



# Beatrice Middle School **MESSENGER**

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## *PRINCIPAL POINTS - JOHN JAROSH*

### **5TH AND 8TH GRADE TRANSITIONS**

Beatrice Middle School is supporting the current 8th and 5th grade students as they make the transition to a new school for the 2018-2019 school year. Change is always a concern for students as they begin a new career at a different school building. Moving from a familiar location to a bigger and more diverse school will bring new and different challenges for students.

During the month of March, Tracy Post and Jennifer Prosocki, the BHS counselors, met with the 8th grade students to explain the registration process for high school scheduling. They reviewed with students the necessary courses needed to graduate and go onto a post-secondary school. When students have completed the registration by selecting their classes, the forms are sent to BHS.

To allow the students the opportunity to see BHS during a school day, 8th graders had lunch and took a tour of BHS conducted by student council members. Beatrice fifth grade students meet with BMS counselors and administration during the months of April and May. The counselors and an administrator went to each elementary building and described what a 6th grade student's day will look like. The counselors described classes students attend, supplies they will need, and activities they can be involved in. During the visits, the administrators talked about three areas of concern that most 5th grade students have. The concerns are: not being able to find their classrooms, opening their locker, and how to go through the lunch line. To ease their concerns, students are invited to BMS to tour the building and have lunch at the school. To help with lockers, a lock board is given to each elementary to allow students to practice opening a school locker. To find their way around the building, all incoming 6th grade students and their parents will be invited to an orientation at BMS prior to school starting. Information regarding 6th grade orientation will be mailed to you. Change can be a concern to students and parents. BMS is working with the students to help them make the adjustment to Beatrice High School and Beatrice Middle School as smooth as possible by providing opportunities to see the buildings during the day and ask questions. If you have questions about the transition, please feel free to contact BMS.

### **SUMMER SCHOOL AT BMS**

During the month of June, BMS students will have the opportunity to participate in a summer school program. Students who are recommended by a staff member have been invited to participate in the summer program. The program is designed to strengthen academic skills. Invitation letters should be in the mail soon. If your child does not receive a summer school letter and you feel your child would benefit from the program, please feel free to contact Beatrice Middle School and request the information. Summer school will run from June 4 to June 28, Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. Numbers are limited so please contact the school as soon as possible.

Even though they're no longer a couple, Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie both recently confirmed they put safety measures on the Internet to provide boundaries for their children. They definitely plan to keep watch on their social media use as they age. Apple CEO Tim Cook recently suggested he wouldn't want his nephew on a social network. Years ago, Apple Founder Steve Jobs said he didn't want his kids to even own an iPad. Why? It's simple. Children's health experts warned (on Facebook) that excessive use of digital devices and social media "is harmful to children and teens."

I meet faculty and parents frequently who are sharing these concerns and asking the same questions about social media use. I realize I've written much about this in the past, but maybe a short Q and A guide, based on research, would be helpful here.

### HOW MUCH IS TOO MUCH SOCIAL MEDIA USE

One study by UNICEF, reports that "some time on social media is actually good" and that "digital technology seems to be beneficial for children's social relationships." On social media we connect with friends, give to charities, and be informed of what's happening around the world. With too much time, however, screens can become damaging to our mental health. The key is to separate understandable concerns with actual data on the subject.

Believe it or not, the average teen today spends about 9 hours a day on a screen. That's like a full-time job. According to *Monitoring the Future*, just two hours on social media has been shown to contribute anxiety and unhappiness among teens. I suggest, a 60-90 minute limit each day. The other hours should be filled with face-to-face hours with friends, sports, work, activities, studies and family. This ratio has been shown to produce happier kids and better students. Further, it results in more satisfied young adults. I recognize this will be a major shift for some teens—so if you choose to do this, start with a conversation about making a slow steady change.

### SHOULD WE MONITOR OUR KIDS' SOCIAL MEDIA USE? IF SO, HOW?

Parents differ on their opinions about whether to check what their kids are doing on social media sites. Some believe their children deserve privacy and should not worry about mom or dad checking on them. I differ, only because I've seen too many case studies of kids not being fully aware of the dangers of predators, mental health issues, and even cyber-bullies who hide behind a screen to wreak havoc on peers. What's more, teens receive propositions from adults with wrong intentions and from others who engage in sexting. The teens in our focus groups told us boldly, "My parents have no idea what my life is like at night and what I do on social media." This suggests to me that they're up to something their parents may not support. The statistics reveal that 71 % of teens admit to hiding on-line activities from their parents. As long as they are minors, I believe it's wise for parents or guardians to check their children's social media posts.

