



BEXLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL IS BACK!

By Elli Murray, Lyla Daily, and Erica Golden

We are back, BMS! After 1 1/2 years of Hybrid, Zoom, and Distance learning, students at Bexley Middle School have finally gone back to school for good with a few new protocols to keep them safe.

When we asked Lucy Dunstan, a Sixth Grader, about what differences she noticed between this year and last year, she told us that it has “definitely changed how lunch works,” and that she notices a big change be-



tween this year and last even though she is new to BMS. She thinks that things have changed for the better, and that “this year I think Bexley leaders have a better control over COVID.” When we asked her if she felt safe going back to school full on, she replied, “Yeah mostly.” We asked her why she said mostly and she continued, “My

mom is high risk so it makes me feel uncomfortable when people don’t wear masks.” Unrelated from COVID, Lucy was looking forward to having “a different teacher for every class,” which was a huge

change from her elementary school experience last year.

Another student, an eighth grader named Ellie Ramsey, told us some differences in volleyball that she noticed from last year. Ellie said “ I noticed that while playing, players are not required to wear masks while running, but coach-

es, and (me for example) injured players always do.” Ellie also said that she is excited to “ see my friends, learn, have fun, and more.”

We are happy to be writing another wonderful school newspaper this year. We hope you enjoy reading throughout the rest of the year together!

BMS STUDENT OF THE MONTH

By Payton Thiele, Ruth Gravelle, and Elli Murray

School is starting again which means the newspaper is too. As usual, we have a new Student of the Month. Our October candidate is a 6th grader who has a love for anything theater. From tap lessons to center stage, theater will always be in his heart. Give it up for Zeke Moses!

To start, when COVID started up, it impacted many people's lives, jobs, family and more. For thespians like Zeke, theater opportunities were very limited. When we asked how theater was impacted by COVID he said "I had to stop taking tap dancing lessons because the circumstances weren't COVID friendly" He also talked about doing theater virtually, but the experience wasn't the same as performing in front of a live audience.

For a while Zeke took a break from performing until theater started to get back up and now he stars as "Bo Blaster " in the upcoming middle school play, "Space Princess Wars".

When we asked Zeke how long he has been doing theater he said "Ever since I started doing theater in preschool, I've always loved it . My mom would take me to local and professional plays and musicals ever

since I was 3!" Zeke also says that for as long as he can remember, he has loved singing, dancing, and acting. He says that his mom also loved theater and acting, and that she went to college for it, too! From acting to tap dancing, Zeke clearly has theater in his blood! When asked what got him interested in theatre, Zeke answered, "I am a natural singer and performer and I have always loved

attention to theater at a young age. I am a very DRAMATIC, fun, and creative person and acting is a mixture of all my characteristics and talents."

Besides theater, Zeke is currently involved in many other activities. Zeke participates in Student Council and participates in the student wellness committee. Not only that but he is a part of our very own newspaper staff. Besides in-school activities, Zeke used to take tap lessons with Ballet-Met as mentioned above before COVID. Zeke also takes piano and guitar lessons as well.



COVID may have stopped many things for Zeke but he bounced right back. If you want to watch Zeke and many other talented actors/actresses you can see them in Space princess wars on October 14th, 16th and 17th. If you think one of your friends could be student of the month you can contact us or Mr. Sidel by school email.

THEATER STRIKES BACK AT BMS

By Zeke Moses

Everyone knows about the sports here at Bexley and everyone is already hype about them. Well, sports isn't the only activity that's starting back up again. Bexley Theater Arts is already back up and running and producing wonderful shows and performances. After about a year of virtual and hybrid productions, Bexley theater is back and better than ever. Even though theater is starting back up again, covid is still around and we still have to be careful. There are still many things different about this year. Ms. Rhinehart, the theater director here at Bexley, says, "This year we are still working with the constructions of COVID, so sometimes it feels normal, but other times, it's totally different and odd. This year we are doing more things in person, but there are still some limitations.

Hopefully the musicals can have a larger cast unlike last year." Mrs. Rhinehart is also looking forward to a lot of things involving theater this year. She states that she is so excited for SPACE PRINCESS WARS the upcoming middle school performance! Also, she says: "My favorite thing is working and collaborating

with people and telling a story, so I am excited that I get to do that again this year."

