

# Weekly News

February 25, 2022

## Calendar Items

Monday, February 28 - Boys basketball games 3:15

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

Wednesday, March 2 - Boys basketball games 3:15 (Make up game)

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

## Announcements

### Track and Field

Any 7th or 8th grader who is interested in participating in Track and Field this spring should fill out this [form](#). Our season will begin March 28th. Students who are interested need to have the following [physical form](#) completed and turned into the office prior to starting practice. This form must be dated after May 1, 2021. If a student participated in a sport already this year (Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Cross Country or Cheer) they do not need to fill out a new physical form but should fill out the interest form.

### Play Information

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

## Spring Play Rehearsal Schedule:

\*Tickets for the play will open to the public on Friday, March 4th at 6:00 AM. Tickets can be purchased at <https://bluevalley.hometownticketing.com/embed/all?schools=37>

- Monday 28th: Bathmat Man Cast Off Book + Set Moving 3:00-4:00PM
- Tuesday 1st: WHOLE CAST + Lighting, Set Moving, Sound, and Curtains Crew 3:00-5:00PM
- Wednesday 2nd: WHOLE CAST + Lighting, Set Moving, Sound, and Curtains Crew 3:00-5:00PM
- Thursday 3rd: WHOLE CAST + Lighting, Set Moving, Sound, and Curtains Crew 3:00-5:00PM
- Friday 4th: WHOLE CAST + Lighting, Set Moving, Sound, and Curtains Crew 3:00-5:00PM

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

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vRLEu8VfU\\_yz0GECuSqKerrV8De2DriONmXqR8hSh6bDuJAla6s7bti3lK5U6tbr\\_YzNpAdA\\_vcdl7z/pub](https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vRLEu8VfU_yz0GECuSqKerrV8De2DriONmXqR8hSh6bDuJAla6s7bti3lK5U6tbr_YzNpAdA_vcdl7z/pub)

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

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## PTO News

### **CONCESSIONS**

Our last home game is on Monday, February 28th. We could use 1 more person to help out in concessions. Please see the sign up below if you are interested! Thanks in advance!

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

### **PTO POSITIONS FOR 2022-2023**

Wanting to get involved, but not sure how? Check out our sign up or reach out to [abmspto@gmail.com](mailto:abmspto@gmail.com) with any questions you might have and we will be happy to help! Thank you for your consideration.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c44abac23aafc1-20222023>

### **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](mailto:abmspto@gmail.com) and we will be happy to help. Thank you so much for your generosity.

### **Blue Valley Education Foundation Presents: BATTLE OF THE BANDS**

The event this Saturday is **sold out!!!** But, that doesn't mean you get shop the auction! You don't have to be present to win. Check it out at [Blue Valley Educational Foundation - Battle of](#)



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[the Bands 2022 \(bidpal.net\)](http://bidpal.net)

### **TEACHER APPRECIATION**

Thank you to the teacher appreciation committee for putting together such a great spread for our teachers and staff during conferences! Because of the inclement weather on Thursday, the teachers were able to enjoy this wonderful food on Tuesday when they got back from the long weekend.



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## **6th Grade News**

### **Science:**

We will be beginning our Rocks and Minerals Unit. Students will get their new digital notebook. This week we'll focus on what are minerals and how they are formed.

### **Social Studies:**

We have wrapped up our unit on Ancient Greece and moved next door to Ancient Rome. Students will now be learning about the conquests and military strategies of the Roman



Empire. We are just getting started, so ask your student next week how their team is setting themselves up to amass provinces and conquer enemies.

**ELA:**

We started the Propaganda Unit this week. Students analyzed print and television advertisements to evaluate the propaganda techniques used to sell products or services. Now it's their turn to get some creative juices flowing and create a print advertisement for a product they come up with. Ask your child what produce or service they have designed this week.

**Math:**

Classes are finishing the Statistics Project next week. Our next unit will be expressions and equations.

## 7th Grade News

**ELA:**

Students are applying their knowledge of figurative language within the writing of *Where the Red Fern Grows*. They are starting to think deeper about why the author uses specific descriptions and what figurative language does for writings.