So, here are some apps you can explore to monitor your teen's activity on a phone:

1. **Norton** (this allows you to set phone time limits and filter web content coming in.)
2. **TeenSafe** (this allows you to track your child's calls, texts, GPS, and social media activity.)
3. **MobSafetyRangerBrowser** (this enables you to view your child's website browsing and set time limits.)
4. **PhoneSheriff** (this enables you to do all of the above, but it is available for fewer devices.)
5. **DinnerTime** (this allows you to limit phone internet use during family meals.)
6. **Qustodio** (this allows you to track and set a phone curfew where phones shut down.)

There are actually several other apps that empower a parent to know what's happening on their child's phone. While they are minors, I think you should know. One other idea might be for parents to encourage their children to use privacy settings to ensure their posts are going out to a select set of friends.

### WHAT ARE SOME SYMPTOMS THAT A STUDENT NEEDS TO CUT BACK ON SOCIAL MEDIA?

According to *Common Sense Media*, 50% of teens say they are addicted to their cell phone. While CSM concludes more study is needed to determine how deep digital addiction is, teens feel the symptoms and consequences of it. It's a growing issue in middle class America. Two-thirds of parents, 66%, feel their teens spend too much time on their mobile device in general:

- \*\*Withdrawing from face-to-face social interaction.
- \*\*Consistent anxiety, stress, or feeling overwhelmed by normal routines.
- \*\*Grades begin to slip and assignments reflect poor work or are left undone.
- \*\*Avoidance of real life responsibilities, such as chores or homework.
- \*\*Ill at ease, ill-equipped, or unresponsive to people in front of them.
- \*\*Phubbing (teens snub people next to them by looking down at their phone)
- \*\*Phones begin to create conflict in their closest relationships.

A few years ago, I suggested a group of college students "surrender their phones" for a day. It was an experiment. What did we all discover? The first two hours were horrific, not unlike a drug addict giving up their drugs, cold turkey. After a couple of hours, however, the day began to feel less stressful. The students felt liberated from the tether of their device. By the day's end, they told me how nice it was to not be enslaved to that phone and that they wanted to "unplug" on a regular basis.

### HOW DO I HANDLE ARGUMENTS ABOUT THEIR PORTABLE DEVICE?

Millions of parents have walked into landmines, as they disagree with their child on any number of mobile phone use or social media sites. Emotional debates occur, which can divide parents and kids and lead to a breakdown in communication.

I have a suggestion that has worked for many parents along the way. It's a step that not only guides the conversations on this topic but prepares teens for the world they are about to mature into as adults: a contract.

In 2013, I posted an article on our blog page about a "phone contract" between a mom and her child. The mother had purchased her daughter's phone (as is usually the case) and the agreement enabled her (from the beginning) to outline the terms. In it, she basically reminds her child that Mom bought the phone and, therefore, owns the phone. Any time the child violates the agreement, the child must give up the device for a period of time. This is not unlike a contract a customer might enter with AT&T or Sprint or some other carrier. The difference is, this agreement is laced with love and understanding. If a parent hosts a conversation and lays out the terms before purchasing the device, things generally go better. Both parties agree to it and sign it. The key is that the parent must stick to the terms and enforce them.

### SHOULD WE BE FRIENDS WITH OUR CHILDREN ON SOCIAL MEDIA?

This probably depends on the personality and age of your child. Some parents and kids connect well via smart phone and others do not. According to *Pew Research*:

- 53% are friends with their parents. This tends to work better when the child is between 12-14. By ages 15-21 it often feels "smoothing" to them. Then, later as a young adult, it seems to feel OK again to them.
- 47% are friends with their children on Facebook. This feels nice to the parent but it's usually the reason many teens get off Facebook and on to other sites.
- 41% are connected with people they have never met in person. Teens do this because it feels adventuresome, yet safe. After all, it's only a screen. Later, however, it often leads to LMIRL: *Let's Meet In Real Life* and can be dangerous.

Whatever the case, most parents can bank on one thing for sure: your child may befriend you on a social media site like Facebook or Instagram, but they likely have platforms where they use false identities you know nothing about. A parent may assume they know all about their teens, but would be shocked if they knew the total amount of personas their children actually use.

