



## BMS TAKES TWO CONSECUTIVE CALAMITY DAYS OFF



By the Newspaper Club Staff

As everyone knows, Bexley Schools hallways were empty for two school days due to the freezing temperatures on January 21 and 22. Many Bexley Middle School students had a pleasant surprise when school was cancelled for two consecutive days. The Tuesday and Wednesday off was a break many enjoyed and spent in a multitude of ways.

When the students found out about the first calamity days, they all felt pretty excited. Eighth grader Violet Eshelbrenner says, "I was hanging out with a friend when I heard about Tuesday being off, and I was super excited. I know we don't get calamity days very often, so I was really happy that we got two this year!" Seventh grader Penelope Hickman-Filipow stated that she "woke up in the morning and went downstairs to find my brother on the couch reading. I went to ask my mom why he wasn't getting ready, and she said that school was canceled, and that she had told me yesterday. I was super surprised and happy." Mia Shankle, a seventh grader at BMS, said, "I was playing a game with my

older brother then my mom came over and said school was canceled, and I was so excited to have an extra day to have a break." It seems like everyone was super excited to hear the news.

On the first cold day, some students hung out and conversed with friends. Some went out and did fun activities, like student Ellie McNally, who said, "I told myself that I should relax, but instead I decided that it was better to spend that time with a friend. I hung out with a friend, and we got to talk about things and do things we wouldn't normally have time to do." Some people didn't have much to do on the cold day, like Mallory Maestri who said, "I did nothing the first day, other than sitting on the couch playing video games, watching TV, and looking off Amazon to see if I wanted to buy anything. I didn't see any of my friends the first day. I knew my parents wouldn't let me invite anyone home. It was pretty boring the first day, but I am glad we got to get it off. I was tired of school." In the end, some people hung out with their peers more than others, although most students probably appreciated the relaxing day off from school! **Continued on page 4**

# BEXLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL SHOWS UP FOR INTRAMURALS

By Ellie McNally and Mallory Maestri

Intramurals are a series of competitions that take place at lunchtime and are available to sixth, seventh, and eighth graders. Many participate in it and are thrilled with the joy of playing. However, some have questions like should teachers be allowed to play, and should intramurals be held at lunchtime. There were also questions about motivation to do intramurals and do students even like the sports played in intramurals.

Intramurals are played by many students; however, some students don't play. Henry Schick, a sixth grader, responded positively, saying he wanted to join to, "Try something new! If you think you won't do good, still try it! You might learn to love that sport!" Another student, Noah Djourabchi, felt positively about the games, saying, "It is fun and exhilarating." However, some students felt like they didn't have enough motivation to play, like this anonymous person, saying, "There is none" when it comes to motivation. Another anonymous student responded with, "I don't know, I still won't do it." Hopefully in the future, more students will feel there is a good reason to participate in Intramurals!

In Intramurals, there are a variety of sports to play, like Matball, Wiffle Ball, Volleyball, and 3 on 3 Basketball. Some students enjoy the sports, and others don't and want different sports. Jax Tate said, "I do

not like the sports, and I suggest dodgeball." Another student, Gavi Zelkowicz, said, "I like Matball and Wiffle Ball, but Dodgeball should be instead of Volleyball" Unlike these responses, some students liked the sports we play, like Henry Schick, who said, "Yeah! I like the sports! I think they are fun to play and also fun to watch, plus the games don't really ever restrict specific people from playing." Another positive response was from another anonymous student, who said, "I love them, they're so much fun to play!" All in all, there is an equal mix of positive and negative feelings on our Intramural sports, and who knows? Maybe we'll have a new roster of sports next year!

Some teachers play in Intramurals with their classes; however, others don't. There are some differing opinions on if teachers should be allowed to play in Intramurals. A majority of the responders said yes, and only a few said no. One anonymous student said, "No, because they have more experience than the kids." Another anonymous student said, "No, because it gives teams like Gardner and Delrosso an unfair advantage, especially for volleyball because Mr. Delrosso played D1 volleyball, and it kinda seemed like Delsosso's team got carried by him."

