
BLUE AND GOLD NEWS

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BATH MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PAPER



BY: CHLOE JORDAN

If you look around, lots of things are paid by the PTS. The PTS is the Parent Teacher Society. Not many people know about the Bath PTS and what they do for our community. The PTS runs the Wildcat Den at the Allen County fair. They also have an annual purse bingo in the high school.

With the money that the PTS makes from those fundraisers, they pay for things that teachers and administrators request. Teachers and administrators can submit a request, and the PTS will vote on the request at their monthly meetings.

During the school year, the Bath PTS meets the second Monday of every month at 7pm. If you want to be more involved in the Bath community, come to a meeting and learn more about what the PTS does.



BY: KEN'NYA JARMON

According to Mrs. Stahr, there has recently been an increase in interest in the book The Maze Runner, so Bath Media has decided to find out why. The Maze Runner movie was released in the year 2014 has resurfaced. Why eleven years later is there a surge in interest?

Sixth grader Sophia Cole said that she just watched the movie and didn't like anything specifically in the movie, just liked it in general.

Seventh grader Mason Dunson has watched the movie, but he said that he did not want to read the book because it's too long. However, he changed his mind and watched the movie because his mom inspired him to do so. He enjoyed it because of the cliff hangers. Another seventh grader, Sawyer Magrun, said she watched the movie because one of her friends said to watch it. Then, she read the book because the movie was good and said she liked the story line.

In the eighth grade, Syndal Laing has watched the movie and read the book. She said she watched the movie because the book was awesome, and she enjoyed the suspense of thinking she knew what was going to happen, and sometimes being wrong. Another eighth grader, Presley Jenkins, said she read the book. She admitted that she watched the movie first with her parents. She watched it because she had enjoyed another movie with Dylan O'Brain. She found the movie and book to be creative.

From the sound of it, students have not regained interest in The Maze Runner. They never lost it. Students at BMS just know a good book when they see it!

DECEMBER EVENTS

BY: IZZY REINDEL

December 2 – Boys' basketball @ Ottawa
December 2 – Grls' basketball vs. Ottawa
December 4 – Girls' basketball vs. Glandorf
December 4 – Boys' basketball @ Glandorf
December 9 – Boys' basketball vs. Celina
December 11 – Boys' basketball @ Defiance
December 11 – Girls' basketball vs. Defiance
December 12 – Interim reports
December 15 – Band and choir concert
December 18 – Boys' basketball vs. Vanwert
December 18 – Girls' basketball vs. Van Wert
December 19 – last day before holiday break: one-hour early dismissal
December 23 – Girls' basketball @ Columbus Grove
December 30 – Boys' basketball vs. West.
December 30 – Girls' basketball @ Miller City
January 5 – return to school



BY: AZKA SHAHID

Quiz Bowl is an extra-curricular event at Bath Middle School. Quiz Bowl allows students who have quick thinking skills to be spotlighted and feel proud of skills that are not always noticed outside of the classroom.

At the middle school, Mr. Rohrbaugh is the advisor. He explained some things involved in choosing students and competing in the weekly meets. He said that the seventh and eighth grade had a good season, but he is hoping to have an even better season with the sixth grade. sixth grade tryouts are Wednesday, December 10.

He explained, "In a Quiz Bowl player, I look for someone with good general knowledge, and quick math. I also look for people that are outgoing, confident, and not afraid to answer even if they are not sure if they are right." Mr. Rohrbaugh says that he usually keeps around 5-7 students for the team.

When asked what his favorite quiz bowl question was he said, "In Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg address, he says 'four score and seven years ago...' If a score is 20 years, and this speech was given in 1863, what year and what event is he referring to?"**

**Check next month's edition for the answer!

Talent Spotlight



BEYOND THE *BLUE* AND *GOLD*

**BY:
AVA CROSS**

There are many ways to be involved at Bath Middle School. Many students participate in the normal school activities like basketball, football, volleyball and so on. However, there are a number of students who participate in less common activities. Two of those students are Brantley Swinehart and Adeline Stevens.

Brantley plays golf. When asked why he plays, he said that it was fun for him and he enjoys playing. He said the perfect weather for golf is when it's nice outside. The weather should be decently warm and not raining. Brantley said he prefers to golf by himself. Brantley went on to explain some of the thought processes he uses. First, he uses a driver. This is used for the maximum distance on the tee shot of a hole. The next club is a 3 wood, which is used mainly for long shots or for the second shot. For shorter distance shots, he uses wedges. Finally, he uses a putter that is mainly used for when you are closer to the hole and when you want to hit the ball precisely.

Adeline does swimming. She said she likes to swim. She started because her mom encouraged her to. She thought it seemed like a fun activity to get involved in. She has been doing it for 8 years now. One of the things she likes about swimming is that she has control when she is in the water. Her favorite strokes are the backstroke and the brushstroke.

Good job, Wildcats!

