

## -Blue and Gold Newspaper-



Hello Wildcats!! This issue of the Blue and Gold Newsletter will be based on VALENTINES- Vacation, Athletics, Love You Dearly, Embarrassment, Novel (book report), Teacher Interviews, Inspirations, Nation, Events, and Science Fair. We will also have Tibb Bitts with Tibbs, Ask Mr. Clark, and The T with Mama T

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### Vacation

In vacation, we asked teachers what their favorite and dream vacation spot is.

Mrs. Lughibil- “Colorado would be my favorite. Dream vacation is Ireland.”

Mrs. Renner- “Favorite vacation spot is Glen Arbor, Michigan. My dream vacation would be an Alaskan cruise.”

Mr. Clark- “Venice, Florida. Cause that’s where I’ll go when I retire, and next weekend.”

Mr. Miller- “Favorite vacation is Orange Beach in Alabama, and it’s pretty nice. Dream vacation is Turks and Cacos. In the Bahamas.”

Mr. Lepley- “Favorite vacation is Disney cruise. Dream vacation is a european location, Ex: london”

Mrs. Wicker- “My favorite is Destin, Florida. My dream is anywhere there’s a beach and books.”

## Athletics interview

Name: Kristen Holt

Birthday: July 22

**What made you want to be an athletic director? Or why did you choose to be an athletic director?** I love all sports and enjoy working with athletes and coaches. I grew up in an athletic family. I went to college on a basketball scholarship, and I spent 25 years coaching college basketball. The athletic world is what I love.

**Why did you choose Bath?**

I chose Bath because this is the door that the Lord opened for me after my career in college coaching. Plus, I went to Bath, and my family still lives in this area.

**What exactly do you do?** I hire coaches, schedule games, and run all our home athletic events. I also purchase equipment and make sure our facilities are in the best shape to play a game.

**Do you enjoy doing your job? Any specific reasons?** I love my job because I love working with people in general, but I especially love interacting with coaches and athletes. I try to encourage them to be the best they can be.

**How has your experience been at Bath?** This is an awesome school district. We have great administrators, teachers, and coaches.

**What was one of the greatest challenges you have had while having this job?** I am very busy as an athletic director, so when I get the chance to take a break, I really enjoy the time off.

**What has inspired you to stay here? Any specific student that really inspired you to stay?** I have only been in this job for 3 years, so I am not looking to leave any time soon. Our athletes are great kids, and I enjoy helping them be the best they can be.

**Do you have any words of advice or encouragement for students? Work hard to achieve it. Don't give up if obstacles get in the way. Remain teachable, coachable and humble. The sky's the limit!**

## **Love you dearly**

Love you Dearly is an article where the seventh grade teachers and others wrote love letters to each other. We also have songs at the end of each love letter duo from the lovely Mr. Clark (ISS)

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To my little brother who I love to this day even though mom liked you better, I remember the time I saved you from drowning in the pool, you never said thank you even though it was kind of understood. Or the time you went outside and made a snow angel in your underwear and we locked you out. It was all out of love. Happy Valentine's Day little brother, you're the best.  
Love you dearly, Mr Clark (ISS)

Dear Older Brother,

Thank you for saving my life. Mom was extremely grateful, since I was naturally her favorite. I will be forever in debt to your indisputable bravery....

Love you dearly, Mr. Clark (7th Science)

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The Power Of Love by Huey Lewis & The News

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Dear Mrs Rockhold,

I hope this letter finds you in good spirits and with a smile on your face, just like the countless times we've shared laughter and joy together. As I sit down to write my thoughts, a flood of memories rushes through my mind, and I can't help but reminisce about the incredible journey of friendship we've embarked on. From the very beginning, our friendship has been sprinkled with laughter and funny moments that are etched in my heart. Whether it's the inside jokes that only we understand or the spontaneous bursts of laughter, these moments

