

Weekly News

January 28, 2022

Calendar Items

Monday, January 31 - Boys basketball games 3:15

- Pastine/Cook @ Leawood
- Stewart/Pulcini @ Home
- Schmidt/Moss Away @ Prairie Star

Wednesday, February 2 - Boys basketball games 3:15

- Pastine/Cook @ Home
- Stewart/Pulcini Away @ Pleasant Ridge
- Schmidt/Moss Away @ Lakewood

Announcements

Do you have a question or concern? We want to help.

If you have a question or concerns, we want to help! Many times by starting at the building level, you will work with the person who is closest to the situation and will usually have the most information. If you feel further discussion is warranted, the following chart can be used as a guide for whom to call when questions arise on the most common topics.

ADDRESSING QUESTIONS & CONCERNS

Families and patrons should use the matrix below to address questions or concerns. Topics should be addressed beginning at Level 1. If the matter cannot be resolved, it is appropriate to move to the next level with the inquiry.



AREAS OF CONCERN	1	2	3	4	5	6
	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 5	LEVEL 6
Academics, Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment	Teacher	Assistant Principal	Principal	Exec. Director Curriculum, Instruction & Innovation	Deputy Superintendent/ Superintendent	Board of Education
Activities & Athletics	Coach/Sponsor	Activities/ Athletic Director or Asst. Principal	Principal	Director of School Administration	Deputy Superintendent/ Superintendent	Board of Education
Discipline	Teacher	Assistant Principal	Principal	Executive Director of School Administration	Deputy Superintendent/ Superintendent	Board of Education
Facilities, Grounds & Maintenance	Assistant Principal	Principal	Coordinator Facilities & Operations	Director Facilities & Operations	Deputy Superintendent	Board of Education
Food Service	School Kitchen Manager	Principal	Coordinator Food & Nutrition Services	Director Food & Nutrition Services	Deputy Superintendent/ Superintendent	Board of Education
General Concerns	Teacher	Assistant Principal	Principal	District Level Directors	Deputy Superintendent/ Superintendent	Board of Education
SEL & Mental Health	Teacher	School Counselor, Social Worker or Psychologist	Principal	Exec. Director Curriculum, Instruction & Innovation	Deputy Superintendent	Board of Education
Special Education	Teacher	Assistant Principal	Principal	Assistant Superintendent Special Education	Superintendent	Board of Education
Transportation	Assistant Principal	Principal	Transportation Coordinator	Director Business Operations	Deputy Superintendent/ Superintendent	Board of Education

Resource Fair is Back

The BV School District and BV Special Education Advisory Council is pleased to announce that after a year away, the Blue Valley Special Needs Resource Fair is returning (with safety precautions) on Thursday, February 10, 2022 between 5:00 - 8:00 PM at Hilltop Conference Center. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

**SPECIAL NEEDS
RESOURCE
FAIR**

2022 BLUE VALLEY

**BLUE VALLEY
SCHOOLS**
Education Beyond Expectations

12TH ANNUAL

If you are a parent, teacher or caregiver of an individual with special needs, or a self advocate, PLEASE JOIN US!

EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2022
5:00-8:00PM

Hilltop Conference Center
7700 W 143rd St. Overland Park, KS 66223
(Entrance is on the WEST side of the campus)

Visit **IN-PERSON** with service providers in the Kansas City area representing various disabilities, information on camps and other recreational opportunities, therapies, equipment, adult/transition services, financial/legal, health & wellness, and much more!

There will be **NO CHILD CARE** this year due to COVID-19 precautions.

Sponsored by the Blue Valley School District and the Blue Valley Special Education Advisory Council (BVSEAC)

Student Services January Snapshot

Each month we will be using a section of the Sources of Strength wheel as the basis for our flex lessons. This month focused on healthy activities that help cope with stress.

All grades: In flex classes, students reflected on how stress affects each of us individually. We discussed the positive and negative effects of stress and ways that we can cope with it. Students created their own pocket plans with examples of how they can cope with stress on a daily basis, in the moment, and ways they can reset after a stressful day.

Next week, we will be going into current 6th and 7th grade classes to talk about enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year. We will be sending out more specific information later next week.

Save the Date! Parent-Teacher Conferences

We will offer both Zoom and in-person conferences again this semester; however, we are streamlining the process and communication to make it less confusing.

- Wednesday, February 16 – in-person 10 minute scheduled conferences
- Thursday, February 17 – Zoom 10 minute schedule conferences

We will send specific information on how to schedule conferences via email on February 7.

Course Fees

Middle school course fee payment for the 2021-22 school year is open and [online now](#). Your ParentVUE login and password are required to pay course fees.

- Course fees are assigned based on your student's enrollment. Some seventh and eighth grade exploratory/elective classes include course fees.
- Course fees are assigned for the second semester only.

Questions regarding fee payment should be directed to Sharon Jirak, ABMS Bookkeeper, sjirak@bluevalleyk12.org.

