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# MIDDLE SCHOOL MONTHLY

#### Hello BMS Families!

As we all enjoy both the sunshine and rain during Spring in Ohio, I wanted to highlight the activities and events that are coming up for our students here at BMS. This season brings not only the promise of warmer days but also a flourishing of talent and academic pursuits. Here's what's happening:

**Spring Sports:** Our students have been enthusiastically participating in various spring sports, from softball and baseball to track and field. It's heartening to witness their dedication and sportsmanship on the field. Please join us in cheering them on at their upcoming games and meets. Your support means the world to our young athletes.

Spring Choir and Band Concerts: The melodious strains of our choir and the harmonious melodies of our band will fill the air in their final concerts of the year next month. Our talented musicians have been practicing diligently, and their performances promise to be nothing short of spectacular. Make sure to mark your calendars for these unforgettable evenings of music and celebration.

State Testing: As we approach the end of the academic year, it's time for our students to demonstrate the knowledge and skills they've acquired throughout the year. State testing started this week, and we encourage all students to approach these assessments with confidence and determination. Rest assured that our dedicated staff members have been preparing them thoroughly, and we have every confidence in their abilities to excel.

Month of the Military Child: Please be sure to check out the "Counselor's Corner" on page 2 for information on next week's spirit week and activities highlighting our military families in the community!

As always, we are immensely grateful for your continued support and involvement in our school and community. Wishing you all a joyful and fulfilling spring season ahead!

Soaring together, Jenna Hill

#### SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT- STEAM NIGHT

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Pi Day, 3/14, for our yearly STEAM night for the school district.

- There were 36 booths throughout the school cafetorium, main gym, and aux gym with various hands-on activities and STEAM demonstrations.
- Presenters included STEM teachers from each building, BMS Art, students from grades 7-12, and community members from local universities and businesses.

All who came out had a fun night at the various STEM and Art stations. We're so thankful to those who volunteered their time for another successful event!

Thank you as well to local organizations that continue to support this event donating items or money to the night including, but not limited to, the Bellbrook Lions Club, Chick-Fil-A, and Costco!





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## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH













Trevor Raker

Logan Skinner

Rilynn Fluitt Seth Lockwood

Embri Lloyd Parker Kinsey

### **COUNSELOR'S CORNER**

#### April is the Month of the Military Child!

Join us as we honor our military-connected children throughout April, marking the Month of the Military Child (MOMC). Their journey is one of both unique adventures and challenges, underscoring their integral role within military families. Let's recognize their continuous service to our nation, not just in April, but every day of the year.

We acknowledge the exceptional challenges and triumphs encountered by these remarkable children, inherent to the military family lifestyle. Their selfless sacrifices exemplify bravery, pride, and resilience. Often overlooked are the hurdles faced by military-connected children, including frequent relocations every two to three years, disrupting their educational continuity and support systems.

Throughout April, we're hosting various activities to demonstrate our unwavering support for our military-affiliated students. Our Spirit Week kicks off from April 15th to 18th, featuring themed days to showcase our solidarity:

- April 15th: Purple Up Day Wear purple to show your support.
- April 16th: Red, White, and Blue Day Flaunt the colors of our flag.
- April 17th: Camouflage Day Blend in with camouflage attire.
- April 18th: R.E.D (Remember Everyone Deployed) Day Wear the color red to honor those deployed.

We would like to end the week with a special event for all of our military connected families. On April 18th our National Junior Honor Society and Student Council will host Donut for Troops, where we welcome our military families to join us with donuts and beverages from 7:00-7:30 in the Large Group Room. We hope you are able to join us as we celebrate you and your students' contribution to our nation's security. You are truly our heroes and we are so grateful for all you bring to our community. Kindly RSVP to Mrs. Benson at <a href="mailto:shelly.benson@bss.k12.oh.us">shelly.benson@bss.k12.oh.us</a> to let us know how many family members can join us.

Your dedication and sacrifices make you true heroes, and we are immensely grateful for all you bring to our community. Let's come together to honor and celebrate our military-connected children throughout the Month of the Military Child.

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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 20-21- Sugar Maple Festival

April 23- OST- Science 8 (8th graders only)

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April 26- 2-hour Early Dismissal

April 30-May 1 OST- Math

May 3-8th Grade student tour of 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- Choir Concert, 7pm @ BHS

May 9- Spring Sports Awards, 6pm

May 10-6th Grade Party, 2:30 pm

May 10-7th/8th Grade Dance, 5pm

May 13- 6th Grade Choir Concert, 7pm @ BMS

May 16-6th Grade Band Concert, 7pm @ BMS



Bellbrook Middle Parents, it's time to buy your 1st Day School Supplies. I know it seems early, but before you know it, summer will be here. It's important you order your supplies before it's too late or supplies run out. Start the school year with the exact supplies your teacher requested, and give your child the confidence they need to conquer next year! Get them today before it's too late!

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