We will be in touch with you regarding your scheduled conferences.
- The form for in-person conferences will close on Tuesday September 21, 2021 at 4:00 PM. Please respond on or before September 21, 2021 to schedule an in-person conference.
- If you wish to sign up for a Zoom conference, communication will be coming next week once the in-person sign up closes. Prior to the Zoom conference, you will receive a confirmation email from the teacher with the Zoom link and password if you are attending a Zoom conference. Teachers will use the waiting room function in order to protect the privacy of other conferences and to maintain their time schedule.
- Zoom Conferences will be available for both Wednesday night from 3:20 - 7:20 PM in slots not filled by in-person conferences and all day Thursday from 7:30 AM - 6:20 PM. Information on how to sign up for these conferences will be sent to families next Wednesday September 22, 2021. Be looking for that email to come out around 4:00 that day.

We look forward to visiting with you the last week of September.

## School Pictures

**Aubry Bend Middle Fall Portraits 2021**

**Makeup/Retake Picture day: Monday September 27, 2021**

**To order: [www.schphoto.net](http://www.schphoto.net)**

**Passcode : 315259304**

Online ordering is available for ONE week before and ONE day after picture day!

This session is for:

- Students who were not photographed this school year.
- Retakes of any students who received unsatisfactory pictures
- Any students who want to be photographed and place an order

You may have pictures retaken. To be retaken, please return your portrait package to the photographer on Makeup/Retake day. Fill out the retake form on the back side of your picture envelope, and give it to the photographer.

## Panorama

The Blue Valley School District is excited to partner with Panorama to collect perceptual survey data on students' social-emotional learning skills. The survey will be administered in

October and March and provides helpful information for classroom teachers and other school personnel to help meet the needs of each student.

The survey includes questions related to the following topics:

- School safety – perceptions of students' physical and psychological safety while at school
- Self-management – students' ability to manage emotions, thoughts, and behaviors
- Social awareness – students' ability to consider the perspectives of others and empathize with them
- Self-efficacy – students' belief that they can succeed in achieving academic outcomes
- Grit – students' ability to persevere through setbacks toward achieving goals
- Emotional regulation – how well students regulate their emotions
- Sense of belonging – how much students feel they are valued members of the school community

A couple of items to note:

- **Please log into ParentVue to either opt your student into participating or opt your student out of participating.** Participation is entirely voluntary. Upon logging into ParentVue, a screen will pop-up, and families will have the opportunity to record their decision.
- Implementation reflects a Kansas State Department of Education requirement for school districts to collect social-emotional learning data.
- You can learn more about the survey at <https://www.panoramaed.com>.

## Musical

All cast and crew have been invited to a Canvas course called ABMS ROCK OF AGES. Please encourage them to click "accept course" on their dashboard. This contains EVERYTHING for the show. It has calendars for cast and crew, optional tshirt links, all of the information for families that I emailed out this week, and costuming ideas (complete with cheesy 80s pictures!).

**NEW REHEARSAL CALENDARS** for Sept. 20-Oct. 8 have gone home with students. Another copy can be found on the Canvas Rock of Ages group.

**OPTIONAL** tshirt/hoodie orders can be placed at this website until Oct. 3:

<https://mccwebstores.com/5452/shop/home>

Please be working on costumes for cast members. See the Canvas page and Mrs. Vail's costuming email for ideas.

\*\*\*We are able to provide SCHOLARSHIP for students who may need it. We can cover tickets, costuming, t-shirt, and any other expense. Please contact Kim Vail at

[KSVail@bluevalleyk12.org](mailto:KSVail@bluevalleyk12.org). No questions asked.



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## PTO News

📢📢📢📢 We need **HELP** with **CONCESSIONS** at our home games! There are some needs for next week! Please sign up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c44abac23aafc1-abms4>.



