

ABM Weekly News

4.3.20

District Announcements

You've got questions. We've got answers.

We know the closure of school buildings for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year has prompted questions from students and families. We've collected some of the most frequently asked questions (and answers) on the [district website](#). Find answers to some of your top questions like "My child has a district-issued Chromebook/MacBook that is not working. What should we do?" to "My child has a personal item they left at school, can I get into the school to retrieve it?" and more.

- [General FAQs](#)
- [Elementary School Continuous Learning FAQs](#)
- [Middle/High School Continuous Learning FAQs](#)

Share your thoughts

As we are all learning how to adapt to the impact COVID-19 is having in our community, Blue Valley needs your input. Join our online [ThoughtExchange](#)! Share your thoughts/questions and assign stars that reflect your agreement/disagreement with thoughts shared by others. Thoughts/stars are confidential and new ideas are added daily, so return to participate often.

Blue Valley Offering Free Grab-and-Go Breakfasts and Lunches

Don't forget! Blue Valley is offering a grab-and-go breakfast and lunch service available weekdays from 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at four locations across the district. Visit the district website, download the Nutrislice app or check out the BV Schools app for more information.

www.bluevalleyk12.org/grabandgo

Announcements

End of Quarter Information - Canvas Courses

At the end of each quarter, most courses in Canvas will conclude and will no longer be visible on the Canvas app. A concluded course is only visible through the Canvas website, by selecting All Courses on the Courses tab and scrolling down to "Past Enrollments" section. Courses for this quarter concluded on March 12, 11:59pm. **Report cards will be generated and families will be able to view third-quarter grades on ParentVUE at the end of the day on April 3rd. (This is a revised date.)**

Each new quarter, teachers will publish a Canvas course for the new quarter. As courses are published, students and families will again be able to see current courses on the Canvas app and Canvas website. For Canvas parent resources, visit www.bluevalleyk12.org/canvas.

*CANVAS TIP: Be sure you have downloaded the latest version of the Canvas Parent App (download in [iTunes](#) and [Google Play](#)).

Canvas Log-in Information

Below is information on how to log on to CANVAS via the Blue Valley website.

Canvas

<https://district.bluevalleyk12.org/schools/middle/ABM/Pages/home.aspx>

1. Click on the Student tab-Canvas
2. Log in with your student email and password

Students can also access Google Drive from a home device.

www.google.com

Community Resources (Helpful numbers and websites that can help guide you during this time)

Johnson County COVID Hotline 8 am - 5 pm

913-715-2819 English and Spanish languages

Johnson County Mental Health 24 hrs

913-268-0156

For help with community resources you may dial

211 or visit 211kc.org

They will help connect those who need assistance with food, utility assistance, financial help, tax preparation, etc.

Helpful websites include:

www.cdc.gov

www.kdheks.gov

www.jocogov.org/Coronavirus/cancellations

www.sba.gov - for small business owners who need financial help

Community Service

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for updates regarding the Blue Valley Service Award.

A Message from Student Services

Student services will begin sending "assignments" to students twice a week starting the week of April 6th. They will appear as assignments in Canvas, but these posts will be ways to incorporate social and emotional well-being into daily activities. Of course they will not be graded or checked for completion, but please review them to identify practices and techniques student services has used at ABMS to maintain a comfortable/safe learning environment. These can also be used at home to continue positive thinking during this time of E-Learning.

Library Updates

[axis360 eBooks](#)

Looking for something to read while the library is closed? You can access axis360 eBooks! Visit the ABMS Library webpage and click the tab! There you'll find a PDF with step-by-step directions to download books to your Chromebook. If you have an Apple device (iPhone, iPad, MacBook, etc) download the axis360 app! Make sure to choose Aubry Bend Middle school.

PTO News

· **"BE IN THE KNOW WITH ABMS PTO"**- Be sure to follow us on FB (@AubryBendMSPTO) and twitter (@AbmsPto).

- **AMAZON SMILE** - Did you know you can support ABMS by shopping through [Amazon Smile](#)? It's an easy way to help, but you MUST shop through our [link](#).
- **8th GRADE FAREWELL** - TBD. We still want to celebrate our 8th graders as they head off to high school, but will need to adjust our plans and dates. We will share more once we get a better idea of what this might look like. The main priority is keeping everyone home, safe and healthy right now!
- **JOIN PTO** - We need YOU! There are so many ways you can help...some are a one time job and others last throughout the year. No experience necessary! It's a fun and easy way to stay involved, meet other parents and keep your finger on the pulse of middle school. Feel free to share the link with any 5th grade parents. We would love to get them involved as they join our Wolverine family next year. Check out the openings [HERE!](#)
- **SPIRIT WEAR** - Our online shop is OPEN! You can stock up on your ABMS gear and PE shirts now through **April 6**. If you know of any incoming 6th graders, be sure to let them know as well. <https://mccwebstores.com/19-408/shop/home>

Staff Office Hours

Click this link to the list of teachers and their office hours:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Y0aFV8gYrTOY4PyhgTlJfuq1Ugo1Fuo/view?usp=sharing>

6th Grade News

Choir:

All Choir information, assignments, and listening is found in Modules! It was so great to see you last week those of you who check in with me during my Zoom office hours. Be in touch any time!

