

# Weekly News

October 15, 2021

## Calendar Items

Tuesday, October 19 - 7/8 Orchestra concert 7p.m.

Tuesday, October 19 - B team football game AWAY

Wednesday, October 20 - 6th grade Band/Choir/Orchestra concert

Thursday, October 21 - Football games - A team HOME

Friday, October 22 - PTO Meeting 9 a.m. on ZOOM

## 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 the "Past Enrollments" section. **Courses for this quarter will conclude on October 14th, 11:59pm.** Report cards will be generated and available on ParentVUE at the end of the school day, October 22nd after 4pm. 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](http://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](#)).

## WE Survey Information for Families

Families, we want to know more about your student(s)' experiences in our school. To better understand, we are asking our students (grades 3-12), staff, and families to provide us with anonymous feedback regarding their perceptions of the learning environment, quality of instruction, and leadership at our school.

The **WE Learn Student Survey** is an anonymous, perceptual survey intended for grades 3-12. It includes about 50 items, each rated on a Likert scale, and will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete.

Examples of survey items include, but are not limited to:

- This school has high expectations for all students.
- My teachers present lessons in different ways.
- My teachers know my academic interests and goals.

You will have an opportunity to provide your feedback as well. Starting November 1st through November 15th, our students' families can participate in the WE Support Survey. This perceptual, anonymous, voluntary survey, is similar. The survey contains about 50 questions, rated on a Likert scale, and will take approximately 10 - 15 minutes to complete. The results will help us to better understand our community's perceptions of the school experience and their expectations of our school. Be on the lookout for additional information to come when the survey window opens on November 1st.

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. Only students whose families give permission (select, "I DO give permission...") to participate will participate. This means, for your student to participate, you must log in to ParentVue and select the option, "I **DO** give permission for my child(ren) to participate in the WE Learn Survey," on the consent form that pops up.
- Implementation reflects a Kansas State Department of Education requirement for school districts to collect data on instructional practices as well as the learning environment.
- You can learn more about the survey at <http://wesurveys.org/>.
- If you have any questions about the WE Survey Suite, please contact Dr. Kelly Wessel at [kcwessel@bluevalleyk12.org](mailto:kcwessel@bluevalleyk12.org).

## Important Message about PE classes

Beginning the start of second quarter (October 18th), students who are in PE will begin to dress out for class as part of their grade in PE as we have always done pre-Covid. We are thrilled that we are returning to our normal procedures as your students work so hard in class! Students will need a plain gray colored shirt, tennis shoes and activewear bottoms for class

along with a combination lock. Students will also be assigned a PE locker where they can keep their belongs. We wanted to make you aware that will be writing the students names on these shirts so that students can keep track of them if they get lost. If students have an Aubry Bend PE shirt they may wear that. There was a link in the newsletter several weeks in a row so we know some of you did order the ABMS PE shirt but we know not everyone was able to get this order in. Students who will take PE second semester will be required to purchase an Aubry Bend PE shirt. Information about that purchase will be coming out soon with time for purchase. Please let us know if you have any questions.

**REQUIRED by Oct. 18:**

\*Combination Lock

\*Grey T-shirt or ABMS/BV Phys. Ed T-shirt that will have name in sharpie added in class

\*Bottoms- black shorts, leggings, joggers

\*Tennis Shoes/Socks (can be what they wear to school if they wear tennis shoes)

**-Optional things to keep in locker:**

\*plastic bottle body spray (no glass)

\*deodorant

\*brush/hair ties

If you have questions do not hesitate to reach out to any one of us,

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## **Girls Basketball starts soon!**

Any 8th grade girl who is interested in participating in Basketball this Winter will need to have these [attached forms](#) completed prior to participation. If your student participated in a sport this fall (Cross Country, Volleyball, Football or Cheer) they would not need to complete these forms again. Girls Basketball season begins October 25th and will run up to the week before Winter Break. Boys Basketball season begin after Winter Break. Stay tuned for information about that season.

## **Math Counts**

Math Counts will meet on Monday, October 18th from 3:00-4:00 pm in Mrs. Redlin's room (313). If you are interested in joining Math Counts, please fill out this Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/y2pHuw4V76dd2WRp6>

## **SAVE THE DATES...The Book Fair is Coming!**

**SCHOLASTIC**  
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**FALL**  
**BOOK FAIR**

**NOVEMBER 2ND-NOVEMBER 5TH**

STUDENTS' ELA CLASSES WILL VISIT THE BOOK FAIR ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:  
6TH: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND  
7TH: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH  
8TH: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

**Join us for family night on Wednesday, November 3rd from 5:00pm-6:30pm!**

ABMS teachers will have wish lists you may purchase books from to help grow their classroom libraries.

This year's ABMS Book Fair is supporting Ronald McDonald House Charities. Don't miss the opportunity to purchase a book donation for this amazing organization.

