

South Sudan Fundraiser Q&A with Mrs. Jax

Interview by Annabel Long

Q: What is the South Sudan Project?

A: This is a service learning project for BMS seventh graders. Students read *A Long Walk to Water* and meet Bol Aweng, a former refugee from South Sudan. Then students are inspired to organize and run various fundraisers to raise money for a health clinic in South Sudan.

Q: How did the project start?

A: Eight years ago, I and retired teacher Natalie Mroz read *A Long Walk to Water* and googled “Lost boys living in Columbus” to see if we could have an authentic experience with our students.

Q: Why is it important to donate to South Sudan?

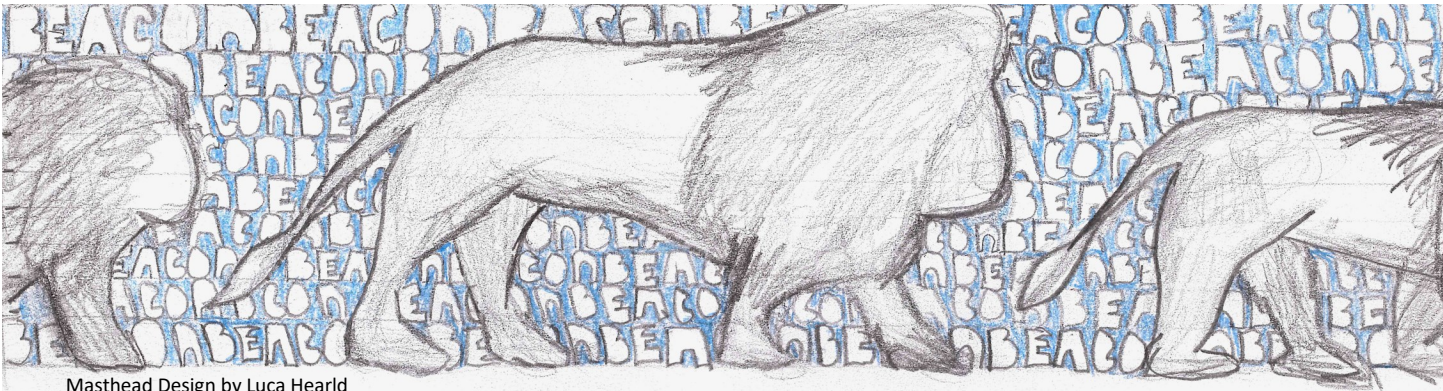
A: This is as developing country. People living in our friend Bol’s village do not receive federal funds for basic needs such as clean water and healthcare. They rely on people like us to help provide simple necessities such as food.

Q: What is Bol’s story?

A: When he was 6 years old, war came to his village. He was tending the cattle and was far away from his family, so he had to run. For 14 years, he lived in refugee camps until he finally came to America. He started the Buckeye Clinic in Columbus after he graduated from OSU.

Q: Which activities are you doing to fundraise?

A: Battle of the Buckets, a Carnival, a Pie in the Face assembly, an auction, and local restaurant fundraisers.



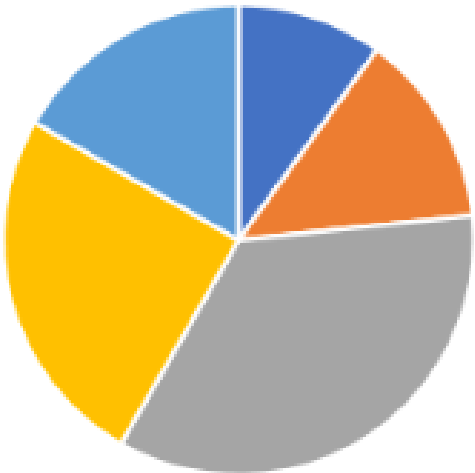
BMS Students Travel Near and Far During Breaks

By Annabel Long

Winter Break is a much appreciated two weeks off school for BMS students and staff at the end of December and beginning of January. “It gives students a chance to regather themselves,” says sixth grader Griffin. It also gives students a chance to celebrate holidays with their family and is a good time to travel. Some people are just planning to chill at home, while others have more plans. “We might travel after New Years since we have a week extra,” says eighth grade English teacher Mr. Sidel, while Griffin is just going to “hang out” with his family.