For example, consider "Finsta." This is a fake Instagram persona, where teens can create a totally fraudulent identity and post things you may never know about. They might have five Snapchat accounts. Or, several Twitter accounts. Just know that if you and your child connect on one platform, that doesn't mean it's the only one they use. It may be helpful to talk about this with them, or even talk to one of their friends to naturally discover if there are any personas you don't know about.

I may sound like an "old school" leader who's just not up with the times. I contend, however, our kids need good leadership from us. Their phones can be helpful rather than damaging if we lead them intentionally.



# NOTES FROM THE NURSE



We are down to the last couple weeks of school. If your child has any medications (this includes prescription and “as needed” meds such as Tylenol or Ibuprofen) in the nurse’s office, we will send a note the last week of school requesting that they pick it up to take home. Parents may stop by to pick up their child’s medication if they prefer. Students MAY NOT take the medication home on the last day of school. ANY MEDICATIONS NOT PICKED UP WILL BE DESTROYED AFTER NOON ON MAY 22nd.

## **\*\*REMINDER\*\***

Any current 6<sup>th</sup> grader going into 7<sup>th</sup> grade needs a physical and current Tdap vaccine before school starts in August. Physicals and proof of vaccine are due in the nurse’s office BEFORE the first day of 7<sup>th</sup> grade. \*\*If we do not have proof of vaccine or physical on file on the first day of school your student may be excluded from school on a medical exclusion until Tdap and/or physical is completed (per Nebraska Law (79-444) and State Statute 79-4,171; 7904,117(1)(b); (2),(3)).\*\* Any student wanting to participate in a sport in the 2018-2019 school year will need a sports physical dated after May 1<sup>st</sup> before participating (7<sup>th</sup> grade physicals count towards sports also, so no need to get a sports physical if your child had a 7<sup>th</sup> grade physical).

GAGE COUNTY IMMUNIZATION CLINIC: 1216 S 8th Street; Every Monday 12-4pm, Every Tuesday 3-7pm, and Every Thursday 12-4pm. Call 223-2366 for an appointment. Must bring insurance card or Medicaid card to appointment.

PUBLIC HEALTH SOLUTIONS: 5109 W Scott Rd, Suite 410 (Northwest building on SCC campus); The 2nd Wednesday of each month, 3-7 p.m.. Call 402-826-3880 for an appointment. \*Taking insured and uninsured individuals, no out-of-pocket costs\*

## **THE FOLLOWING MEDICAL OFFICES WILL BE OFFERING PHYSICALS BY PRESCHEDULED APPOINTMENT**

GAGE COUNTY MEDICAL CLINIC, P.C.- 402- 228-3436. (Dr. Thomsen, Dr. Gloor, Dr. McGuffey, Jaime Hatcliff-P.A.-C, Brady Hanquest-P.A.-C, Anne Paulmeyer-P.A.-C). All physicals will be categorized as well child checks.

BEATRICE MEDICAL CENTER- 402-228-3366. (Dr. McClellan, Dr. Daharsh, Vicki Arnold P.A.-C, and Stacy Lewandowski P.A.-C, Cara Esau N.P.)

BEATRICE CHILDRENS CLINIC- 402-223-6518 or 402-228-3117. (Dr. Reyes, Dr. Dayton, Tammi Carstens-P.A., Lisa Decker-Family N.P., Jenny Hanshaw-Pediatric N.P., Penny Shaffer-Pediatric N.P.)

COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTER- 402-228-4295. (Dr. Parks, Rick Blum-P.A.)

WYMORE MEDICAL CLINIC- 402-645-3310 (Don Harmon P.A.-C). Well child check will be done with physical.

Please return these physicals and forms to the office or nurses office as soon as they are completed so they may be entered into your child’s file.