Thank you for supporting the ABMS Fall Book Fair! Please consider volunteering to help with the book fair and sign up for at least one of these committees or shifts during the event. We are looking for volunteers on October 29th, and November 2nd-5th. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C48AFA72CA2FB6-book1>

Check out our Scholastic Book Fair webpage for more information!

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/aubrybendmiddlesch1>

## Student Council

Thank you for everyone who applied to participate in Student Council this year. Our first meeting will be Thursday, October 21st from 2:50-3:30pm in room 115. An email with future dates was sent to students email & a handout will be provided at our first meeting.

## Musical

**CAST AND CREW:** Mark your calendars! All Cast AND Crew should attend rehearsal afterschool on Monday, OCTOBER 18 for a crew photo and to learn the bows portion of the show. All crew are invited to bow at the end of the show, but they must come to the October 18th rehearsal to get a bow group assigned to them. We will practice a few times that day.

- CREW: 3-4pm on October 18
- **Lighting, sound, curtain crew, set movers** stay on October 18 from 3-4pm for bows AND STAY until 5pm for your crew. Note: these crews stay until 5pm all this week and next week.
- CAST: 3-5pm on Oct. 18

**CAST AND CREW:** Tickets will go on sale on **October 18**. There will be an email with a link for our online ticketing system. Each cast or crew member is allotted 4 tickets for family members to see the show. Please respect that limit so all students have their families present.

- AFTER families have had a chance to purchase tickets, we will open the purchases up for families needing more than 4 tickets. **PLEASE respect the initial limit for 4 per cast and crew member.**
- Shows will be at 7pm on November 3, 4, and 5.
- \*Cast and crew do not need a ticket. Crew may attend an evening performance and be seated in a crew section, so please do not purchase a ticket for them.

**CAST:** a new rehearsal calendar was distributed on Friday at rehearsal. It is also found on canvas and linked here:

**CREW:** Please check the canvas page and click on "CREW CLICK HERE" to see the calendars for when you should attend rehearsals.

**Lighting, sound, curtain crew, set movers and hair/makeup crews come this week!**



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## PTO News

Did you know that ABMS PTO relies on PTO membership and Invest donations to fund the majority of their activities throughout the year? Funds from these two sources replace "fun runs" and door to door sales which other schools rely on to fund their school activities.

Proceeds raised through the PTO membership and Invest donations get used to to **grant college scholarships** to **ABMS alumni**, hold **Wolverine Activity Nights** for our **ABMS students**,

host **Family Fun night** events for our **families**, host **appreciation events** for our **teachers and staff**, celebrate **8th grade graduation**, fund **special classroom needs** for our **teachers**, and so much more!!

Please click on the QR code link above to purchase your **PTO membership** and to **donate to Invest**. In addition, all PTO members will receive a **ABMS directory** and **window decal** to promote their ABMS school pride! **Thank you in advance for your support of ABMS!**



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## 6th Grade News

### ELA:

ELA students have learned so much this quarter. They finished strong by writing a personal narrative about a conflict they have experienced in their lives. Students incorporated plot, conflict, characterization, theme, point of view, and dialogue into this writing assignment. It was great reading the final products and seeing how much the students have grown in their writing skills in just one quarter! Have your student share their personal narrative with you – we think you will be impressed!

### Math:

Math ended the quarter playing Battleship to practice graphing on a coordinate plane. We will start learning about absolute value and inequalities next week to kick off quarter two.

### **Social Studies:**

This week we finished our Empire simulation. Ask your child which group won in their hour. We are looking forward to starting our ancient Egypt unit next week.

### **Choir:**

Concert week has arrived!

**Tuesday, October 19** 6th grade choir students stay after school until 4:00pm for a combined rehearsal in the commons. *Please have a ride home for the end of rehearsal at 4:00pm.*

**Wednesday, October 20** is our concert! Families should drop off choir students at the back entrance of the school (south side) at 6:30pm. Students should arrive in our uniform of green music department polo shirt and black bottoms, black socks and black shoes. Families and friends should stay outside of the building until 6:50pm. At 6:50pm, audience members should proceed to the gym and the performance will begin at 7pm or once everyone is seated. Looking forward to an awesome performance!

### **6th Grade Band**

Our first band concert will be on **Weds Oct 20 at 6:00pm in the ABMS gym!** Students should arrive in time to be **seated in the gym at 5:30pm** for warm up, sound check, practice, and tuning. Students should wear their Green ABMS Music Polo with black pants and the darkest/cleanest shoes they have. (We have extra polos for those who haven't been able to get one! Or, students may wear a black top instead) The concert will last about 25 minutes; then, the orchestra will perform at 6:30, then the choir at 7:00. Students do not have to stay for the other performances but are encouraged to support their friends! We are all excited to share our music with you!