*Thank
you!*
MRS. DOWNING

BY: PRESLEE JENKINS

Mrs. Downing, one of our school's custodians, has been helping out our school for a long 30 years. She is sadly retiring soon, so I asked her some questions about her retirement. Mrs. Downing is going to enjoy her retirement and do “nothing, finally”. She will miss all the wonderful staff members and students that she has worked with over the past 30 years. Mrs. Downing has been a wonderful asset to our school, and we thank her for her wonderful years that she spent making our school better!

CAREER CORNER

BY: AMELIA FRANCIS

If you follow the Middle School Wildcat media, you may have noticed, or will soon notice, some changes. First of all, we have added three people: Preslee Jenkins, Azka Shahid, and Ava Cross. You may be seeing them on the upcoming Wildcat Weekly episodes. You might also hear them on the Pawcast or see their name on the Blue and Gold News.

You may also see the fancy Wildcat Media Crew shirts being sported by members of Wildcat Media. Thank you to Mrs. Stahr for coming up with the design!

Furthermore, Zandyr Sites has become chief technology person for all three publications. When asked what got him into IT/technology, he said, “That’s a good question, let me think. I’ve just always been attracted to computers and such at a young age, and I think it was just a natural step for me.”

For those of us in Wildcat Weekly, Zandyr’s expertise has helped us be more productive. He is also teaching us new tools to improve our work.

LEARNING *is fun*

BY: CAMERON STRUNK

Much of the time classwork and homework feels like a burden. Students feel like they can’t do anything fun or that they want to do. What if I tell you there are ways to make it fun.or at least less boring?

The Computer Literacy teacher, Mrs. Sherrick, here at Bath Middle School (BMS) has already found one innovative way to make learning fun. As an “extra project,” Mrs. Sherrick is doing An elf racing competition, which is an excellent way to make the classwork fun. This project is designed to “Bring your imagination to life” says Mrs Sherrick. Brooklynn Thobe, a student participating in the elf racing competition, explains, “It’s a fun way to use your brain.”

Some other good ways to make learning more engaging is playing study games (with teacher permission). Some common study games used at Bath Middle School are Kahoot, Blooket, GimKit, Quizlet, WayGround, and so on. There are tons of ready-made games with topics that might relate to what you need to study. You should definitely try it out since making learning fun makes it a lot easier!

Thank You
VETERANS



Thanks to Mrs. Recker’s classes for making the poppies that were given to each veteran!

Celebrating VETERANS

BY: PAYTON BUDDE

This year's Veterans Day assembly was very memorable, and it had a lot of thought put into it. We had 33 invited veterans, who were all guests of students, join us for a small breakfast and the assembly. Veterans were given a much deserved standing ovation, and they got to walk through the hallways as everybody clapped for them. Career classes created a nice thank you cards for students to give to the veterans. Media also created a nice video with veterans' pictures in it. This video is available to view on the BMS Media You Tube channel.

Veterans Day means a lot to our school and every year we try to honor our veterans on their special day to show them how much they mean to the students and staff of BMS. Thank you to all of the veterans who served, attended, and made our country a better place!

CHRISTMAS DAY

BY: EMMA STAHR

What do you do on Christmas? What's your favorite thing about Christmas? Some people think Christmas is all about presents or about having family time even though, for Christians, it's about how Jesus was born, which means Christmas is Jesus's birthday.

Fun fact- Did you know Christmas is spelled Christ-mas.

On Christmas Day you wake up and you see presents from Santa. Then you excitedly go get your parents, but you have to wait FOREVER for them to wake up. When they do, you're allowed to open your presents, and then, you have breakfast.

In my family, I usually go to my grandparents' house on Christmas to open the presents my family gets for each other. Next, we do white elephant. After that, we have dinner. We always have my grandma's mashed potatoes. They're the best! We also have her pumpkin pie. It's better than the store bought ones.

Regardless of how your family celebrates, happy holidays from me and the Media Crew!



TRADITIONS

BY: ELLA MASON

Many families have Christmas traditions they do every year. Most traditions are based on culture. Like some christmas traditions in Germany are hanging stockings, and in Venezuela they roller skate to church.

There are also many Christmas traditions based on religion. People who are jewish celebrate Hanukkah. Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday that commemorates a miracle of oil. They celebrate this by lighting a nine-branched candelabrum called a menorah, with one extra candle added each night.

Some religions don't celebrate Christmas, such as Muslims. However, most Muslims still engage in cultural celebrations like spending time with family, exchanging gifts, and decorating trees. They view this as a secular or cultural event.