have been the glue that binds us together. They say that laughter is the best medicine, and with you by my side, I've had an overdose of happiness. Your knack for bringing a smile to anyone's face is unparalleled. Your humor is like a secret weapon that has the power to lighten up even the gloomiest of days. I can't count the number of times your witty remarks and contagious laughter have turned a mundane day into an unforgettable adventure. But our friendship is not just about the funny times; it's also about the unwavering support and the strong bond that holds our 7th grade team together. You are the glue that keeps us united, the one who brings harmony to our group dynamics. Your ability to connect with people, to understand and appreciate each individual's uniqueness, is truly a gift. It's a rare quality that transforms a group of individuals into a cohesive and supportive team. And let's not forget your organization skills, which are nothing short of legendary. You have a talent for turning chaos into a well-organized masterpiece. Your meticulous attention to detail and the ability to keep everything on track is something I've always admired. It's like having our very own event planner and time management guru rolled into one. As we journey through life, I feel incredibly fortunate to have a friend like you. The memories we've created together are a treasure trove that I hold dear to my heart. From the spontaneous road trips to our many conversations, each memory is a testament to the depth and richness of our friendship. So here's to you, my dear friend, the laughter-maker, the glue that binds us, and the organizational wizard. Thank you for being the incredible person that you are. I look forward to creating many more memories filled with laughter and joy as we continue this beautiful journey of friendship together.

Love you dearly,  
Mrs. Bourne

Dear Mrs. Bourne,

I love you dearly. You are more than just a friend; you are my bestie, my confidant, and the one who brings so much joy into my life. Your presence is a constant reminder to live life with no regret, to embrace every moment, and to cherish the beauty of simplicity. What I love most about our friendship is how you effortlessly remind me of all my silliness, making every day brighter and more entertaining. Your laughter is infectious, and your ability to find humor in even the mundane moments is a gift that keeps on giving. Not only

are you a source of laughter and joy, but you also play a vital role in keeping me organized. You knack for detail and your organizational skills are truly impressive. You are the “glue” of our team, holding everything together and ensuring that we navigate successfully. Thank you for being the best friend anyone could ask for. Your kindness, support, and genuine nature make you irreplaceable in my life. Here’s to many more adventure, laughter-filled moments, and friendship that only grows stronger with time. You are the best!

Love you dearly,

Mrs. Rockhold

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Silly Love Songs by Paul McCartney

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Dear Mrs. Sherrick,

In the realm of classrooms and endless workdays, There's a colleague who brightens my ways. With every project, you're by my side, A work best friend in whom I confide. Your laughter echoes in the hallway air, A melody that banishes all despair. In the spreadsheets and meetings, we find delight. Together, we make this workplace so bright. On this day of love, I must confess, My workdays are better with you, no less. You're the coffee to my Monday blues, The one who turns mundane into hues. From deadlines to projects, we've overcome, Our teamwork shines brighter than the sun. So here's to you, my dear workmate. In this educational journey, you are my soulmate. Happy Valentine's Day, my workday delight, You make each day feel just right. You, my dear friend, make work more fun. Our shenanigans and silliness has only just begun.

Love You Dearly,

Mrs. Recker

Dear Mrs. Recker,

As we celebrate the season of love, I couldn't resist taking a moment to express my gratitude for having you as a co-worker and friend. Valentine's Day is not only about romantic love; it's also an opportunity to appreciate the meaningful connections we have in our lives, and you, my dear colleague, hold

a special place in my heart. Working alongside you has been an absolute joy, and I am continually inspired by your dedication, creativity, and the positive energy you bring to our workplace. Your kindness and support have made the challenges we face seem much lighter, and your sense of humor has brightened even the gloomiest of days. On this day dedicated to love and friendship, I want you to know how much I value our professional collaboration and the camaraderie we share. Your hard work and commitment have not only contributed to our team's success but have also created an environment where everyone feels appreciated and respected. May this Valentine's Day be a reminder of the wonderful connections we've built, the laughter we've shared, and the great teamwork that makes our workplace a special community. Here's to more shared successes, meaningful conversations, and laughter-filled moments in the days to come. Wishing you a Valentine's Day filled with joy, warmth, and all the love you truly deserve. With sincere appreciation and Love.

Mrs. T Sherrick

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I Think I Love You By The Partridge Family

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Dear Mrs. Horstman,

Roses are red, Violets are blue, The students are lucky to have a teacher like you!!

Love You Dearly,

Mrs. Fortman

Dear Mrs. Fortman,

I'm sending you a Valentine that's really so sincere. I appreciate the chance I have to teach with you each year. I hope that sometime soon, we will both be free. To have a conversation where we can share the tea.

