



The Middle School Eagle

FROM THE DESK OF MRS. HEBERT

Happy Fall! I am so proud to say that our middle school students are doing a wonderful job at the start of the 2010-2011 school year. Students are balancing their new schedules, their homework, their outside commitments, their friends and hopefully their families, with relative ease. We want our students to have a great middle school experience by developing responsible work habits that help contribute to their academic success. Our BMS staff is working hard to ensure that each student challenges themselves to be the best they can be and will continually raise their level of expectations to help our students become confident, independent, global learners in this ever changing world.

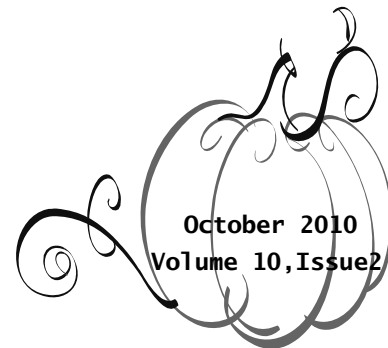
We want to thank Kellie Gouveia, president of the BPTO Activities committee, for the fall planter she so beautifully decorated at our Main doors. One of our local Girl Scout troops will be working very hard to plant this year's mums, adding a welcoming atmosphere to our school campus.

With the colder weather approaching, please encourage your child to dress appropriately. Heating costs being what they are, students will be allowed to wear sweatshirts during the school day if needed. We strongly encourage you to access your child's grades through our parent portal on our website. All of our teachers are now using this tool to improve school to home communication. While we will still be issuing Warning Notices at this time for those students in danger of failing at the midterm point, our hope is to more efficiently use the grade book system to inform you, the parent, on a on-going, up-to-date basis, developing more effective communication from school to home.

As always, we welcome you to become an active participant in your child's educational journey. Feel free to contact your child's teacher by email or phone if you have any concerns or questions. In addition, Mrs. Bousquet, our Guidance Counselor is on hand to assist you. Together we can make a positive impact on our children's lives.

BMS IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 5	Picture Day	
Oct. 6	District Internet Safety Program -Café'	6:30 PM
Oct. 7	Early Release- NO LUNCH SERVED	12:00 PM
Oct.7	PTO Meeting-Admin. Conf. Rm.	6:30 PM
Oct.11	No School - Columbus Day	
Oct. 12	Camp Bournedale Parent Meeting-Café'	7:00 PM
Oct. 13	Spaghetti Supper	
Oct. 18	School Committee Meeting-Library	6:30 PM
Oct. 29	7th & 8th Grade Dance	6:30-8:30 PM



Important Dates for Nov.

Nov. 2	No School-Staff Professional Day
Nov. 11	No School-Veterans' Day
Nov. 22,23	Parent/ Teacher Conferences

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



The Library will be hosting it's semi-annual fund-raiser. The Scholastic Book Fair will be starting on Friday, November 12th and will run on week days through Tuesday, November 23rd during school hours. To welcome parents and other members from the community to see and purchase the newest titles and offerings from Scholastic, the Book Fair will be open during Parent Teacher Conferences on

11/22 and 11/23. Thanks for your support to this cause as proceeds from this fundraiser will go directly towards purchasing new books for the School's Library collection.

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.





SURROUND CARE NEWS

Our first Early Release Day is coming up on **Oct. 7, 2010**. Surround Care will be available to Surround Care families from the time of dismissal to 6PM. Please remember that there is NO EXTRA SIGN UP OR PAYMENT required for students who attend Surround Care 5- AFTERNOONS per week. All other students that attend Surround Care LESS THAN 5-AFTERNOONS PER WEEK must submit an **EARLY RELEASE DAY FORM** by the due date if they need to stay for Surround Care on any Early Release day. Surround Care will not be available on **October 11** due to the holiday. If you would like to substitute an alternate day during this week for the holiday, please contact the Surround Care office one week in advance. Your request will be accepted if the space is available. If you are interested in Surround Care or have any questions regarding the program, please contact Michelle Fiola at #(508)822-8567. We are currently serving 101 families and 134 students in our before and afterschool program.

FIFTH GRADE NEWS

Mrs. Morley-In Social Studies we will be studying the Mayas, Aztecs, and Incas. An individual project will culminate our study. In Math, we are in Chapter 2. Look for the Family Letter on Unit 2 for vocabulary, game suggestions, and Study Link answers so that you can assist your children. **Mrs. Graca - Social Studies:** Ancient cultures. Look for Maya, Aztec, Inca project flyer. **Reading:** *The Kidnapped Prince*, historical novel connected to slavery and colonial America. Biography Book report has been assigned for my reading group. **Writing:** Wrapping up narrative writing, moving toward the Monster Exchange project, a technology/art/writing connection. Our monsters will be exchanged with classes in other classes via the Internet and posted in an electronic gallery for us to compare results! If our writing is clear, the monsters should look alike! Details to follow. **Ms. Urbanek – Science:** We have just finished learning all about cells and how scientists groups living things. As a supplement to this unit of study, we will be working on our first Science Court investigation all about living things. Through this humorous courtroom, students will see multiple demonstrations and explanations as lawyers battle over what is and is not a living thing. Students, the courtside commentators, will participate in multiple hands-on activities to predict the verdict of the case. **MATH:** We will be learning/reviewing the conventional way of multiplication and using estimation strategies. It is very important that students

SIXTH GRADE NEWS

Terrien -Social Studies - students are studying chapter 2 in text book and continue to learn about early people. Chapter two test is on October 7th. **ELA** - Fiction book reports are due on October 29th. Guidelines will be sent home.



EIGHTH GRADE NEWS

Eighth grade is studying the American Revolution and they have been given the task of creating a prototype for a game that will serve as a study aid for this period in history. The culminating activity for this unit will be a game day at which we will play each others games and rate them for accuracy and playability. Games are due on Friday, Oct. 15th.

NURSE'S CORNER

Weekly Fluoride Mouthrinse Program: Permission slips went home last week. If you are interested in having your child participate you can access a permission form on the school website and return it to school. If you have questions regarding the program contact Mrs. Bernard, School Nurse

GUIDANCE NEWS

High School Information Night was 9-30-10. Eighth graders obtained brochures & applications. Also provided was a list of local high schools with their open house dates/times, websites, contact person, etc. See Mrs. Bousquet for one. High School Applications are due to Mrs. Bousquet by Mon, 11-1-10 please. If a student/parent mails an application to a high school directly, please let Mrs. Bousquet know this so transcripts, etc. will be sent to the high school.

