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MIDDLE SCHOOL MONTHLY

PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

Hello BMS Families!

March has arrived, bringing with it the promise of longer days, budding flowers, and exciting opportunities for our students here at BMS. As the countdown to spring break has begun, our students have been working hard and having a lot of fun!

One of our beliefs in BSS is for our students, staff, and families to SOAR Together! That is never more evident than through the events and participation we see in the spring. Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Mid-Season Band and Choir concerts and for another successful STEAM night. Our student-athletes are SOARING Together during practices to prepare for their upcoming competitions. We invite you to come out and support our baseball, softball, and track teams as they showcase their skills and sportsmanship on the field and track!

It's hard to believe we are quickly approaching the end of this year and are making plans for the '24-'25 school year.

1. Ohio State Testing (OST) will begin after spring break throughout April and May.
2. 6th and 7th graders have made their class selections and our school counselors are already working hard on student schedules.
3. PTO-sponsored school supply boxes are ready to be purchased!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any member of our dedicated staff. We always want to SOAR Together to ensure the success and well-being of our students. Wishing you a wonderful start to spring!

Soaring together,
Jenna Hill

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT- YOUTH IN ART MONTH

Did you know that March is Youth in Art Month? Youth in Art Month is a national recognition of student artists and community collaboration in schools across the country. Art is a universal language!

To celebrate the many artists in our building, Mrs. Geis created a student spotlight on announcements, where students could submit artwork and share what art means to them. Check out some of that artwork below!



**AMELIA LY
7TH GRADE**



**IMAGEN
ENGLE
7TH GRADE**



**ODESSA
REIKEN
6TH GADE**

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Quincy Howell



Payton Burns



Gavin Ditchey



Macy Miller



Natalyn Nicholson



Liam Majewski

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

NJHS Information for 7th & 8th Grade Parents:

Students who have received a 3.5 GPA or higher for the end of the 3rd quarter will qualify to apply for National Junior Honor Society (NJHS). NJHS serves to honor students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, Character, & Citizenship!

Important dates to note:

3/18- List posted of students who qualify to apply, emails sent to students with instructions

3/18-3/22- Application pick-up during Eagle

4/16- Applications due to Mrs. Herlihy

*A committee of teachers and administrators will review applications and letters will be sent home.

5/7- NJHS Induction Ceremony (7:00 PM)

If you have any questions, you can email Mrs. Herlihy (shelby.herlihy@bss.k12.oh.us) or Mrs. Crane (amy.crane@bss.k12.oh.us)!

6th Grade Parents:

Please review the letter on the last page for information about our legal requirement to provide instruction in child sexual abuse prevention to our 6th grade students. Erin's Law is part of Ohio Revised Code and is mandatory for all students K-6 unless a parent chooses to opt-out of the instruction. Please read the letter from Mrs. Gann, our Director of Curriculum and Gifted Services and then contact your child's counselor with questions, concerns, or to opt-out.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 18- Incoming 6th Grade Parent night, 6pm
 March 25- March 29- SPRING BREAK
 April 8- No School
 April 9- PTO Meeting
 April 10- Ohio State Tests (OST)- ELA, Day 1
 April 11- Board of Education Meeting, 7pm
 April 12- OST- ELA, Day 2
 April 13- District Art Show, 11am
 April 15-19- Spirit Week- Week of the Military Child
 April 18- Donuts for Troops, 6:45am
 April 19- No School
 April 23- OST- Science 8 (8th graders only)
 April 24- OST- Science 8 (8th graders only)
 April 26- 2-hour early Dismissal
 April 30-May 1 OST- Math

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“I’M A GREAT BELIEVER IN LUCK, AND I FIND THE HARDER
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- THOMAS JEFFERSON

Important Notice: Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Instruction for Grades K-6

Dear District Families,

We hope this communication finds you in good health and enjoying a positive start to 2024. As part of our ongoing commitment to the safety and well-being of our students, we are writing to inform you about a new requirement beginning in the 2023-2024 school year.

In accordance with Ohio Revised Code 3313.60, [Erin's Law](#), Ohio schools are now mandated to provide developmentally appropriate instruction in child sexual abuse prevention to students in grades K-6. This instruction will occur annually and includes information on available counseling and resources for children who may be victims of sexual abuse.

Key Points:

1. Annual Instruction: Child sexual abuse prevention instruction will take place annually for students in grades K-6.
2. Curriculum Selection: School Counselor(s) will deliver video-based curriculum developed by FightChildAbuse.org, an Ohio Department of Education and Workforce endorsed curriculum.
3. Lesson Schedule: Lessons will occur on April 15 and 22, 2024 during Social Studies class.
4. Opt-Out Option: Upon written request from a student's parent or guardian, the student shall be excused from taking instruction in child sexual abuse prevention. The deadline to opt-out is Friday, April 5, 2024.

It is important to note that the instruction and information provided will not be connected in any way to any individual, entity, or organization that provides, promotes, counsels, or makes referrals for abortion or abortion-related services.

We understand the sensitive nature of this topic, and our approach is designed to be developmentally appropriate for each grade level. The safety and well-being of our students remain our top priority.

For any questions or concerns related to the child sexual abuse prevention instruction, [curriculum selection](#), or the [opt-out process](#), please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Carly Miller, School Counselor for students with the last names L-Z at carly.miller@bss.k12.oh.us or Mrs. Shelly Benson, School Counselor at shelly.benson@bss.k12.oh.us for students with the last names A-K. We are here to support you and ensure a safe learning environment for all our students.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Betsy Gann
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Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Schools