THE MIDDLE NEWS

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PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

April is almost here and hopefully nice weather will follow as we approach the end of the school year. Because spring changes allow students to become more involved in outside activities, there is a tendency for them to become less attentive academically. I encourage you to motivate your children to stay focused so they finish the school year on a positive note.

In late April or early May, Mrs. Foltz and I will meet with the 6th and 7th grade students to discuss class registration for the upcoming school year. Your children will bring home a class registration form that must be completed, signed, and returned to the office. If you have any questions concerning class registration, please contact Mrs. Foltz in the Guidance office, or myself.

Eight students recently participated in the West Central Ohio District Science Fair held at Ohio Northern University. Five of the participants received superior ratings, which qualified them for the State Science Fair May 5th. Recognition goes to Sarah Bertka, Brielle Hamilton, Elizabeth Nisly, Sam Crisp, and Joel Siefker. Special awards were presented Joel Siefker for winning the Governor's award in Advanced Materials Science Research and Sam Crisp for Engineering. Bluffton Middle School was also presented with a plaque for having the highest percentage of participants receive superiors. Congratulations and Good luck to these students.

Our middle school students will be taking the State Achievement Test April 23th through May 1st. The Achievement Test will incorporate skills that have been taught throughout the school year. It is very important for the students to know that hard work and dedication to their daily schoolwork will be very beneficial when it comes time to test. If you have any questions or concerns about the test, please contact me at the middle school.

The middle school Band, Strings and Choir gave great performances through out the school year. They provided three instrumental concerts and four choral concerts. The Strings program performed for the Allen County Head-Start Program, Allen County Museum, Lockhaven Nursing Home, Bluffton Mennonite Memorial Home, and the Senior Citizens Breakfast.

Elizabeth Nisly won our school spelling bee and Douglas Nester was the first runner-up. Elizabeth competed in the district spelling bee at Rhodes State College and finished first. She then competed in the regional spelling bee and finished sixth. Congratulations to Elizabeth for such an accomplishment.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's education please contact the middle school office.

-Dean Giesige, Principal

(PLEASE SEE BACK OF THIS LETTER FOR MORE BMS INFORMATION)

Note from the School Nurse

Attention 6th grade parents: Your child will be required to have a Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, & pertussis) vaccine prior to the start of the 2012-13 school year. Please refer to the letter attached to your 6th grader's grade card regarding specific details about this vaccination.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT BMS

3/30 Third Quarter Grade Cards Distributed

3/30-4/12 Tickets available in MS office for BHS Musical "Vaudeville Tonight" $10 Reserved or $5 Adult-$3 Student General admission. (Performance is 4/13-15)

4/6-9 Easter Break

4/11 Senior Citizen Breakfast (Preview of High School Musical "Vaudeville Tonight")

4/14 & 5/12 Spring Picture Make Up day @ LIFETOUCH in Lima. Call (419)228-1111 to schedule appt.

4/13-15 BHS Musical Performance of "Vaudeville Tonight"/BMS Café 7:30

4/21 BHS Prom @ The Centre of Bluffton

4/27-5/5 Ohio Achievement Tests--8th grade 4/23, 4/25, 4/27; 7th grade 4/24, 4/26; 6th grade 4/30, 5/1 (Please refrain from taking your child out of school on their testing days!)

4/27 Midterms distributed

4/28 Athletic Booster Reverse Raffle

5/05 State Science Fair

5/06 BHS Show Choir Performance/BMS Cafetorium 2:00

5/07 BMS Spring Choir Concert/Cafetorium 7:00

5/7-11 Teacher Appreciation Week

5/09 Senior Citizen Breakfast (BHS Jazz Band) 9:00

5/11 BHS Concert Band Performance/BMS Cafetorium 7:30

5/14 BHS Choir Concert 7:00

5/17 Red Cross Blood Drive/BMS Gym

5/20 BHS Jazz Band Concert

5/10 7th grade field trip to Ohio Caverns

5/22 8th grade field trip to Toledo Mud Hens

5/27 Graduation at BHS Gymnasium

5/28 No School/Memorial Day

5/30 Last day of school for students

6/5 Final grade cards mailed

Bluffton Exempted Village Schools Alert System

If you would like to be notified of Bluffton's school delays and/or cancellations, Music Booster alerts, or Sporting event alerts via a text message on your cell phone, visit the school's website at www.bluffton.noacsc.org and sign up. On the website's home page under the "Parents/Community" heading click on "Parent Alert System" and follow the simple steps to subscribe to alerts. Contact the office if you have any questions.