



GIRLS SCOUT TROOP PROMOTES PRIDE

By Mabyn Evans

People want others to understand and accept them. Pride parades and walks are something the LGBTQ+ community sometimes does to get others to understand and accept them.

The Girl Scout Troop 1512 recently came up with the idea to conduct a pride activity in Bexley. This idea was brought to Bexley by Grace Hansen. Cecelia Lauer said, "Grace came up with the idea and everyone was on board immediately."

"The girl scouts are confident so far in making a fool proof plan with no reason to be worried for the parade," said Amelia Bowman.

Everyone enjoyed starting it and are still feeling happy and confident in their idea. Cecilia Lauer said she is "very excited" about all things that support their friends and themselves. Amelia Bowman said she is

"excited for it, and to celebrate pride month which will be connecting with the community on something they are passionate with and about." It's encouraging to

see they are enjoying themselves and now want everyone else to enjoy and see that part of them.

The Girl Scout Troop is not concerned with potential negativity or backlash according to Amelia because that is the road they will cross when they get there.

There is not one person leading the whole charge; each person is doing their part of it. When they first approached the idea, they talked to Mayor Kessler

and Alison, the former owner of Piccadilly on Main Street. The booths and events are being set up with two girls scouts and one adult each.

You can participate on June 3 at Capitol Grounds by going around to the booth and doing the Pride Walk. They hope everyone will come and enjoy this event.

Troop 1512 Pride Event Details

Date: June 3, 2022

Time: 5:30

Location: Capital University

Events:	Pride Walk	Booths
Tie Dye	Face paint	Coloring
Raffle	Main Event Movie	
Make Your Own Pride Flag		
Make Friendship Bracelets		



ADVICE FOR FUTURE BMS STUDENTS



By Olivia Green

When the school year ends, you never really know what you're in for next. Some students have taken the time to tell us what their school year was like so that you can read it and prepare.

For any current fifth graders who may have gotten their hands on this article, a few current 6th graders have given us their opinion on the change from elementary to middle school. One 6th grader told us that, "You may feel overwhelmed at first, but once you get further into the year you will realize it isn't as bad as expected as long as you get your work done." Another sixth grader said, "You have to be willing to make new friends and try new things even if you're scared to." 6th grade was a whole lot of fun and you get to meet new people so just try to enjoy it as much as you can.

Sixth grade was a big year, and now you will be able to move into your second year of middle school. Some current seventh graders have told us about their time being a seventh grader so you can prepare! "It's been a learning experience and it's been cool growing up with my fellow peers" says one current seventh grader. "Stay on top of things and be responsible for your actions" says another. This grade is a great time to hang out with friends, but the workload does start to increase, so you have to prepare for that, too.

For your eighth grade year, you will be at the top of the food chain! One eighth grader said, "Stay on task and complete/turn in work on time, it may be hard to adjust at first but when you do it will become easier." Another eighth grader told us, "Be kind and respectful to your teachers and treat them how you would want to be treated." Eighth grade is a really big year and again, the workload increases, so they can start preparing you for high school. You need to work hard in eighth grade, but just know that it is your last year of middle school!

Now, what to do about the current eighth graders? There is going to be a huge transition when you move into high school. Luckily, a current ninth grader has come to tell us what their experience was after moving into the new school. They said, "Stay on top of your work, don't try to do everything like every AP or honors course." If you have more questions about high school, you could always ask the guidance counselors in the high school because they know the most about this big transition. You could also ask older siblings or friends about their experience to prepare even more! Even if you are freaking out about transitioning to the next grade, just know that it will be okay, and you can remember this advice and feel a bit better knowing that you have some sort of preparation for your next school year!

NEW LAW COMING: “DON’T SAY GAY”

Editorial by Maybn Evans

Kids are the future of the world, but there is a new law recently enacted in Florida where kids in the first through third grade cannot learn about race, gender identity, or sexuality. Ohio is hoping to pass a law like that too. What will happen if this law gets passed? Children will struggle to understand race or sexuality. Will not accepting diversity be a step forward or back?

Because of this proposed bill, people will not be as empathic of other different races, identities, and sexualities. Teachers in grades kindergarten

through three will not be able to “teach, use, or provide any curriculum or instructional materials on sexual orientation or gender identity” according to Dan DeRoos and Kelly Kennedy in an article from Cleveland 19 News. Children will not know what comments could be hurtful or what to call people of color. Children will also have no understanding that two biological males or two females may have strong feelings beyond friendship.

Ignorance about the LGBT+ community could cause fear for the youth of the LGBT+ community. People may freely condemn other sexualities and races because they lack empathy due to the new law. This may lead LGBT+ youth to sadness such as depression, say Kennedy and Deroos. Children will not feel comfortable around people or their peers who do not accept them.



Kids need to have the opportunity to learn about diversity, but with this new law they won’t be able to. Kids figure everything out sooner or later. You should prepare them for the future. This law will keep them from knowing about the evolving world around them and bad parts of the world's past.

Furthermore, this law is vague. lawmakers can interpret it however they want, and they can block and ban things that may not even be remotely controversial. The new law for Ohio is too broad, and teachers could get in trouble even though they didn’t do anything they know of

wrong. The new law will interfere with learning about some of the most important issues of our time. Teachers want to support their students, but they cannot if they are not allowed to acknowledge parts of the students’ identity or heritage due to barriers put there by laws.

If this new law passes, children will not accept diversity and not understand race and sexuality. We should want to foster the empathy that is needed to care for people of different color or race, but this empathy is being condemned. An important opportunity will be lost to learn about gender and race at school. We have taken many positive steps forward in recent years, but now they want to stop the progress and go back. Do you want to change the future of children in a negative way? It is important you speak out against Ohio’s proposed “Don’t Say Gay” law.

BMS END OF THE YEAR REVIEW

By Erica Golden

The 2021-2022 school year here at BMS is coming to an end. Final grades going are in the books, and students making plans for the upcoming summer! One big part of wrapping up the semester here at the middle school is award assemblies with the one at the end of the year being the biggest and most significant for many. Principal Jason Caudill says that, "I think it is important to celebrate students and their accomplishments from the year. It serves both to honor those individuals but also to highlight to the student body what values we hold as a school community." Mr. Caudill also says that "throughout the year, we celebrate students for all kinds of things to be as inclusive as possible."

For the eighth graders, these are their final weeks with their current teachers and environment, seeing as they will take on High School next school year! When asked how she felt about officially taking on the title of Freshman just 2 ½ short months away, eighth grader Izzy Skoog described the feeling as, "bittersweet," but also agreed that there are too many different emotions affecting her classmates, some happy and some sad.

Seventh graders are also entering their final year in middle school, and are now the role models for the incoming sixth graders. Those who signed up for the WEB leader program have chosen to guide those who need help with adjusting to middle school, which is a big step up from elementary school. When asked why she chose to be a WEB leader, current seventh grader Ruth Gravelle told us that, "My sixth grade year was really weird and hard because of COVID, but our WEB leaders still managed to teach us and make a positive impact on my class. When I got asked to apply, I decided to try it because I wanted the opportunity to do what my WEB leaders did for me for someone else. I'm hoping that in the upcoming year we can do more, because some COVID restrictions have been lifted and a lot of school is back to normal. It really is an impactful and helpful program, and I'm excited to be a part of it." Thank you to all those who have chosen to help out, and we couldn't be more thankful for your desire to make BMS a better environment!

Whether students are entering middle school, continuing, or saying goodbye, we can all agree that this year has been another successful one here at Bexley Middle School!