### **6th Grade Orchestra**

Orchestra's first concert is on **Weds Oct 20 at 6:30pm**. Students should arrive by 6:20 through the south doors and parents can head to the gym. Students should arrive in our uniform of green music department polo shirt and black bottoms, black socks and black shoes.

## **7th Grade News**

### **ELA:**

Students are wrapping up their reading of *The Watsons Go to Birmingham-1963* as we end quarter 1 and begin quarter 2. We are so proud of the writers they are becoming! Next up: We will start quarter 2 with some basic grammar refreshers before we dive into research on London in the Victorian Era.

### **Integrated Math:**

We are starting Unit 2, which is an intro to algebra. We will be evaluating expressions and solving equations!

### **Advanced Math:**

Students just assessed over our Real Numbers unit. Next week, we are starting the next "Big Idea," which involves exploring patterns and identifying algebraic expressions.

### **Science:**

Students had a fun "lab week!" Not only did they see the progress of bacteria and mold growth in their petri dishes, but they ALSO got to see microorganisms from pond water under the microscope. Next week, students will work on a brain injury project! Students will play neurosurgeon, and help diagnose and assess a brain injury for a patient and the family. They'll also bring in real-world information in finding out common treatments for these injuries as well. If you work in medicine, this is a perfect opportunity to share your professional experiences with your kid(s) to further develop their projects!

### **Social Studies:**

**Redford & Squyres:** This week Social Studies classes developed and practiced map skills with a fun challenge to find a missing bobsled team. What a great end to the first quarter! Coming up next is a project to design their own country, with topography and everything! **We could use CLEAN, Large pizza boxes to hold their beautiful creations.**

**Fairburn:** This week we started our unit on Physical Geography, and I'm testing out a way of teaching that I've never done before (a progressive mastery unit that is student-paced- "The Grid Method"). We're bringing in a ton of Earth Science to help us learn why climates are the way they are, and why people live where they do, one baby step at a time. There's even a lab involved! Who says science is only for science class?? So far the kids are doing extremely well with a very different way of learning that is at their own pace, and I'm mightily impressed. I'm getting amazing one-on-one time with the kids that need it, and students who grasp the concept(s) quickly can move forward through the unit at their discretion. For more information on the "Grid Method" system, please check Canvas under the Classroom Information module).

### **Orchestra:**

We are excited to have our first orchestra concert of the year on **Tuesday, October 19th at 7:00pm**. Please have students arrive by 6:30 to warm up and tune. See you there!

## **8th Grade News**

### **Farris Science:**

How Thermal Energy affects states of matter and particle movement.

### **ELA:**

We are excited to begin second quarter exploring our essential question: How do people's journeys affect their understanding of the people and world around them?

### **Orchestra:**

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## From the Desk of Mrs. Tate

Happy end of the quarter! We had a fantastic week at ABMS this week even though Mother Nature poured on us during arrival on Wednesday!

Yesterday was one of the most feared but most favorite days of my career! We took our whole student body out at 10:30 a.m. to watch the BVSU Homecoming Parade. It was a beautiful, sunny day. There was a marching band. There were floats. There were mascots. There were pom poms and cowbells. There was royalty. And, maybe most importantly to our kids, there was CANDY.

I feared this day because of all the things that could go wrong. As a middle school administrator, I never know what each day will bring, and even though this can make my job completely exciting, it sometimes makes it a little scary...like taking 780 kids to a parade and hoping it's a positive experience for everyone.

I'm not going to lie, handing middle school kids pom poms, cow bells and candy at 10:30 in the morning can be a recipe for excitement (read disaster), but it was a complete blast! It was one of my favorite days ever because it was so genuine and fun. We felt connected to BVSU. We felt connected and embraced by our community. Everyone had such a great time, and the kids enjoyed seeing what their future might look like as they progress "across the pasture" to BVSU. We loved seeing our former students and connecting with our community. It was such a fun way to build school and community spirit! I'm so glad we were invited to participate as spectators and made it happen. I appreciate our teachers for their willingness to be involved and help give our kids this opportunity!

By the way, we collected the pom poms and cow bells before we let the kids back into the building.

I also want to thank our students and staff for making National Principal Week/Month so special for Ryan and me. We were showered with heartfelt notes of gratitude, cards, candy and donuts...all things we LOVE! I will keep those notes all year to read over and over when I need a pick-me-up. One of my favorites read, "Good job on figuring out how this school year should work after last year!" From the mouths of babes...that absolutely made our year.

I hope you have a fantastic long weekend and enjoy the fall weather! We love our community and appreciate your support of ABMS.

Sincerely,  
Diana Tate, Principal

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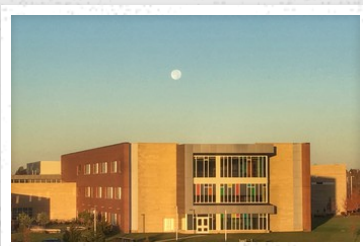


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