Math:

We are starting our unit covering expressions and equations. Students researched vocabulary associated with this unit. Next week, we will practice and also learn about combining like terms. We know this is NEW stuff! As always, contact your teacher if you have questions or need help! (Email or Canvas Inbox work great.) We're here for you!

ELA:

We were excited to reconnect with students this week via e-learning! Students read and analyzed two poems that explored the theme of overcoming fear and challenges in life. Students were then asked to connect this theme to our current real life circumstances through a creative choice project.

Science: All science teachers are happy to be back and connecting with students! We are excited to start our e-learning with a small unit on geology.

Social Studies:

Has loved seeing your faces this week in videos and on our first class Zoom. We will finish our study of ancient Rome next week and then move on to the Mayans.

7th Grade News

Choir:

All Choir information, assignments, and listening is found in Modules! It was so great to see you last week those of you who check in with me during my Zoom office hours. Be in touch any time!

Social Studies:

Classes will begin learning about Bleeding Kansas. Ask your child how the Jayhawks got their name!

Science:

Enjoyed reconnecting after a long break! We look forward to diving into cellular respiration and photosynthesis next week!

Math:

Enjoyed connecting with students over Zoom, and seeing what you're home classroom looks like! Get ready for inequalities next week!

8th Grade News

Choir:

All Choir information, assignments, and listening is found in Modules! It was so great to see you last week those of you who check in with me during my Zoom office hours. Be in touch any time!

ELA:

We will begin reading the Giver this week and having some great class discussions on Canvas!!

From the Desk of Mrs. Tate...

Thank you for an awesome first week of eLearning! Our teachers, students and families have absolutely rocked this "new normal!"

I heard from several parents this week who shared success stories and appreciation for the work their students are doing online right now. Our teachers were so excited to reconnect with their kids, and they continue to share story after story of students who "drop-in" to their office hours via Zoom just to say, "Hello," or to ask a question about an assignment. During our faculty meeting this morning, our teachers shared their realizations about the relationships they've forged with kids that are only deepening as they try new ways to learn and connect. Many teachers shared, "I didn't realize how much I *missed* my kids!"

I know it's only the first week, but I'm encouraged and energized by the feedback from students, teachers and families. Thank you for supporting our efforts and encouraging your students. Many families have expressed the importance of a routine for each day to help normalize this new format. Mr. Colburn had some great tips in his Tech Tuesday this week for creating time and space for learning in a busy home full of family.

We look forward to our second week with kids in this format and want you to know that we're here – just like always – to support kids and families. Please feel free to reach out to teachers, counselors, or administrators at any time if there's something we can do to better support you and/or your students. We are aware that every household is different and each family has different needs, so if there's something we can do to help you out, don't hesitate to ask.

I have fielded a couple of questions about events and plans for the future. We have officially cancelled the music trip to Branson. I know this is a huge disappointment to the kids, but it's unavoidable. We are currently working with the district to develop a plan for refunds. As you may imagine, that will be no small undertaking, so I appreciate any grace and patience you can give us. As soon as we know something, we will share it with our families.

There are still lots of questions about logistics, retrieving belongings, etc. As soon as I have answers with definitive plans, I promise to share them with you. You may have seen the social media posts from the district, but in case you haven't, our district announced that that last day for students will be Friday, May 22, 2020.

Next week, we traditionally celebrate Paraprofessional Appreciation Week. We have amazing paras on our staff who work with our kids and provide academic, social and emotional support to them. I know you'll join me in thanking these amazing individuals for the work they do and the hearts they have. We will have to "virtually" celebrate them next week, so watch our Facebook and Twitter pages for fun ways to celebrate the ABMS paraprofessional team.

Thank you for supporting our entire ABMS community during 4th quarter eLearning. We love our kids and our community. You can count on us! Stay healthy!

Sincerely,
Diana Tate
Principal



CORONAVIRUS vs. COLD vs. FLU vs. ALLERGIES

SYMPTOMS	COVID-19*	COLD	FLU	ALLERGIES
 Fever	Common (measured at 100 F or higher)	Rare	High (100-102 F), can last 3-4 days	No
 Headache	Sometimes	Rare	Intense	Sometimes
 General aches, pains	Sometimes	Slight	Common, often severe	No
 Fatigue, weakness	Sometimes	Slight	Common, often severe	Sometimes
 Extreme exhaustion	Sometimes (progresses slowly)	Never	Common (starts early)	No
 Stuffy nose	Rare	Common	Sometimes	Common
 Sneezing	Rare	Common	Sometimes	Common
 Sore throat	Rare	Common	Common	No
 Cough	Common	Mild to moderate	Common, can become severe	Sometimes
 Shortness of breath	In more serious infections	Rare	Rare	Common
 Runny nose	Rare	Common	Sometimes	Common
 Diarrhea	Sometimes	No	Sometimes**	No

For more information: www.kdheks.gov/coronavirus

* Information is still evolving.
** Sometimes for children.

Sources: KDHE, CDC, WHO, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology.



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