Play Information

PLEASE VISIT THE PLAY WEBSITE AT <https://tinyurl.com/abmsspringplay>

Spring Play Rehearsal Schedule:

*Only Jubie K. cast is required at rehearsal from the 31st-4th!

*Crew Calendar is now posted to the Canvas page and linked below!

- Monday 31st: Jubie K. Cast Read Through & Blocking + set construction 3:00-4:00PM
- Tuesday 1st: Jubie K. Cast Blocking + set construction 3:00-4:00PM
- Wednesday 2nd: Jubie K. Cast Read Blocking + set construction 3:00-4:00PM
- Thursday 3rd: Jubie K. Cast Off Book + set construction + set moving 3:00-4:00PM
- Friday 4th: Jubie K. Cast Full Scene + set construction + set moving 3:00-4:00PM

To see the full play rehearsal calendar, please follow this link:

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To see the full crew calendar, please follow this link:

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Club Information

Diversity Club:

Diversity Club will have its first meeting of the year on Wednesday, February 2 from 3-3:30pm in Mrs. Vail's room (310). All are welcome! Please join us if you are interested!

Community Service Club:

Community Service Club will be meeting on Wednesday, February 9 from 3-3:30pm in Mrs. Vail's room (310). All are welcome! We will be planning our service projects for the next few months.

Covid Protocols for Athletics

Until further notice, athletes in a KSHSAA sport (basketball, cheer and track and field) must follow the guidelines listed below.

- If a student tests positive for Covid, they will be eligible to return to school on day 6 if they are symptom free for 24 hours free from any medication. Students will need to wear a mask throughout the day as well as during practice and games, no exceptions through day 10. Students will eat in a separate setting until day 10.
- Students who test positive for Covid, will need a doctor's note clearing them for return to play procedures for their school sport (this season: boys basketball and cheer), which will be completed by our athletic trainer when they get the doctor's clearance and return to school and practice. This is the guidance from KSHSAA and is being followed by all member schools at all levels in the state.
- Masking during physical activity is not necessary outside of the 10 day window, but a doctors clearance for return to play is once a student tests positive.

PTO News

CONCESSIONS

Boys basketball is in full swing! We are partnering with Student Council and just need 1 or 2 adults to handle the money. The Student Council students will do the leg work ;-). If you have some time, sign up on the link. You can sign up for both games or just one! Grab a friend and join the fun! Thanks in advance!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054BA4A62EA3FE3-abms3>



Aubry Bend Middle School PTO

WOLVERINE NIGHT (WAN)

As you saw last Friday, WAN has been canceled for tonight and we have something fun coming in its place. Stay tuned for more information in the weeks to come and thank you for your understanding!

INVEST IN ABMS DONATIONS

If you donated to ABMS, your receipt for taxes can be found on Parentvue under "fees." We will not be sending out a copy in the mail this year. If you have any questions, or cannot find the receipt please email our PTO at abmspto@gmail.com and we will be happy to help. Thank you so much for your generosity.

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

10th Annual Battle of the Bands benefiting BVEF

Please join our very own "BVIP" Season Lentz for this fun, adults-only night out! This event raises money for music and arts in Blue Valley schools.

You don't have to have kids in the district to attend and if you're a BVSD employee, you get a half-price ticket (\$15)!

Click [Blue Valley Educational Foundation - Battle of the Bands 2022 \(bidpal.net\)](https://bidpal.net) and buy a ticket for \$30. Input BVIPSeason as a promo code so we know you're coming.

There are also sponsorship opportunities if you'd like to get a reserved table and help promote your business.

WHEN: Saturday, Feb. 26

WHERE: RC's Back Door in Martin City

WHO: 5 past Champion bands will be performing.

(These are not student bands, these are adults with ties to Blue Valley.)

A Special Partnership Between Student Council and PTO:

Student Council in conjunction with the PTO will be selling sensory boxes.

A sensory box is a container filled with interesting sensory toys that appeal to and stimulate the senses. Typically, they are used for sensory breaks, play, learning, relaxation, stimulation, and exploration. These boxes would make great Valentine's gifts or a just a fun I love you gift.

Student Council would like to use the proceeds from the sale to provide support and gifts for Ellie and Thomas Torres. For those who might not be aware Katy Torres, our art teacher, has a 16 year old daughter with a very rare form of Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Recently Ellie received a bone marrow transplant from her brother Thomas. Both are recovering. Please help us in our efforts to support the Torres family.

If you would like to pre-order a sensory box, please fill out this [form](#) and put the number of boxes you wish underneath the category you would like.



Invest in ABMS.pdf

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6th Grade News

Math:

6th grade math will be starting the Statistics Unit next week. There will be an independent project driven by each student's individual interests and curiosities on a subject of their choice.