Love You Dearly,

Mrs. Horstman

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Friday I'm In Love by The Cure

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My Esteemed Mr. Miller,

Let me take a moment to express my profound gratitude for the sheer privilege of being your friend. The countless hours we've spent together have been nothing short of life-altering, and I genuinely can't fathom what my existence would be like without the constant stream of your wisdom and unparalleled charm. Your presence in my life is truly one of a kind. It's like having a persistent itch that I just can't quite scratch, no matter how hard I try. Your quirks and idiosyncrasies are like a never-ending symphony of chaos that plays on repeat in the background of my sanity. Your knack for always being right is awe-inspiring. I often find myself marveling at the boundless depths of your knowledge on topics ranging from the profound to the utterly trivial. How lucky am I to be in the presence of such a walking encyclopedia of everything and anything, ready to enlighten me with your unparalleled brilliance at a moment's notice? I cherish the way you monopolize conversations with tales of your remarkable achievements and adventures, leaving everyone in awe of your Newman-like greatness. Truly, I am in constant admiration of your ability to turn any topic into a showcase of your undeniable expertise. And let's not forget the joy of deciphering your cryptic text messages, a puzzle that rivals the complexity of a Rubik's Cube. It's a thrill, really, trying to unravel the enigma that is your communication style. In moments of solitude, I often find myself reflecting on the deep philosophical questions you pose, such as, "Is Math the only subject that counts?" Your wisdom knows no bounds, leaving me in perpetual amazement of your profound intellect. In conclusion, my esteemed Mr. Miller, I want you to know that you hold a special place in the recesses of my heart - right next to that questionable takeout I've been meaning to throw away. You are truly one of a kind, and for that, I am eternally...amused.

Love You Dearly,

Mr. Mayhew

Dear Mr. Mayhew,

Ah, where do I even begin? It seems like just yesterday we were grumbling over our morning coffees about the latest BMS drama, doesn't it? Yet here we are, still trudging through the trenches of school life together. I must admit, your perpetually chipper demeanor has been a source of both inspiration and irritation over the years. How you manage to maintain such unbridled enthusiasm in the face of deadlines, meetings, and endless drama is beyond me. It's a talent, really. Your relentless optimism serves as a constant reminder that there's always a silver lining, even when the storm clouds are looming overhead. And while I may roll my eyes at your incessant cheerfulness, deep down, I secretly appreciate the reminder to lighten up once in a while. So, cheers to you, my school chum, my brother from another mother. May your smile never fade, your laughter never cease, and your inbox never overflow with unread emails (though let's be real, that last one's wishful thinking). I love ya man!

Love You Dearly,

Mr. Miller

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Love Will Keep Us Together by Captain and Tennille

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## Embarrassment

**For this article we asked teachers, and students what their most embarrassing moment is.**

Mr. Rohrbaugh- "there was one time when I was at a highschool choir concert when we were walking up the risers and my foot got caught in my robe and I fell face first onto the risers."

Mr. Lepley- "One time I kept calling this kid the wrong name and I didnt know until her friend corrected me." (it took Mr Lepley almost two days to answer this.)

Zoie Bayliff- "Probably it being a close volleyball tournament game and doubling the ball and losing"

Izzy Steele- "When I used to go out in public dressed a certain way."

Mr. Mayhew- "I coached 7th grade basketball at the time and during the game while I was coaching I may have torn my pants open. I don't know how I did it but I did, in the middle of the game with nothing to change into."

Mr. Clark- "I blew my knee in front of the entire school on leap day playing basketball against the 8th graders."

Fran Deters- "When I actually got my ankle broken during basketball."

Emma Vorachack- "When I was playing soccer when we tried to get the ball out of the goal I kicked it in."

Mr. Budwit- "When I was doing my first day of student teaching, I crouched down to help a 5th grader with math and my pants ripped."

Ms. Pugh- "When I was substitute teaching and I was sitting on this exercise ball and it slipped out from underneath me and I fell off in front of the whole 5th grade class, it hurt really bad."

Kenzie Bayliff- "When you get up from your chair and you trip in front of the whole class."

Lakyn Fruchey- "When I went to go tap on my cousin's shoulder but it was really some random person. She gave me the dirtiest look after."

