

Weekly News

December 17, 2021

Calendar Items

Tuesday, December 21 - End of semester - Classes dismiss at 10:50 a.m.

Wednesday, December 22 - January 4 - Winter Break

Wednesday, January 5 - School resumes

Announcements

Important Info About Courses and Grades in Canvas

The end of the first semester is nearly here. Our students have had a great first semester of learning and we continue to see the positive impacts of our learning management system, Canvas, in our classrooms. As we gear up for the end of the semester, please take note of the important information below regarding grades and courses in Canvas.

End of Semester Information

At the end of the day on Tuesday, December 21st, courses in Canvas will conclude and will no longer be visible on the Canvas Parent app. A concluded course is only visible through the [Canvas Website](#). To view concluded courses, open Canvas in a web browser, log in, and click on the Courses tab. Click View All Courses and scroll down to find the past enrollments.

[Access Past Enrollment guide \(Video tutorial\)](#)

Final exam scores and other individual assignment grades can be viewed in Canvas. Semester grades reports will be published in ParentVUE on January 12th.

Need some help?

Blue Valley has a variety of resources available for parent support on the district's Canvas web page, www.bluevalleyk12.org/canvas.

Fostering a Safe School Environment

Blue Valley Schools is committed to promoting and fostering a safe environment in and around all of our schools. through the convergence of physical and intellectual security measures, we are continuously working to prevent, mitigate, respond to, and recover from a wide range of emergencies. Please check out [available ways to report safety concerns](#).

LOST AND FOUND

We will be putting the lost and found items on tables next week so students who are missing things can see if their item is there. On Dec. 21, we'll bag everything up and donate the remaining items to a local donation site. There are TONS of water bottles, clothes, and lunch bags. If your student is missing one of these items, please have them check the lost and found tables. Thank you!

Math Support for All Students

If your student is **in need of some extra time and support outside of class time** from a math teacher, **our math team is available!** Please see the days/times below for math lab. Students can see any teacher for assistance. Students should see their grade level teachers during the math lab time to ask questions, get clarification, make up work/tests, or have a teacher help them through an assignment/project. Help will be available from now until May.

6th grade

Thursdays 3:00-4:00 – Room 304

7th grade

Mondays 3:00 -4:00 - Room 206

Thursdays 3:00-4:00 - Room 212

8th grade

Tuesdays 7:00-7:30 a.m. – Room 105

Tuesdays 3:00-4:00 p.m. – Room 112

Wednesdays 7:00-7:30 a.m. – Room 105

Thursdays 7:00-7:30 a.m. – Room 105

Thursdays 3:00-4:00 p.m. – Room 112

Fridays 3:00-4:00 p.m. – Room 113

8th Grade Boys' Basketball

Any 8th grade boy who is interested in playing basketball for Aubry Bend this winter will need to complete the following [Athletic Packet](#) and turn it in to the Aubry Bend Office before the season begins. The first day of practice will be the day we return from Winter Break January

5th. If your student ran Cross Country, played Football or turned in a packet earlier this year, they do not need to complete another one. If you have questions, please contact the Aubry Bend main office. **Tryouts will be January 5, 6, 7 beginning at 3:00 and ending at 5:00 p.m.**

Winter Cheerleading

Any 7th or 8th grade student who is interested in cheering for the boys' basketball winter season can plan to attend our first Cheer Meeting on **Monday, January 10th from 3:00 – 4:00 in the 6th grade pod**. If you have not already filled out the Athletic Packet this school year, please complete the following [Athletic Packet](#) and turn it in to the Aubry Bend Office before the cheer season begins. Cheer will have practice on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Jan. 11-13 after school from 3:00-4:00 pm in the 6th grade pod. We will share all the details and guidelines with students on Monday during the informational meeting. We look forward to Winter Cheer!

Thank you

Thank you to all of the ABMS families and staff members that donated to our 5 families. I met with the families this week and they were so grateful. Thank you for helping fellow Wolverines in need.

Math Counts

Math Counts will NOT meet Monday, December 20th. Mrs. Redlin has sent a Canvas email to all who participated in the school competition this week. Please check your email for your score results. Feel free to stop by room 313 to see your test results in-person.

PTO News

SPIRITWEAR

Spirit Wear is ready for pickup at ABMS! Families that ordered will get an email from the Den letting them know their order is ready.

Students and parents can pick up their spirit wear from the office **Thursday and Friday** during building open hours. The name on the bag should match the name on the order.