# WASHINGTON D.C. HERE WE COME!!!

Washington D.C. and historical Gettysburg will be the site of a five day/four night educational tour for 72 Beatrice Middle School 8th graders, teachers, and adults. Worldstrides Educational Tours and 8th grade History and Civics teacher Michael Policky are sponsoring the trip. Students will see Mount Vernon, George Washington’s home; the White House, the Holocaust Museum, Arlington National Cemetery, and other sites in the Washington D.C. area as well as Gettysburg, the famous Civil War battlefield. Policky noted the reason for sponsoring this trip is to provide students with a once in a lifetime opportunity to experience the history, culture, and government of our country’s great capital and the early beginnings of our country. The group travels to the east coast from May 29th-June 2nd, 2018. Please watch for emails and notices of meetings for further information. A student meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 15th from 3:15-6:00 p.m. and a parent meeting will follow from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Beatrice Middle School 7th graders and parents also recently held meetings for the kickoff to the 2019 Washington D.C. and Gettysburg trip scheduled for May 28th-June 1st, 2019. Early registration discounts were available for the 5 day/4 night trip. Cost of this year’s trip with discount is \$2,181.00. Besides the discounted fares, it allows students and parents additional time to work and pay off the trip. Those who sign up should also ask about Flag Scholarships that help pay for the trip. This trip is open to 8th graders (2018-2019 school year), parents, and older siblings who did not have the opportunity to go to Washington D.C. but who would still like the chance to gain the experience and education associated with such a trip. There are currently 57 people signed up for this trip.

Students who are currently in the elementary grades and 6th grade are encouraged by Mr. Policky to establish a savings account and to begin saving for the 2020 trip and those trips beyond. The tentative dates for the 2020 trip are May 26th -May 30th, 2020. With some hard work, the desire for learning, and the ability to save, anyone can make this trip a reality.

Anyone with questions concerning the 2018, 2019, or 2020 trip should direct their questions to Mr. Michael Policky at 228-4642. I wish everyone a wonderful summer.

# FROM THE LIBRARY

Throughout the year, students are notified when library materials become overdue. Students continue to receive an overdue notice until the book is returned. Ask your student if they have received a notice and please look around the house for books that need to be returned to the Beatrice Middle School Media Center. If a book has been lost or ruined, you will need to send the replacement cost for that book to the media center as soon as possible. In the event you pay for a book and find it later, we will return your money to you.

The last day to check out books will be Wednesday, May 9. All books need to be returned NO LATER than Monday, May 14. Remember, kids can continue to read using our FREE e-book system. All you need is the free app called AXIS 360. Students use their school computer username and password for this site as well. I would love to help your students access this resource, just send them my way.



## Should we let kids take a break ALL summer?

### Summer Reading Statistics

- \*\* Students experience significant learning loss when they do not participate in educational activities during the summer months. Research shows that students who do not engage in any summer educational activities, on average score lower on standardized tests at the end of summer than they do on the same tests at the end of the school year.
- \*\* Reading just **4-5 books** during the summer can prevent a decline in a child's fall reading scores.
- \*\* Summer reading loss is cumulative, these children do not typically catch up in the fall. Their peers are progressing with their skills while they are making up for the summer learning loss. By the end of 6th grade, children who lose reading skills during the summer are on average 2 years behind their peers, even more loss is noted as kids age.
- \*\* Teachers spend an average of 4-6 weeks re-teaching material that students have lost during the summer.

<b>READING</b> IMPROVES TEST SCORES!		
MINUTES OF READING PER DAY	NUMBER OF WORDS READ PER YEAR	PERCENTILE RANK ON READING TESTS
<b>91</b>	<b>4,700,000</b> <small>4.7 million</small>	<b>98<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>40</b>	<b>2,400,000</b> <small>2.4 million</small>	<b>90<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>22</b>	<b>1,200,000</b> <small>1.2 million</small>	<b>70<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>13</b>	<b>600,000</b>	<b>50<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>3</b>	<b>134,000</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>2</b>	<b>51,000</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>

Source: Anderson, Wilson, & Fielding 1988  
Jan London, Beatrice Middle School

This summer Beatrice Middle School Media Center will be offering a voluntary reading program. Kids will begin hearing about this in the next few weeks. If you are interested in having your child participate in this program... email me at [kdittbrenner@bpsnebr.org](mailto:kdittbrenner@bpsnebr.org) OR have your student sign up in the media center.

This will be a free, voluntary program that encourages kids to read for enjoyment while not experiencing a decline in reading scores over the summer. Emphasis will be on reading for enjoyment. This will work a bit more effectively if kids have access to internet but we can work around this if you do not have internet readily available. The emphasis is on the actual reading.