ELA:

After research and pre-writing last week, students started writing their Cell Phone argumentative essay this week. They learned how to write a 3-prong thesis statement, topic sentences, and supporting their claim with evidence from informational texts. Students also worked on grammar, organization, and effective writing skills as they continued to draft throughout the week.

Science:

Our topic this week is Continental Drift Theory and Sea Floor Spreading. We are finishing up Convection Currents. Ask your child about it.

Social Studies:

This week students filmed travel commercials about Athens or Sparta. Ask your child where they decided they wanted to live and why. Next week we will be learning about some of the conflicts and wars that ancient Greeks faced.

7th Grade News

ELA:

Students are concluding their Argumentative Writing Unit. Should schools start later? Is access to the Internet a human right? Ask your student what topic what they picked and argued for or against! We are seeing some great writers in the making! Next up: We will read the classic novel, *Where the Red Fern Grows*. Dig out the tissues for this heartwarming story!

Math:

We are exploring integrating proportional relationships to real world problems and situations. Using scale factor and proportions to make predictions.

Science:

What do you get when you cross genetics with probability and chance in math? Real life! Err... **Punnett Squares!** We investigated the probability of offspring inheriting certain **traits** based on the **genotypes** of the parents. We also practiced identifying **phenotypes** based on known genotypes as a way to apply and practice our vocabulary. Your student(s) learned how to do these probability charts (Punnett Squares) with fun characters from SpongeBob and student designed aliens. It has been a lot of fun playing matchmaker!

Continue to practice that vocabulary at <https://quizlet.com/560186486/7th-grade-genetics-vocabulary-flash-cards/?x=1jqt>

[7th grade Genetics Vocabulary Flashcards | Quizlet](#)

Vocabulary for 7th Grade Genetics Unit Learn with flashcards, games, and more – for free. quizlet.com

Social Studies:

We've been learning about the earliest inhabitants of Kansas- the paleoindian peoples who arrived to this area about 10,000 years ago, and their descendants, the more modern American Indian tribes! It's really hard to imagine what Kansas looked like over these millenia, because based on archaeological evidence, the geography has gone through some very different looks compared to today! We're finishing up this early period of history with a fun, short project to design a roadtrip across the state, and next we'll be looking at European and American settlement of the area as the cultures begin to meet.

8th Grade News

Algebra:

Systems of equations and start systems of inequalities.

Math 8:

Testing over parallel lines being intersected by a transversal. Begin work on interior and exterior angles of triangles.

Moss Science:

Continue investigation of Newton's laws. Examine the effects of mass on changes in motion.

Farris Science:

Farris Science: Starting the egg drop lab. Students need to bring supplies from home that will prevent an egg from breaking when dropped from the 3rd floor. Items are due on Monday, January 31.

Social Studies:

Begin unit on the Civil War

ELA:

Continue reading "Night" by Elie Weisel.

From the Desk of Mrs. Tate

I love the change of seasons in Kansas. I love how the weather lets me know that we're moving through the seasons and life cycles of our earth. I love the smell of a fall morning. I love the smell of fresh cut grass in summer. I love the baby plants peeking through the soil in spring. I love a fresh blanket of snow. And...the older I get, the faster I want winter to be over. It's cute in the beginning, but I'm tired of being cold.

This time of year is sometimes hard for our kids. The cold weather prevents them from being outside as much as they may like. The days are short, and it's no fun to come to school in the dark and watch it get dark so early in the evening. This phenomenon can impact students (and adults) motivation, and we often see kids' grade slip during this time.

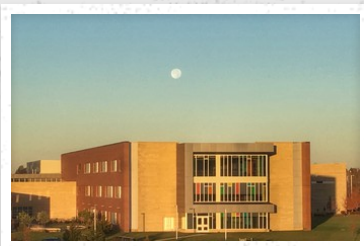
As we make our way through winter, I thought it might be helpful to provide some tools to keep kids motivated to stay current with their schoolwork, so their grades don't suffer.

- **Keep moving!** Even though it's cold outside, make sure to stay active. Regular exercise, even indoors, helps reduce stress and improve sleep.
- **Spend some time outside!** Even though it's cold, the fresh air and change of scenery can change your perspective and clear your head.
- **Eat well!** When the winter blahs threaten to make you reach for chips and dip...again...grab some fresh fruit, make a salad, or munch on crunchy vegetables. Comfort foods leave you sluggish, but healthy foods give you energy.
- **Set mini-goals!** If procrastination is creeping in, set 5-10 minute productivity goals. Reach them and set another one. Do this a few times in a row, then give yourself a reward (like a healthy snack, a quick dance party, or 5 minutes in the sunshine). You could set a goal for 13 seconds; Patrick Mahomes and his team accomplished A LOT in 13 seconds!

Winter doesn't have to be dreary! After all, spring is right around the corner, and we'll be outside again for another 9 months.

Have a wonderful weekend! Go Chiefs!

Sincerely,
Diana Tate, Principal




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