As you can see, there are many different traditions based on religion and culture. Even though someone's celebration may look different from yours, it is important to recognize each other's culture and beliefs.

let's talk FOOD

BY: AVA HENSLEY

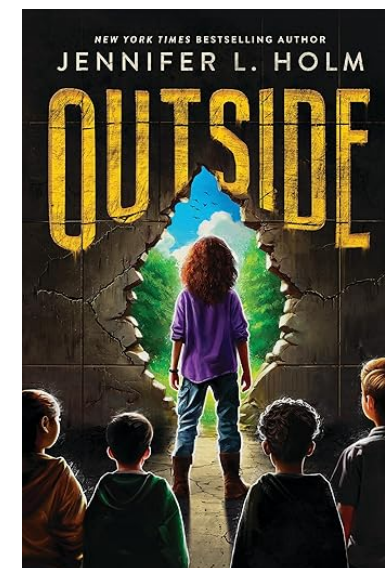
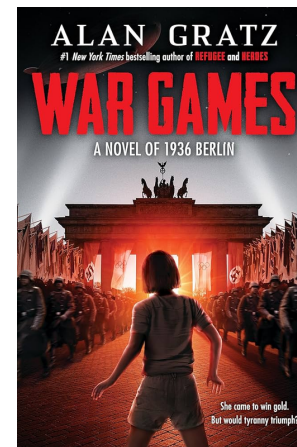
People around the world have different traditional foods for Christmas. Some of the most common foods eaten in the United States during Christmas are Beef Wellington, baked ham, cranberry sauce, and turkey. Turkey might seem like a Thanksgiving food, but it is also commonly known as a traditional Christmas food.

Turkey for Christmas became popular in the 16th century when Henry VIII ate it for Christmas dinner. He was the first English king to eat turkey for Christmas. The tradition was further popularized later by events like the large-scale turkey farming that made it more affordable and Charles Dickens's 1843 novel A Christmas Carol, which created the image of a large turkey as the centerpiece of a festive Christmas feast.

Germany's traditional Christmas dishes are roast goose or duck as the main course, served with sides like red cabbage and potato dumplings. Other popular dishes include beef rouladen and sausages. Many traditional German foods also consist of nuts, they include nuts because of Germany's harsh winter climate so people started to rely on dried fruits and nuts.

India's traditional Christmas foods consist of savory meals like biryani and pork vindaloo, and sweet treats like rose cookies and kheer. India loves to eat sweet treats for Christmas because it's a cultural tradition of incorporating sweets into all celebrations as a symbol of joy, prosperity, and good luck.

What do you eat for Christmas? Is your holiday meal more traditional or do you prefer other dishes?



BY: ADDIE BEARD

Hey Wildcats! I spoke to Mrs. Stahr about the new and most popular books in the BMS library. She said that one of the most checked out books is the Dork Diaries series. According to simonandschuster.com, "Dork Diaries is a series that follows Nikki Maxwell as she chronicles her life through text and art and her move to a new school, her battles with queen bee MacKenzie, and her zany adventures with her BFFs Chloe and Zoey by her side." If you haven't read these books before you should definitely try them because they sound really good.

Now on to some new books. War Games is one of the many new books in the library. Author, Alan Gratz says, "The fast pace and page-turning action make War Games a gold medalist for middle grade fiction that will keep readers in grades 5-8 on the edge of their seats."

Another new book this year is Outside by Jennifer L. Holms. According to scholastic.com, Outside is "a chilling but heartfelt story of a girl being raised in a compound who doesn't understand how isolated and unusual her life is..."

At the Edge of Lost by Martha Brockenbrough is another new book this year. This book is about a prison guard's only daughter—one of the youngest civilians who lives on the island—who has gone missing. Tending the warden's greenhouse, convicted bank robber Tommy Capello waits anxiously (kristinamcmorris.com).

Finally, Rocket Arm by Tim Green is new to the Bath Middle School library. Kirkus Reviews says this about the book... "A talented young quarterback takes advantage of an unexpected chance to play on a larger stage to pursue his dreams of football glory."

If any of these books sound interesting to you, be sure to check them out in the library. Happy reading!



December Birthdays!!🎂

Students

- Larz Webber-1st
- Izzy Reindel-2nd
- Brantley Barnes-2nd
- Manny Miller-3rd
- Jace Clark-3rd
- Dylani Catlett-4th
- Brooklynn Suarez-6th
- Gavin Shaw-7th
- Caden Hattery-7th
- Gideon Williams-9th
- Lexi Core-10th
- Brynna Postlethwait-10th
- Braxton Ernest-12th
- Brennan Dugan-12th
- Eli Fultz-12th
- Enon Fultz-12th
- Libby Steiner-14th
- Austen Donnal-16th
- Emma Phillips-16th
- Avery Garrity-16th
- Trinity Dugan-17th
- Annabelle Moreland-18th
- Sawyer Magrum-19th
- Natalie Gerten-19th
- Azka Shahid-20th
- Bella Kerchenko-20th
- Addie Farley-20th
- Melisa Zapete Hernandez-20th
- Jacob Hensley-20th
- Killian Watkins-20th
- Preston Parsons-20th
- Arianna Hoffman-23rd
- Tori Baker-26th
- Emma Walton-26th
- Bryce Calvert-27th
- Preston Rex-27th
- Nevaeh Whitaker-28th
- Zayne Prine-28th

Staff

- Julie Schwarm-(Secretary)5th
- Hannah Snyder-(Band)20th
- Tony Miller-(7th grade math)27th
- Todd Clark-(7th grade science)28th
- Ginger Stahr-(Librarian)31st