Unlike these responses, some students said yes, like Lucy Malphurs. She said, "Yes! It's not fair that some teachers don't. Students need help and support."

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## THE BEACON PETS OF THE MONTH

Welcome to a new feature of the Beacon, the Beacon Pets of the Month. Use the QR code to submit your pet!

Nicknames: Cliff, Cliffy  
Pet Type: Dog (Bernedoodle)  
Pet's Age: 5 years  
Owner Name: Frances Doolittle

### Fun Facts about Pet

- He likes dragging people on walks
- Taller than a 6'3" man on hind legs
- His name used to be teddy but we changed it
- Can destroy a toy within a minute
- Part potato
- looks like an overdone marshmallow
- Loves to bite and lick



Nicknames: None  
Pet Type: Cat (American Short Hair)

Pet's Age: 3 years  
Owner Name: Ellie McNally, Mr. Frank

### Fun Facts about Pet

- Curtis is a fearsome hunter; no squirrel, bunny, or bird is safe in our neighborhood
- He's very affectionate, making friends with all our neighbors
- Curtis sometimes takes dirt baths; he likes to roll around in piles of fine dirt or dust.

## BMS GETS TWO CONSECUTIVE CALAMITY DAYS, CONT.

After the shock of the first day of school being canceled, we were hit with the double shock of the second day of school being canceled. Becket Baugh said, "I went down stairs to start playing College Football 25 after I found out."

Not all students were without responsibility, however. Maya Hernandez-Romito stated, "I mainly hung out at my house and played with my dog. I am in the school musical, so I had to go to rehearsal in the afternoon." Similarly, Ari Feinberg noted that "On both days, my parents were working, so I just chilled at home in the mornings, but still had to attend rehearsal for *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* in the afternoons. Students were not allowed to walk to school for it, so it interrupted my parents' schedule when they found out they had to give me a ride."

Ace Miller had a different perspective of how the break went: "I didn't really do anything. I was very bored; however on Tuesday, the day before, I went

with my mom to this Japanese Market where we got some sushi, chips, bubble tea, and melon mochi! So I did get to eat some mochi and sushi on Wednesday." And with all that, the second calamity day seemed to be decent for most middle schoolers.

Coming back to school people experienced different feelings. Lucy said "I was tired and grumpy. I sort of wish we had the whole week off. Though I did enjoy learning." She wanted to come back, but also part of her wanted to stay home just a little longer. On the flipside Hattie feels that, "Going back to school was weird, but it felt good to do something. A lot of people weren't ready." She also had mixed feelings but enjoyed school. Lydia felt, "When I came back to school a lot of people were tired and not ready for school. Although people were a bit upset, it felt nice to learn something new."

Over all people were half ready for school and were definitely tired.

## BMS SHOWS UP FOR INTRAMURALS, CONTINUED

Another person, Natalie Carey, felt strongly about teachers playing, saying, "Yes, because some classes are small and not great, so the teachers could help the kids and hype them up. And we could have extra supervision." All in all, students differ about the question, and maybe next year we'll see if there will be a rule on teachers playing in Intramurals.

Given the busy schedule of students, intramurals must be held at lunchtime. Some students enjoy this schedule, while others don't, possibly because of rushed timing at lunch. Everest Bricker, an eighth grader, said, "I think lunch is best because if we did the only other time where everyone is free, which is study hall, some might be busy working on work and others might not even have a study hall (like me, I do

orchestra and choir)." Another anonymous student who liked the timing, said, "I think lunch is good! The timing is good, giving us time to eat lunch and get ready while not rushing us." Unlike these people who enjoyed the timing, other students who said no, like Ace Miller, said, "Maybe held during study hall as a flex activity? I feel like that could be a fun idea." Frances Doolittle also said, "No, because some people have clubs, they should be held during study hall."

In conclusion, there is a diverse amount of people with mixed opinions on Intramural sports. The sports we play might change next year, and maybe more people will be involved with a BMS Intramural sport!