



THE MIDDLE SCHOOL EAGLE

FEBRUARY NEWS FROM MRS. HEBERT

As we move through the second half of the 2018-2019 school year, we continue to be pleased with how well our students are managing their academics and social/emotional growth and development. We know they have much to learn throughout their time with us but we also know that with patience, support, kindness and good modeling, they will all get to where they need to go.

ELA MCAS Remediation classes started in early January and will continue until early March. Our Math MCAS Remediation classes will begin the week of March 12th for those students who qualified for the extra help; those letters will be coming home in the coming weeks. All of our BMS students are being well prepared and challenged each day in their classes to gain the knowledge, strategies and confidence needed to be successful on this year's MCAS tests as well as in all their content areas.

All eighth graders will be busy working on their Somerset-Berkley Regional High School schedules later this month. We encourage all 8th grade families and students to attend SBRHS 8th Grade Open House on 2/6/19 from 6:00-8:00 PM at the High School. All of the applications for BP and BA have been processed. Students will be notified in mid-late March about their acceptance status. Any 8th graders who applied to a private school should let the office know when they hear on their acceptance.

Our school has chosen to partner with the American Heart Association's Hoops for Heart initiative again this year. All students will be exposed to information and strategies on how to live a healthy life style through their PE classes during the month of February.

As we remain committed to providing the safest and most secure learning environment for our students and staff, we will continue to review and reflect on our safety protocols and procedures with our students; address school wide concerns with a team approach and brainstorm ways to best support all students.

We encourage you to visit the school website for the latest information about our school, including the Community Tab on the District Page for offerings that are taking place in and around our community that may be of interest to you as families.

If at any time you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning experience please feel free to contact your child's teachers or our office. We are always happy to speak with you.

BMS IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 6	Cookie Dough Fundraiser due	
Feb. 8 & 9	Theater Production– Willy Wonka Jr. -Café	7:00PM
Feb. 10	Theater Production– Willy Wonka Jr. -Café	2:00PM
Feb. 11	School Committee Meeting -Library	6:30PM
Feb. 18-22	Winter Recess	



CAMP BOURNE DALE

A reminder, final payment is due on March 15th. All health forms must be returned to Mrs. Bernard by March 15th. Also, any parent who has submitted a chaperone form but has yet to submit a CORI form needs to do so as soon as possible. Chaperones will be notified in March of their assignments. Our **Cookie Dough fundraiser** is up and running until Friday 2/6/19. If your student is attending Camp Bournedale and you choose to participate in the fundraiser, your proceeds will go toward your tuition.



SURROUND CARE

Surround Care will be available to Surround Care families during the February vacation on **February 19, 20, 21 AND 22** (pending enrollment). We will be closed on February 18 due to the holiday. Surround Care for this vacation week will be located at the Berkley Community School for all grades and the hours of operation will be **6:45AM-5:30PM**. February Vacation Request forms have already been sent out and are due on January 25. Any forms received after this date will be placed on a waiting list. Please be advised that we will need at least 15 students signed up each day in order for the program to be in session. Surround Care 2018 payment statements have already been sent to each family currently enrolled in the program. If you misplaced it or need another one, please contact Michelle Terrien at (508)822-8567 or mterrien@berkley.k12.ma.us. Payment statements are only available upon request for families not currently enrolled in the program. Please be reminded to send your child to school dressed in seasonally appropriate attire and dressed for the winter weather.



GRADE 5 NEWS

Ms. Urbanek: Science: In February, we will continue our study of physical science with mixtures & solutions. Thank you for all the donations to make our experiment possible. **Math:** We just started dividing decimals in Chapter 5. Just a reminder Weekly Skill sheets are due on Thursdays.

GRADE 6 NEWS

Mrs. Graca- ELA: We will be wrapping up **Unit 3 Theme: Friends**. Our next writing assignment will be analyzing two nonfiction pieces on the same topic for organization, author's point of view, word choice, and text features. To reach our goal, we will maintain a reading journal and write our thoughts and questions while we read. This was assigned January 28th and due February 14th.



***Grade 6 Community Service Project:** Grade 6 has started a Toiletry Drive for a local women's shelter. Items include toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap, etc. We will wrap up our drive with Lounge Pants Day at BMS Friday February 8th. Students in all grades can donate \$1.00 to wear lounge pants and all proceeds will benefit the shelter.

Mrs Furrh- MATH: students will continue working on algebra, focusing on writing and evaluating expressions and solving one-step equations.

GRADE 7 NEWS

Mrs. Terrien- ELA: Students are finishing the novel, *Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life*. Research projects are due February 11. Students will continue to prepare for MCAS with the bulk beginning on Feb. 25.

SUBSTITUTE VAN DRIVER NEEDED

Immediate Opening

- MA Driver's license & 7D license required • CPR/First Aid Cert. required
- Exp. w/special needs students preferred

Please call Mrs. Silvia in the Superintendent's Office at 508-822-5220 if interested.

PUBLIC FORUM

The Fund Our Future Coalition is inviting parents, educators, students and community members to a forum on public education funding on Tuesday, February 5 from 5-7:30 PM in the SBRHS Auditorium.

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