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FROM MRS. HEBERT

Dedication-Make a success of living by seeing the goal and aiming for it unswervingly. – Cecil B. DeMille

On behalf of all of us here at BMS we want to wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season. As we've turned the corner from our first academic term to the next, we are busy educating and supporting our students to develop strengths, talents and good work habits. We appreciate the support and dedication you provide at home so that we can surround them with examples of time management, organization and study habits that will help them be successful. 2012 is fast approaching and we are busy gearing up for what important work lies ahead. Grade 8 students continue to develop their time and talents as the leaders of our school while working on their applications to high schools. We will begin to develop their Somerset-Berkley High School schedules in late January/early February together. Grade 7 continues to be hard at work on their project-based lessons throughout their curriculum. They will be hosting their Project Fair later this month to showcase their products to one another and their families. Grade 6 is developing nicely into a cohesive unit as 1 team working together. They are beginning to prepare for their exciting and educational week long experience at Camp Bournedale in early April. Grade 5 continues to grow and mature both personally and educationally as they continue their journey through middle school. We are so proud of their progress and accomplishments. We have a wonderful school-wide assembly, put on by Camfel Productions, entitled "Get A Grip, Making a Case for Self Control" focusing on seeing the big picture for their lives and helping them to understand that positive self Control leads to satisfying relationships, academic success and positive feelings about one's self and others, lined up for December 2. We have our annual Chorus Concert scheduled for Wednesday, December 14. Our students, under the direction of Mr. Dietz, have been working very hard on their holiday melodies along with a few surprises. Scheduled for the 22 of December is our annual Dodge ball Tournament which is a highlight for all of our students and staff. We look forward to sharing these and many other opportunities together!!! We were fortunate to have had an excellent turn out at our Parent/Teacher conferences in November. We apologize if you were unable to see a particular teacher but encourage you to communicate with your child's teachers through email and by way of the Parent Portal. We will be looking at our process for scheduling conferences for next year to see if we can make it more accessible to parents and families. Take Care and stay well.

BMS IMPORTANT DATES

Dec.1	SPED PAC Meeting-BCS	6:30 PM
Dec. 10	Senior Dinner-Café	12:00 PM
Dec. 12	School Committee Meeting-library	6:30 PM
Dec. 14	Chorus Concert-Café	6:30 PM
Dec. 19	Blood Drive-Café	2-7:00 PM
Dec. 23-Jan. 2	No School-Holiday Break	



GUIDANCE DEPT.

All high school applications have been submitted to BMS Guidance Dept. Letters of recommendation for BP and Bristol Aggie applicants are due to Mrs. Bousquet by Winter vacation please. Private high school applications will be submitted to the schools by mid-Dec. Somerset Berkley Regional High School course selections will take place Jan/Feb 2012. All 8th graders will fill out a SBRHS course selection form regardless of what high school they hope to attend. Vocational schools interviews will be before February vacation. Please maintain or improve good attendance, grades, conduct, effort, and teachers' comments.

CHORAL CONCERT

Our choral students have been working very hard to prepare for their upcoming concert. On Dec 14th they perform in the BMS Café. All are welcome to attend this performance!



ROUND CARE NEWS

Surround Care families during the December vacation. We will be closed on December 23, 26, 30 and January 6:00PM. Surround Care will be located at the Commu-



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is week. Vacation Request Forms were already sent out and must be returned no later than **December 9**. Please be advised that we will need at least 15 students signed up each day in order for the program to be in session. If you have any questions or concerns regarding Surround Care, please contact Michelle Fiola at #(508)822-8567.

GRADE 5 NEWS

Ms. Urbanek- We will be welcoming the first day of winter with the 5th grade Snow Day. Students will get the chance to visit all the 5th grade teachers to participate in activities involving SNOW. **MATH:** We will be continuing our study of fractions & we are working towards adding and subtracting fractions by finding a common denominator, finding equivalent fractions, and writing fractions as decimals and percents. **SCIENCE:** We will finish up our study of Measurement with a Metric Field Day. Each science group had to create an Olympic style event involving the metric system (length, mass, volume, or temperature). Ask your child all about this exciting day!! Next, we will be studying landforms. **Mrs. Graca - SOCIAL STUDIES:** New World Colonies **ELA:** Writing Compare/Contrast Essays connected to analysis of new colonies. **READING:** Finish Kidnapped Prince, returning to series with new theme, *Going With the Flow*, stories related to water **GLOBAL LEARNING PROJECT:** Heifer International is collecting returnable cans and bottles to purchase livestock for people in need. Visit www.heifer.org for more information.



STUDENT COUNCIL VISITS THE STATEHOUSE



TOYS FOR TOTS /COAT DRIVE

BMS will be sponsoring a Toys for Tots & Teens drive from **Nov.10 -Dec. 15**. We would appreciate toys or items that are appropriate for young, elementary, middle, or high school age children. The toys will be distributed to children of Berkley. Unwrapped donations may be brought to Mrs. Freelove's rm. We will be sponsoring a **COAT DRIVE** from now until Dec. 20. Coats in good condition can be dropped off to the office at the middle school.

FROM THE CAFETERIA

Free and Reduced lunch applications are available in the main office of either the Middle School or the Community School and are accepted throughout the year. Consider this if your income changes in any way due to seasonal work, temporary lay off, job change or any other reason. All requests and inquiries are confidential. All students receive the same lunch ticket. Children receiving free/reduced lunch are not identified in any distinct manner. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to call me, John Mendes, at 508-884-9434 x 318.



“It’s The Most Wonderful Time of The Year”