**Math:**

We will continue our exploration of proportional relationships by calculating unit rates, comparing them, and determining the better buy.

**Science:**

Students further explored genetics concepts by looking at mutations this week. It's mind-blowing to discover that such a tiny thing, our DNA, can have such a large scale impact if an unexpected change takes place. Students modeled DNA chains and mutations within them, then explored these large scale effects by researching genetics topics of their choice. They also had two options with which to share their findings with their teacher. Some students chose to research a genetic disorder, while others chose to research genetics topics that interest them, such as the Human Genome Project, hereditary probability, or selective breeding. Take the humble Brussels sprout for example. We can feel the cringe and eye roll from some of you already, because perhaps you grew up with unpalatable boiled, bitter Brussels sprouts? But starting about 20ish years ago, scientists in the Netherlands started selectively breeding them to be less bitter, and in the last 10 years or so, Brussels sprouts have boomed in popularity here in the states. The science teachers LOVE them, and it's all because of some science and selective breeding! [Read more here!](#) Or click here for [Mrs. Fairburn's favorite sprout recipe](#) as a bonus

Ultimately, through this research task, we love seeing what interests the kids, because this is all their choice in what they want to learn more about!

**Social Studies:**

What would encourage people to pack up their belongings and travel 2000 miles west on foot, across mountains and/or desert to begin life anew? What would push people away, and what would draw people to make that choice? Students learned about westward migration and the

resettlement of the area after the Homestead Act, as well as what these travelers experienced while journeying the trails west. We also learned about frontier life and cowboys, and students tied it all together with a silly assessment of their learning to design their own ranch brand and write about their "travels" across the frontier.

## 8th Grade News

### **Social Studies:**

Civil War Histogram Project

### **Farris and Amihere:**

Roller coaster project. All supplies provided by ABMS.

### **Moss Science:**

Rube Goldberg Project.

### **Math 8:**

Beginning Pythagorean theorem unit.

### **Algebra 1 Cook:**

Wrapping up Scientific Notation mini-unit. Test will be next Wednesday (3/2)

### **Algebra 1 Willson:**

Continuing with factoring Polynomials

### **ELA:**

In our 8th grade ELA classes, we have just completed reading *Night* by Elie Wiesel. We are now moving into our 3rd quarter informative/explanatory research writing project that will expand upon the knowledge that we gained while reading *Night*. This week students have been generating research ideas and composing inquiry based research questions regarding the Holocaust and/or events associated with World War II. Your student will be coming home Friday with his/her inquiry based research question. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

## From the Desk of Mrs. Tate

This has been one whacky weather week! I've always told kids and staff to dress in layers because in a large building like ours, one room can be cool and another warm, but this week has defied any kind of layering I've ever suggested. I love how flexible the kids are, though. They are just rolling with the weather punches!

We are happy to return to school-typical routines as Covid-19 numbers continue to wane. Masking became optional after the February 14 Board of Education meeting, and you may have

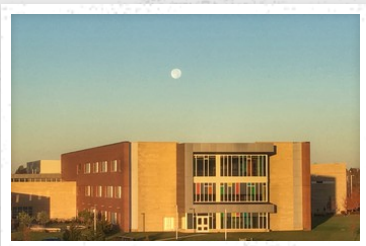
noticed that we are welcoming our parents/families back into the building to drop off items or pick up students.

As we return to these routines, it's important to remind everyone of our safety and security efforts. We have routinely asked for picture identification at the front door for anyone asking to enter the building. We also ask the reason for the visit. This isn't to be nosy, but to make safety and security our priority. We ask for identification to connect the visitor with an enrolled ABMS student or staff member, and we ask the reason for the visit to legitimize the visit.

It's no secret that in the past undercover reporters have made efforts to "infiltrate" the schools to check the quality of security protocols. Although we never want to frustrate anyone, it's important that you know the **why** behind our routines and procedures. Our parents and guardians have been amazingly supportive of our efforts. Making sure that the people who enter our building have valid business here goes a long way in keeping our kids, staff and community safe.

Thank you for your support of Aubry Bend! Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,  
Diana Tate, Principal



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