# BEATRICE MIDDLE SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST



## 6TH GRADE

Notebook/notebook paper for all classes-wide ruled  
Pens to be used for all classes (black or blue and red)  
#2 Pencils with erasers for all classes  
Colored pencils (Mrs. Bargman's L.A.)  
Dictionary and Thesaurus for home use  
(not necessary if student has access to internet)  
Highlighters; 1 yellow, 1 pink, 1 green (for language arts)  
2 boxes of tissue (bring to your mentor class)  
1 - 1" three ring binder (science)  
Paper towels - 1 roll (science)  
1 - 1" 3-ring binder (math)  
Trapper-optional

## 7TH GRADE

Trapper-optional  
Notebook/notebook paper for all classes  
Pens to be used for all classes (black or blue and red)  
#2 pencils with erasers for all classes  
Colored pencils (Mrs. Bargman's L.A.)  
Highlighters; 1 yellow, 1 pink, 1 green (Science)  
Dictionary and thesaurus for home use  
(not necessary if student has access to internet)  
2 boxes of tissue (bring to your mentor class)  
BASIC calculator (no scientific calculators)  
Spiral notebook (Mr. Kassmeier Science)  
1 - 1 1/2" 3-ring binder (Mrs. Carpenter's Science)  
1 pkg - 5 dividers (Mrs. Carpenter's Science)  
Index cards (Mrs. Carpenter's Science)  
1 - 1" 3-ring binder (Mrs. Sykes & Mrs. Mahoney Math)  
1 pkg - 5 dividers (Mrs. Mahoney Math)

## 8TH GRADE

Trapper - optional.  
#2 pencils with erasers for all classes  
Notebook/notebook paper for all classes  
Folder (Social Studies)  
2 pkgs plastic dividers, sets of 5 (Science and Math)  
1 pkg Highlighters (Science)  
2 boxes tissue (bring to your mentor class)  
Basic calculators (no scientific calculators)  
2 - 1 1/2" 3 ring binder (Science and Math)  
Supplies for home use  
Dictionary & thesaurus or use of internet  
Colored pencils, crayons, markers, scissors, glue, ruler

## READING (all grades)

Self stick markers (clear colored post-it tags)  
1 - 1 1/2" three ring binder  
Pencil pocket  
2- Highlighters  
3 - #2 pencils  
1 - \$1 calculator

## PE/HEALTH (all grades)

Pens or pencils  
Notebook paper  
T-shirt - (girls-no tank tops), no torn shirts  
Shorts (no cut-offs)  
Tennis shoes  
Deodorant/Hand towel

## FACS

**(only 7th and 8th grades)**

\$10-\$15 for sewing projects.

## COMPUTERS

Clorox Disinfectant Wipes  
Headphones or Ear Buds

**ITEMS NEEDED  
THROUGHOUT  
THE SCHOOL  
YEAR**

**\*\* Replenish As  
Needed \*\***



# SUMMER BIRTHDAYS

## JUNE

2-Noah Smith  
2-Mason Martin  
4-Jaidyn Vanschoiack  
4-Max Carrel  
4-Colton McGill  
4-Evan Stevens  
4-Maggie Schmidt  
4-Ms. Henderson  
5-Jordan Creek  
6-Logan Rose  
6-Amrielle Walker  
7-Ceighley Behrends  
8-Kadyn Kujath  
8-Noah Wissink  
8-Tayton Oakes  
8-Ms. Douglas  
10-Gavin Wolf  
10-Ms. Smaus  
11-Makinzee Deutsch  
12-Isabelle Rios  
12-Ellie Jurgens  
13-Carlee Kelch  
13-Brayden Bednar  
15-Brookelynn Bahnsen  
15-Conner McCubbin  
15-Wyatt Jurgens  
16-Ashton Barber  
16-Mrs. Trusty  
17-Kate Gleason  
18-Morgan Ward  
21-Gavin Henry  
21-Mrs. Stanley  
22-Kiera Paquette  
22-Makenna Higgins  
23-Paige Lantz  
23-JaeLeigh Askew  
23-Kirsten Bonham  
23-Mrs. Czarnick  
25-Mrs. Schaefer  
26-Aidan Russell  
27-Andrew Clark  
28-Nolan Marlatt  
29-Michael Roschewski  
30-Mrs. Carlin