Other kids like Isabel have sporting events or are planning to practice a sport over this two weeks off of school. Some of Isabel’s plans are to “snowboard and play basketball.” There are a wide variety of things kids and teachers are planning on doing over Winter Break. This break gives kids a break from being busy and also provides a good opportunity for family togetherness and/or vacations. Though BMS students and staff appreciate Winter Break, it does pose a potential problem. “I believe that students sometimes forget things over break,” says Maia Nelson. Eighth grade teacher Mr. Sidel

Travel Destinations of a Random Sample of 100 Students



- International
- Outside of Ohio
- Outside of Columbus
- Outside of Bexley
- Stayed in Bexley


doesn’t think this is much of a concern. “I try not to have projects to continue over Winter Break, so that’s not much of a problem,” he says. Students are planning to do a variety of things over Winter Break, and they will enjoy every second of it, no matter whether they forget what they learned.

Hello and welcome to the third instalment of “Let’s Debate”. Our last topic was Phones, and today’s topic is Gimkit (and who is best).

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Gimkit


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I play Gimkit in Spanish class. I like Gimkit, but I prefer Kahoot because there is more reading and reacting. The best Gimkit player in my class is Holden Gohs for sure.

—Griffin Heideman

I have a vague idea of what Gimkit is. I am very interested in it and I would consider using it in class. I think that it is like Kahoot but somehow it is attracting more student interest. Students seem to be enthusiastic about it. And any time there is a game in class students seem to get more competitive. Gimkit seems to be the most engaging game for students in class.



—Mr. Sidel

Let’s Debate Created and Compiled By Maia Nelson

Gimkit is like Kahoot but a little bit like Monopoly. (everyone in room starts telling her just how wrong she is about Monopoly) Well, you have to collect things. I hate Gimkit so much. I should be the best in our class, but I have no intelligence, so it’s James and Mitch, and I wish I could sabotage everything. And he’s says, “What is this mockery?”



—Syd Smith

Gimkit is ok, I have only played it in French class. I think the best person in our class was Mitchell Cohen, but that may be up for debate.



—Isabelle Stuckey

Is Water Wet? The Question That’s Been Flowing through People’s Minds for a Long Time

By Jillian Savage

Do you think that water is wet? This question has inspired many arguments or class discussions for a long time. Let’s see what some Bexley Middle School students and staff have to say.

seventh grade Social Studies teacher, Mrs. Jax, has an opinion on the topic. “No, water is not wet. Water causes wetness. It is not necessarily wet itself.

Objects saturated with water become wet and water doesn’t make itself wet.”

Many agree with Ms. Jax. For example, Eighth grader Maya Murray claims that, “Water is not wet. But water can make things wet.”

On the other hand, some people have a different opinion. Eighth grade teacher Mr. Sidel says that, “It’s a matter of perspective, a ratio of the size of the organism to the water itself. As humans we are big enough to get drenched in water,

so we find it wet. To an animal such as an ant, they won’t feel water as wet. Just picture an ant on a leaf encountering a drop of water. It will just be like a floating orb of water. Whether water is wet or not is determined by the size of the organism that is in contact with it.”

Whether you think that water is wet or not, it is a question that will continue to float around for a long time.

Do you (k)now?	Do you have braces?	67% NO
	Did you ever attend a Bexley High School football game?	92% YES
	Do you have a Pride Pass?	71% YES
	Do you have at least one social media account?	75% YES
	Do you play at least one organized sport?	86% YES
	Would you consider flying a spaceship if you were given the opportunity?	71% YES
	Would you cheat on a test if you would never get caught?	51% NO
	Have you ever pranked called McDonald’s?	64% YES

Do You (K)Now? Created and Compiled By Isabell Stuckey