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MIDDLE SCHOOL MONTHLY

PRINCIPAL'S PIECE

Hello BMS Families!

As we approach the end of the school year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we've had together. The month of May marks not only the conclusion of another academic year but also a time to celebrate the remarkable achievements of our students, teachers, and staff.

Throughout the year, our students have demonstrated resilience, creativity, and a thirst for knowledge. They've engaged in a myriad of activities, from academic competitions to artistic performances, showcasing their diverse talents and passions. Their dedication to learning and growth has been truly inspiring, and we couldn't be prouder of each and every one of them.

None of this would have been possible without the unwavering support of our parents. Your encouragement, involvement, and partnership have played a pivotal role in the success of our school community. Whether you volunteered your time, attended school events, or simply provided a listening ear, your contributions have made a difference in the lives of our students.

As we bid farewell to another school year, let us also take this opportunity to express our gratitude to the incredible educators and staff who have worked tirelessly to nurture, educate, and empower our students. Their dedication and passion for teaching have helped shape the minds and hearts of the next generation, leaving a lasting impact that extends far beyond the walls of our school.

Thank you once again for your continued support and partnership. Together, we have created a vibrant and thriving learning environment where every child has the opportunity to succeed. As we look ahead to the future, let us carry forward the lessons learned, the friendships forged, and the memories shared, knowing that the best is yet to come.

Wishing you all a wonderful end to the school year and a joyous summer ahead!

**Soaring together,
Jenna Hill**

SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT- RETIRING STAFF MEMBERS

As we finish up the year, we wanted to take a moment to highlight two, very special BMS staff members as they prepare to retire. Thank you to Tom Bean and Tracy Dawson for their years of service to our students, school, and Bellbrook community!

Tom Bean

Years at BSS: 36

Favorite part of BMS: The entire staff treated me like family as soon as I walked through the door on day one... I love how most MS students love to participate in class and enjoy physical education.

Advice to Students: No matter your skill level, no matter what your grades, no matter your ability... pretty much anything can be overcome with hard work, dedication, and kindness.

Retirement Plans: Spend more time with my wife, travel, work on major house projects, hobbies, and possibly take some college class to learn a new skill.

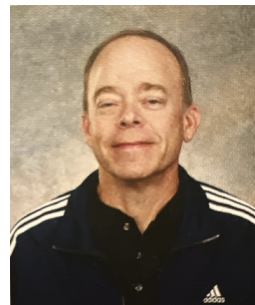
Tracy Dawson

Years at BMS: 6

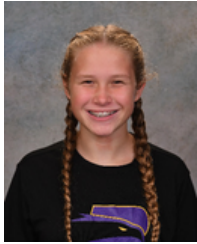
Favorite Part of BMS: All of the students I had the opportunity to work with. I hope I made the same impact on them that they made on me!

Advice to Students: Be kind to one another!

Retirement Plans: Lots of travel and spending more time with my granddaughter! Even subbing occasionally!



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Eliza Williams



Landon Davis



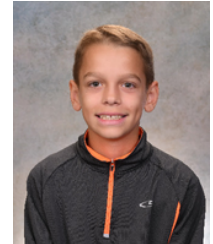
Rory Hollis



Ramin Rahman



Lily Hess



Tyler Lefeld

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

What a great year it has been! We cannot believe that it is already May. We are thrilled that testing is wrapping up and the end of year festivities are to begin soon! With summer on the horizon, we wanted to share some suggestions to help support your student's health all summer long! Here are some things you can encourage them to do:

- **Get outside:** Take advantage of the warm weather by spending some time outdoors. Go for hikes, bike rides, explore parks, go swimming, etc. Getting exercise and vitamin D will help to improve your heart health.
- **Read something:** Create a list of books you've been wanting to read and challenge yourself to finish them by the end of the summer. Reading helps reduce stress and improve sleep!
- **Start a new hobby:** Summer is a perfect time to explore your interests and talents. Starting a new hobby can help to improve self-awareness, confidence and your overall mental health. So get out there and try something new. Who knows it could become your new favorite thing.
- **Volunteer:** There is nothing more rewarding than helping someone in need or giving your time to an important cause. If you can, get out and volunteer. This will also help those who are interested in applying for NJHS in 7th or 8th grade, clock some volunteer hours.
- **Stay connected with friends:** Plan get togethers and facetime chats with your friends as much as you can. Building and maintaining friendships is an important part of staying happy and healthy during the summer months.
- **Relax:** After a long school year, your brain and bodies need rest. Rest increases your energy, mood and productivity. Be sure to include rest into your daily routine. Your brain and body will thank you!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 3- 8th graders to Greene County Career Center
May 6- 7th/8th Grade Band Concert, 7pm @ BHS
May 7- NJHS Induction, 6pm
May 7-8- MAP Testing
May 8- 7th/8th Grade Choir Concert, 7pm @ BHS
May 10- 6th Grade Party, 2:30 pm
May 10- 7th/8th Grade Dance, 5pm
May 13- 6th Grade Choir Concert, 7pm @ BMS
May 14-17- 8th Graders to Washington, D.C.
May 14- 7th/8th Grade Football Parent Meeting, 6pm
May 16- 6th Grade Band Concert, 7pm @ BMS
May 17- Eagle Outreach Open House, 10:30am
May 20- Spring Sports Awards, 6pm
May 21- 6th Grade field trip to Skateworld
May 22- 7th Grade field trip to Carillon Park
May 22- 8th Grade bowling field trip
May 23- Last Day of School/ 1 hour early-release

Fall Sports information/contacts:

*School sponsored sports are for 7th and 8th grade students only.

BMS Football: nate.doolos@bss.k12.oh.us

*There will be an informational meeting for all parents of incoming 7th and 8th graders for the 2024 Season. Please join us May 14th at 6:00 pm in the BMS Cafetorium. We will be discussing important information concerning the upcoming season, including key details and dates.

BMS Cross Country: amy.crane@bss.k12.oh.us

There will be an informational parent meeting on Thursday, May 9 at 6:00pm in the BMS cafetorium. (This is a correction to the flyer sent home)

BMS Volleyball: kayla.bruggeman@bss.k12.oh.us



**“MAY IS THE MONTH OF PROMISE AND THE SWEET
BEGINNINGS OF SUMMER!”**

- UNKNOWN