Aubry Bend Middle School PTO

The teacher appreciation committee is gearing up for parent-teacher conferences! They need our help on **September 29th** and **September 30th!** Please sign up and bring something to help spoil our amazing staff! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C44ABAC23AAFC1-teacher>

If you haven't joined the **ABMS PTO** yet, its not too late!!! You can use this QR code and get your **PTO membership and INVEST in ABMS!!**

Be sure to follow along with all of the latest and greatest PTO happenings via our social media channels! You can **LIKE** our page on **facebook** ([ABMS PTO](#)) and follow us on **twitter** ([@AbmsPto](#))



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## 6th Grade News

### Choir

A choir event calendar was emailed last week and a physical copy will be coming home soon. Please get the dates on your calendar! Attending the events is an expectation of choir class. We are looking forward to sharing our skills in music with you!

### ELA

ELA students read a short story titled "The Tail" in our literature book, and explored characterization and how the characters grow and change related to conflict in the story. We also had the counselors come to our ELA classes this week to present information and facilitate discussion about empathy and perspective. This connected closely to our topics about characterization and how people grow and change in a positive way from real life experiences.

### Math

Integrated math classes are finishing up volume and will move on to nets of a shape next week. Advanced math classes looked at nets of a shape this week and will be using those nets to calculate surface area next week.

### Science

Students will be assigned a planet to learn about and create a planet brochure. We will learn about other objects in our solar system called KBOs. We'll end the week with a lab.

### Social Studies

This week we continued our Empire simulation. Ask your child how their tribe task (project) is coming. Next week we will be continuing our simulation by trying to move our tribes to villages. **Important date for next week: Owen and Parker's classes** - Thursday, September 23, there will be a quiz over questions 11-20 on the Fertile Crescent Fact worksheet. **Vail's classes** – Friday, September 24, there will be a quiz over questions 11-20 on the Fertile Crescent Fact worksheet.

## 7th Grade News

### Choir

- The Tenor Bass Festival is Thursday, September 23. Tenors and Basses should plan to wear an ABMS shirt. We will be at BVSU from 8-10:15am.
- A choir event calendar was emailed last week and a physical copy will be coming home soon. Please get the dates on your calendar! Attending the events is an expectation of choir class. We are looking forward to sharing our skills in music with you!

### ELA

Students are beginning research and drafting for an informational writing. They will be able to showcase their use of citations in their final product. They are doing a great job! Ask them about their topic for the overarching research theme: How Do Humans Impact The World?

## 8th Grade News

### Choir

- The Tenor Bass Festival is Thursday, September 23. Tenors and Basses should plan to wear an ABMS shirt. We will be at BVSW from 8-10:15am.
- A choir event calendar was emailed last week and a physical copy will be coming home soon. Please get the dates on your calendar! Attending the events is an expectation of choir class. We are looking forward to sharing our skills in music with you!

### **ELA**

Counselors will visit 8th grade ELA classes on Monday to give a Grieving and Loss lesson in connection with our study of *The Outsiders*, as we explore how communication can impact relationships and our understanding of the world around us.

### **Farris Science**

Continuing with Thermal Energy Transfers

### **Math 8**

We will be utilizing distributive property and combining like terms in order to solve Multi-step equations. There will be a short quiz over this concept on Thursday September 23rd.

### **Moss Science**

We will be continuing our investigation into thermal energy transfer and mitigation.

## **From the Desk of Mrs. Tate**

This week marks the halfway point in our first quarter. This usually signals the time for conferences, as well.

You should have received an email from Mr. Colburn Wednesday, September 15 around 4:45 regarding the process for conferences this year. Although Zoom will be our default for conferences, we are offering opportunities for in-person conference for parents/guardians who would like this option.

In-person conferences will be held by appointment on Wednesday, September 29. Mr. Colburn's email has a Google form link in it that should be used to signify your intent for an in-person conference. Please fill that out on or before Tuesday, September 21.

Once those conferences are scheduled, we will send out the directions for families to sign up for Zoom conferences via ParentVue. You can expect an email about this process on Wednesday, September 22.

As always, if none of these times work for you and you wish to conference with one or more of your child's teachers, please contact your child's teacher(s) to work out a time.

Thank you for partnering with us in your child's education.

Sincerely,  
Diana Tate, Principal



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