Last month, the elementary schools of the Bexley School District put on the play, "The Rainbow Fish". It was a crowd pleaser and a huge success. Ashley Winner, a 6th grade Assistant Director for the show stated, "I think The Rainbow Fish went really well. The acting



was amazing." Because of COVID, audience members had to wear masks in the theater and social distance with non-family members, but it was still an amazing production!

Currently, the middle school play, "Space Princess Wars" is in production. The show is a mashup of the

EDITORIAL: HOW RACISM AFFECTS BMS

By Ellie Ramsey and Sophia Skoog

“I have a dream, that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character,” said Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Most people do often forget that just 50 years ago, African Americans were very deeply segregated in not only schools, but life. Now, all races are allowed into schools, but that does not mean everyone is accepted or erases the threat of racism. Both physical and psychological health is in danger, because some Americans cannot accept the fact that Black Lives Matter. Black communities face dangers beyond understanding, through countless killings, segregation, and racism.

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that,” spoke Dr. King. Kickboardforschools.com brought up the idea of how racial bias in school leaders and teachers affects how they engage with their students. This is not an accusation of Bexley faculty, but a reminder that white privilege does exist and is present in our community, whether you can see it or not.



Racism is an issue that does have major effects not just in Bexley, not just in Ohio, but in the entire nation, the entire world. We need to work together to attack racism head on. If you see microaggressions happening, or even bigger than that, tell someone. If you see someone bullying someone because of their race, tell someone. If you see anything that can hurt someone else, tell someone. Most importantly, help stop racism.

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two iconic movies, “Star Wars” and “The Princess Bride.” Many of our fellow middle schoolers are in the cast and crew for this exciting show and having a BLAST! Ani Olsheski, a 7th grader playing the role of Selene (based on “The Princess Bride” character Inigo Montoya) says, “I love how unexpected

the show is! I’m really excited. It’s gonna be really great!” Every day after school the cast and crew are working hard to create an amazing show. The shows are October 14 at 7 pm, October 16 at 2 pm and 7:30 pm, and October 17 at 2 pm in the Cassingham Theater. Purchase tickets online or in person and remember

GETTING THE BANDS BACK TOGETHER

By Jack Westergaard

The band plays. The crowd roars. The Middle School Band night is here! This is a special time where kids from the 7th and 8th grade band march out onto the football field with the high school marching band. "It'll be educational; I get to learn a lot of stuff from the High Schoolers." 8th grader Javier said. "I hope to learn how the band handles the games." But it's not all fun and games. A lot of work goes into this special night. The band undergoes rigorous training for this night. Learning to play the music just by listening to it, marching, and more! But according to Mr. Johnson, the band director, it'll be worth it. "The MS gains a lot from this event. Playing with HS students helps push the MS students. Learning what marching band is like is very helpful for the MS students." he said. Overall, the Middle School band has learned four "cheer" songs for the game: Let's Go Band, Onward Bexley, 7 Nation Army and Shut Up and Dance. The band has been practicing

these songs for the past couple of weeks. Thankfully, a lot of band members feel as though they are prepared. "I think my classmates and I are going to do really well." 8th grade Oliver shared.

And do well they did. First: A rundown of the night. It all started at 3:45. The Middle School and High School bands met up at the band room to get into sections and ask questions. After they trooped out onto the football field, that's when it got fun. The Middle School band had been practicing halftime music, and it was time to put it into action. They ran through the songs they would be playing at the Band Night, and everyone was wowed by the High School band's performance of Earth Wind and Fire songs (my favorite was September) and their amazing marching skills. After their dazzling display they all went home and headed to the dinner hosted by one of the seniors. After they ate and the High Schoolers played, they all marched the mile back to the school. Along the way, the middle school band members were taught some



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ber: Students with Pride Passes get in free! Come and see this amazing, fun, and exciting show!

Along with Space Princess Wars, there is a lot more to look forward to. The high school play, "WCKY", is rehearsing right now and the shows are this November. WCKY is packed full of mayhem and murder. Don't forget to come see this exciting murder mystery set on a radio station! Also, the middle school musical, "Freaky

Friday", is right around the corner. Auditions are coming up right after "Space Princess Wars" and anyone in middle school can try out! 8th grader Lucy Robinson, president of the Jr. Thespian Society is SUPER hyped about Freaky Friday. She says, "Freaky Friday is a fun and high energy show and I'm really excited for it!" For more information about upcoming shows, auditions, tickets, and Bexley Theater Arts in general, visit bexleytheatrearts.org and find out more. We can't wait to see you in our theaters!