

## Froyo, Yo! StarBex Is Back!

By Jillian Savage

Do you love eating froyo at lunch? Or perhaps you really like getting a cold drink to take to class with you? (If your teacher allows it.) Or maybe you didn't have time to eat breakfast in the morning, and so you stop by Starbex to get a muffin or a different breakfast item. Starbex is a little café located in the cafeteria, next to the lunch line. It offers many different drinks and snacks to students and staff.

Ms. Carley, seventh and eighth grade English teacher, says that she used to go to Starbex in the mornings, "but now they open when I'm in meetings." Ms. Carley also says that she is trying to follow by school rules and not allow any Starbex beverages in her classroom. "This issue hasn't come up a lot. The general school rule is to not allow drinks aside from water, so I'd try to follow that."

Mr. Castorena, seventh and eighth grade Social Studies teacher, has a different view on Starbex.

He doesn't know what it

is. "I do not go...in fact, I don't actually know what Starbex is nor have I been to it." He also hasn't had a problem with students bringing Starbex beverages into his classroom. He made a rule at the beginning of the year to only allow water in the classroom.

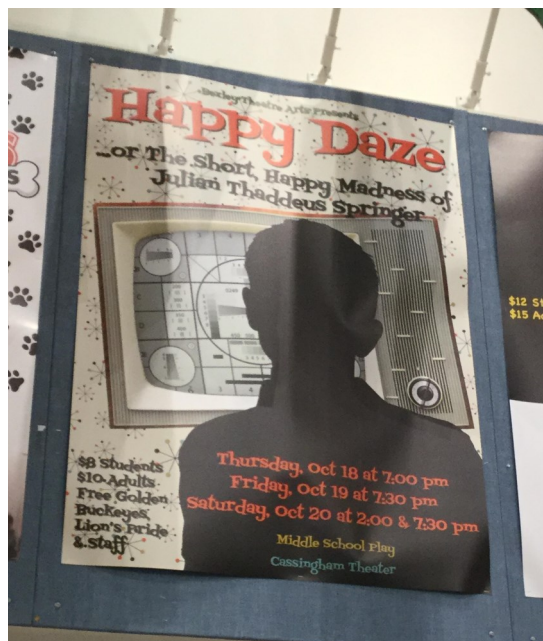
Eighth grader Evie Holzhall says that she gets froyo once a week! "My friends go the same amount as I do and my favorite thing to get is froyo!"



## Happy Daze Continued

Ms. Rhinehart is the director of Happy Daze, and she has done over 100 productions with Bexley. She organizes and leads the practices and rehearsals, along with keeping everything together. The dates she has set for the play to be performed are October 18-20 at 7:30pm, along with an additional show on October 20th at 2:00pm.

Hopefully, there are many more great productions to come, starting with musical Chitty-Chitty-Bang-Bang Junior, after *Happy Daze* has ended.



## BMS Students Go on a Big Picnic



By Sydnie Smith and Isabelle Stukey

On Wednesday, August 29, grades six through eight and the Bexley staff participated in an event that's called The Big Picnic. On the practice field, students got the chance to speak their minds about the Bexley community and what they like or dislike about Bexley Middle school.

Isabelle Stukey, a seventh grader who participated in the big picnic, talked about what she liked about the big picnic. "We talked about how we could change things. We also talked about lunch tables and how we could grow as a community."

Chelsea Wasserstrom, a 7th grader at BMS, observed, "I think it was really interesting to see how your peers think about everything." the big picnic gave many students the chance talk about problems and opinions about our school and opinions.

Students and the BMS staff had great discussions about the big picnic. Sydnie Smith commented, "I

liked the big picnic because it gave students a chance to have a voice in their opinions and about how we as a school could grow."

Even though the Big Picnic got an over whelming amount of positivity, not everyone enjoyed it.

"I didn't like the set up." said Bromley, also a seventh grader at BMS "and I didn't like the activities." Though not everyone enjoyed the big picnic the BMS staff and students got a good idea of things that could be changed in the Bexley and in the BMS.

Mrs.Shankle adds, "I think it is a chance for everyone to talk about community, to talk about what they like and dislike."

This is Bexley's second years participating in the big picnic.

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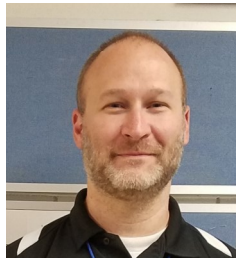
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Hello and welcome to the first instalment of "Let's Debate"! In this feature, we will debate about controversial things in pop culture or around the school. Today's topic...

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"Fortnite is a battle between one hundred players either individually or on teams using found weapons on the island. You can also find and use materials to build. I have played it."

I would say I average two hours a week mostly playing with my son. It is addictive so I would say it can get in the way if you let it. My advice is to do your school work first and then treat yourself to a little gaming time. Always remember to thank the driver.



-Mr. Caudill

"I like Fortnite because it is different. It can get in the way of schoolwork though."

-Jimmy Barlup

"You start liking it more once you get better at it. I like it because it is so unique. There are other battle royales, but you can't build in those. It is easier to play with your friends in Fortnite instead of like PUBG or something."

-Marius Garcia



"I pride myself in having no clue what Fortnite is. I think a large percentage of Americans are addicted to their devices, students and adults alike, and it affects many aspects of their lives negatively."

-Ms. Bennett



"I think it can sometimes get in the way of schoolwork, but you can still play it if you want to. You just shouldn't play it all the time."

-Griffin Heideman

"To the best of my knowledge, Fortnite is a video game involving massacring your opponents, no? I have not played it, mostly due to other interests, nothing against the game. I think it interferes with sleep, based on what students have reported to me about their play habits and that interferes with school work. In addition, it has been an occasional distraction within the classroom since kids seem obsessed."

- Ms. Carley



## Happy Daze Is Here For BMS



By Annabell Long

Directed by Ms. Rhinehart, *Happy Daze* is the Bexley Middle School play in the 2018-19 school year. It encompasses the life of teenager Julian Thaddeus Springer, who creates his own 50's world in his head. The cast, director, and crew meet to practice in the Black Box Theater, and the play will be performed on October 18 through 20 in the Cassingham Theater. This is an important event happening at the school, for people involved, and for all the other students who can come watch it.

*Happy Daze* is a play about teenager J.T. Springer who feels his parents are putting too much pressure on him; one instance of this is organizing a date for him at age sixteen. As an alternative to the real world, he gets hooked on the 50's and creates his own 50's world in his head. There he learns what the real world could not teach him: He must face his problems.

One aspect of the play is the crew, the people

behind the scenes. "I'm the stage manager," says Megan. "I control the lighting and the sound." The Bexley Theatre Arts website tells us that crew works on the set as well and is a way to be creative and get good leadership qualities.

The cast is another story and are the equally important people that show up on stage. There are over thirty parts in the play, lots of opportunities to participate. The lead, J.T., is played by eighth grader Luke Hill.

"I was very happy that I got him," says Luke. "I wanted to do the play because I love acting and being the center of attention. I was very relieved when I got a callback."

"I was just happy to get a part," says Alex, who plays Catcher. Being in the play is a great experience and very enjoyable, judging by the number of people that came back to be in the play again after previously participating.