We understand that some of these are holiday gifts and will also offer pick up **Saturday 18th from 10am-1pm at 17120 Ballentine Street.**



Aubry Bend Middle School PTO

Not sure if you ordered? There was an alert email sent out today, Wednesday, 12/16.
Please direct any questions to Mary Beth Ravanese 918-849-0398

WOLVERINE ACTIVITY NIGHT

Mark your calendars for Wolverine Night 1/22/2022. Keep checking social media/ABMS Weekly News for more information and updates.

BLUE VALLEY EDUCATIONAL FUND BATTLE OF THE BANDS AUCTION BASKET

Sign up to donate items, or money to put towards our Battle of the Band Auction basket <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054BA4A62EA3FE3-bvef>. The basket will be auctioned off at the Battle of the Bands on 2/28/2022. If you would like to donate funds or have any questions, contact **Season Lentz** at seasontitus@hotmail.com

INVEST IN ABMS- DONATION IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Don't forget to make your tax deductible donation to INVEST IN ABMS!



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6th Grade News

Choir:

All choir students need to turn in their sheet music before the end of the semester.

ELA:

ELA finished reading the novel, *Amal Unbound* this week. We analyzed the theme of the story (life lesson/moral), and connected this theme to a real life example of a person making a difference and changing our world for the better, just like the fictional character did in our story. Ask your student how they liked the book and specially the ending. On Monday we will have a fun culminating activity– an online breakout room related to the novel. Enjoy the Winter Break with family and friends!

Math:

Math classes worked on a small decimal operation unit this week to wrap up the quarter. Students learned/recalled how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide with decimals. We hope you enjoy your winter break!

Social Studies:

We are anticipating the Ancient Greece Festival for our social studies classes on Tuesday, December 21st. It will include a Greek Olympic Quiz Bowl (intelligence strength), games, crafts, Olympic events, and a virtual reality tour. We are looking forward to a very enjoyable morning. Students will represent different city-states and portray different roles for their team.

Please encourage your children to dress accordingly (togas with school attire underneath, city-state t-shirts, etc.). We have been talking about this in class over the last couple of weeks. We would also like to **invite you to participate** in the Greek Olympic Quiz Bowl with us on the morning of the 21st. We would love to have a parent team competing against the student teams that morning. (Think of it as Trivial Pursuit, but Ancient Greek themed.) At some point between 7:55-10:20, your child will be in a 25 minute rotation competing in this quiz bowl. If you are interested in volunteering for part of that morning, please **reach out to your child's social studies teacher** to find out what time your child will be in the quiz bowl rotation. We would love to have you join us! (Please remember, masks are required.)

We look forward to seeing some of you on the 21st!

7th Grade News

The 7th grade teacher team wishes our students and families
a very lovely winter break!

Choir:

All choir students need to turn in their sheet music before the end of the semester.

ELA:

Students are finishing strong by reading a novel and looking deeper into the elements of literature such as theme, point of view, and plot. We wish everyone a well-deserved, relaxing winter break!

Math:

We hope everyone enjoys the break!!! We just finished our Algebra Unit and will be moving to a unit that involves proportions and percents.

Science:

This week was spent assessing over the human body systems in a more traditional manner. When we return from winter break, we will dive into genetics and heredity! Rest those body systems and we'll see you in January!

Social Studies:

We finished up assessing over our place in the world's population by writing or completing an argumentative response to "Am I in the majority or minority of the world's population?" Then, we got a new driving question: Why do people move? This was our guiding question before winter break as we focused on the journeys of refugees. We practiced map skills by mapping the journey of a refugee as well. In January we will complete the Kansas State Assessment for 7th grade social studies, *another* argumentative response and practicing our inquiry skills.

8th Grade News

Choir:

All choir students need to turn in their sheet music before the end of the semester.

From the Desk of Mrs. Tate

As the last full week of the semester ends, I want to thank our families for a wonderful, fulfilling, and successful semester. None of us really knew exactly what this year would look like, and I'm thankful that we have such a strong community of support for our kids, our staff, and our educational goals.

We've identified challenges we didn't know existed and celebrated successes we weren't sure would happen. Last week I shared all the awesome activities our students engaged in to connect themselves to our school. From curricular to extra-curricular activities, we're proud to see high levels of engagement and interest among our students and families. As we look toward second semester, we're excited to share our goals and dreams with our kids and community.

Before we dive in to second semester, we want all our families and staff to have a well-deserved break. I hope that our ABMS community takes the winter break to rest, rejuvenate and reconnect with one another.

We have much to celebrate, and I'm so proud of all that we've accomplished this semester. We will reflect and celebrate those accomplishments with our kids next Monday and Tuesday. On Tuesday, students are dismissed at 10:50 a.m. for the winter break and will return for the first day of second semester on Wednesday, January 5, 2022.

Thank you for your continued support of Aubry Bend!

Sincerely,
Diana Tate, Principal



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