# Novel

By: Bryce Neff

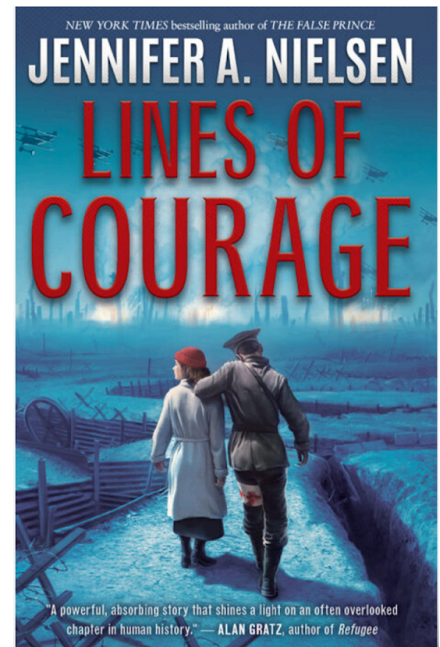
Title- Lines of Courage

Author- Jennifer A. Nielsen

Genre- Historical Fiction

This book takes place during World War I and follows five characters: Felix, Kara, Dimitri, Elsa, and Juliette. Felix from Austria-Hungary has to be brave after his father leaves to fight and he and his mother needs to escape once the Russians come. Kara, from England dreams of being a nurse in the Red Cross and helping the wounded soldiers. Dimitri from Russia never wanted to fight, instead he was taken off the streets for the “recruitment” campaign. Elsa from Germany is proud of her country and her father, who is an officer in the German military. She owns homing carrier pigeons and hopes that one day they can help save lives. Juliette from France is separated from her family while escaping Verdun, and is forced to survive on her own. Her only hope is to find a friend to trust. In spite of all this, their paths cross in inspiring, heroic ways. Why you should read this book: I think that you should read “Lines of Courage” because it is one of the most inspiring books I’ve ever read. If you like historical fiction like Alan Gratz, you’re sure to love this one.

Alan Gratz quotes: “A powerful, absorbing story that shines a light on an often overlooked chapter in human history” Even if you’ve never read a historical fiction book before, it is a fast paced book that is attention grabbing and quick.



## **Teacher interview**

### **6th Miss Pugh-**

**Do you have a valentine?** No it's a mystery

**Do you enjoy valentines day?** "It's fun. It's more of a hallmark movie to me."

**How do you spend valentine day?"** Working at school or going out to eat with friends."

**Do you believe in cupid?** "I believe in love at first sight"

### **7th Mr. Clark-**

**Do you have a valentine?** "Been married for 30 years."

**Do you enjoy valentines day?** "It's like any other day."

**How do you spend valentine day?** "Just a normal day at school."

**Do you believe in cupid?** "I like Kewpee."

**What are you going to or would buy for your valentine?** "I will get her the same thing she gets me.....nothing"

### **8th Mrs. Sherrick-**

**Do you have a valentine?** "My husband I have been married for 33 years"

**Do you enjoy valentines day?** "We do not celebrate"

**How do you spend valentines day?** "Just like any other day at school."

**Do you believe in cupid?** "Sure."

**What are you going to or would buy for your valentine?** "Probably a card. I'll show him a card at a store then put it back."

## **INSPIRATIONS**

**We asked a few of our teachers what things inspire them. Both as a teacher and in general.**

6th grade-Mrs Risser - "Working with kids and my daughter"

7th grade-Mrs Bourne - "Making sure that I give it my all"

8th grade-Mr Rohrbaugh - "I like to see success in future generations and see the school better than when I came."

**Then we asked one student from each grade what inspires them to be a good student**

6th grade, Kenzie Bailiff- "My teachers"

7th grade, Malachi Powell- “To make people happy and help people”

8th grade, Isaiah Foster - “Thinking about what the younger students think of me and who they look up to. Because if they see me goofing off they will also goof off.”

## **Nation**

**Peru is a country in South America that is home to Machu Picchu, the Inca Trail, and more. Here at Bath Middle School and High School one of our Spanish teachers, Maestra Flemming, is from Peru. We asked her questions about Peru, her job, and other things.**

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**What's your favorite thing about Peru? “The food.”**

**What's your favorite Peruvian dish? “Ceviche.”**

**What is your favorite Spanish song? “I'm gonna go for “Vivir Mi Vida” by Marc Anthony.”**

**What is your favorite thing about teaching Spanish? “Getting to know my students, and singing and dancing with them.”**

**What's your favorite thing to say in Spanish? “Si se puede!”**

**Do you prefer to teach Middle School or High School? “For Spanish 1 I'm gonna say middle school because the kids have more energy.”**

## **Events**

**-Science Fair**

**-Valentine's Day**

**-President's Day**

## Science Fair

On Saturday, February 17 Bath Middle School had the annual Science Fair. Here are the Demonstrations, Scientific Methods, and their ratings

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-6th graders Bentley Hartman, Enon Fultz, and Tyler Cass did an exhibit/demonstration on Solar System Facts. These kids got an excellent rating and did a great job.

-8th graders Bella Moyler and Emma Lawrence did a demonstration on the question “Does smell affect taste?” These girls got an excellent rating as well.

-7th grader Sydney Suever did a demonstration on “Eclipse” and got an excellent rating.

-8th graders Cyrus Bensman, Will Bensman, and Niah Horn did a demonstration on “Blobfish.” They got an excellent rating as well.

-8th graders Jacob Lee and Owen Schwarm did a scientific method on Saltwater Batteries. They also got an excellent rating.

## MONTHLY ARTICLES

### The History of Valentine's Day



Pope Gelasius announced February 14th as St Valentine's day at the end of the 5th century, but it was not a celebration of love or romance. Valentine's day was not actually celebrated as a day of romance until about the 14th century. It was originally a Christian feast day honoring a martyr (a person who is killed because of their religious beliefs) named Saint Valentine. It only later became a celebration of love and romance. People started celebrating in the mid 14th and 15th century when notions of courtly love flourished with the association of "lovebirds" of early spring.

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## **Tibb Bitts With Tibbs**

I can fly but I have no wings, I can cry but I have no eyes, wherever I go, darkness follows me. What am I?

If you want to take a shot at Officer Tibbs trivia question, find one of our editors: Prestley Connor, Emma Dunlap, or Savannah Ramage. If you get the answer correct, your name will be put in a raffle with other winners to get a prize.

## **The T With Mama T**

If you are not happy with your results, whether it's academically, athletically, or in relationships for instance, then change is necessary within yourself in order for the situation to improve. But everyone knows change is hard, so we all get to choose our hard. Do you want your life to be hard, or do you want to do the work necessary for you to change.

## **Ask Mr. Clark: Love Edition**

**Do you have a significant other?** "Of course."

**How much do you love your brother?** "You know- it's kinda like eating spinach, you know you gotta do it but you don't necessarily like it."

**What's your favorite thing about Valentins?** "I'm a big fan of history, I like to read about history and watch movies about history, so I would say the Saint Valentine's Day massacre."

**Do you celebrate Valentines at all?** "Not really, we might go out to eat if it's on a weekend. But if it's a weeknight like today I'd go home and my wife would go to aerobics."

**When and where was your first date?** "Probably bowling and pizza or something."

**Do you believe in true love or love at first sight?** "I don't believe in love at first sight, I don't think it's possible. Attraction at first sight, duh, but no love isn't possible. But the first time I saw Reese's pieces, that's love at first sight."

**Can you make up your own date for middle schoolers?** "First off, we're gonna sit down at the kitchen table, charge our computers, and do our homework together. And then, we're gonna read A.R books to each other."

**Do you love wigs?** "I don't have an opinion on wigs."

**If you were on a dating game show, what questions would you ask?** "If she could keep the scorebook at a baseball game. If you can find a girl that can keep a scorebook, you might wanna marry her."

**Do you think middle schoolers should be dating?** “I mean define dating. Someone will tell me so and so are dating and I’ll ask “What do you mean by that?” I think middle school dating consists of making weird faces at each other and calling, texting, and snapping back and forth.”

Thank you for reading this issue of the Blue and Gold Newspaper! You can look forward to our word for the March Issue, SPRING, along with Tibb Bitts with Tibbs, Ask Mr. Clark, and The T with Mama T. We hope you enjoyed this issue and we can't wait to get out the next one for March, see you next time Wildcats!