## JULY

1-Zach Ross  
1-Martha Soto  
2-Logan Kreft  
2-Alexis Cox  
3-Olivia Pfeiffer  
4-Jalen Reiman  
4-Mrs. Bulson  
5-Makira Smith  
6-Gabriel Evans  
6-Mrs. Hovendick  
7-Tucker Timmerman  
7-Bodee Weichel  
7-Ava Bolli  
7-J'Cadence Lytle  
8-Bryce Marples  
8-Deighton Arena  
8-Ms. Laflin  
9-Ethan McLaughlin  
9-Ater Achuoth  
10-Treyten Henning  
11-Blake Berke  
13-Emma Stevens  
14-Dalton Jones  
14-Mickey Zhu  
15-Laney Stevens  
16-Dawson Loomis  
17-Rebekah Denton  
17-Devon Busboom  
17-Trey Schuster  
17-Kendall Hein  
17-Dylan Adams  
18-Makenna Blum  
18-Kyle Holloway  
19-Bryce Karlin  
19-Justyn Eppens  
20-Ava Rosenthal  
21-Avery Hortman  
22-Tucker Oliver  
22-Hannah Jobman  
22-Noah Jobman  
22-Jeiveon Farley  
22-Natasha Martin  
23-Zackery Whitmore  
23-Carson Elstun

23-Mr. Kassmeier  
24-Yadira Valdivia  
25-Jaxson Blackburn.  
25-Blake Harder  
25-Mrs. Cherry  
27-Makayla Williams  
29-Kason Wallman  
29-Sawyer Crumrine  
29-Kayden Nickel  
31-Tavion Minor  
31-Mr. Francis  
31-Ms. Gronewold  
31-Mrs. Sunneberg

## AUGUST

2-Karlie Elliott  
4-Shayla Dowd  
5-Dakota Lucas  
5-Dominik Salazar  
5-Austin Rhoden  
6-Tagg DeBoer  
8-Sofia Poole  
9-Gage Forney  
9-Evan Coon  
9-Erin Ware  
10-Aden Smith  
10-Ms. Fink  
12-Abigail Trantham  
12-Collin Mangnall  
13-Jackson Cramer  
14-Dylan Roeder  
15-Treyton Oliver  
15-Scott Tumpach  
15-Dominic Suarez  
15-Christian Bridge Centeno  
15-Delanie Roeder  
16-Micaela Houseman  
16-Ella Verkler  
17-Jaelynne Kosmos  
18-Olivia Eckert  
19-Mrs. Vogel  
21-Arihanna Marlatt  
21-Tyler Warnsing  
23-Ashlynn Zarybnicky  
23-D'Nazha Pratt

23-Rodrigo Munoz  
25-Paige Southwick  
26-Jordan Frerichs  
26-Elliot Jurgens  
26-Macey Nanneman  
26-Mr. Deke  
27-Mr. Essam  
27-Mrs. Zimmerman  
27-Mr. Hogleund  
28-Ethan Jurgens  
28-Carter Simmons  
28-Alfredo Benavides  
29-Bryan Price  
31-Rylie Saathoff  
31-Cheyne Oates  
31-Travis Ruskamp



# BMS STUDENTS OF CHARACTER



## Week of April 2

Row one: Brooklynn Bahnsen, Emily Allen, Chris Watts-Moore, and Abigail Trantham. ←

## Week of April 9

Left to right: Mickey Zhu, Alexa Jelinek, Morgan Mahoney, Dalton Jones, Ava Bolli, Deegan Nelson →



## Week of April 16

Left to right: Trevor Reinke, Delanie Roeder, Camdon Cline, Jaelynne Kosmos, Christian Ayson, and Kinsey Crooks. ←

## Week of April 23

Left to right: Dylan Griggs-Peterson, Parker Witulski, Makira Smith, Martha Soto, and Megan Meagher. Not Pictured: Ava Rosenthal →



# BULLETIN

**LAST SCHOOL DAY...** BMS students will be dismissed at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, May 22nd. Students will not be allowed into the building with backpacks, purses, or bags of any kind on that day.

**LOST AND FOUND.....** Please check the lost and found at the office. All unclaimed items will be distributed on Friday, May 25th.

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS....** May 23-June 1: 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-3:00.

**BACK TO SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS....** August 8-August 10: 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-3:00.

**REGULAR OFFICE HOURS -** Beginning August 13th: 7:30-4:00.

**FINES AND FEES.....** All fines and fees **MUST BE PAID** prior to receiving the final report card and next years class schedule.

**FINAL REPORT CARDS....** will be mailed the week of May 28th.

**6TH GRADE AND NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION...** Date and time to be determined. You will receive information in the mail close to school starting.

## MRS. SYKES' 6TH AND 7TH MATH PARENTS.....

Want to know what your child's math homework assignments are? Check out Mrs. Sykes website. Here you will find the homework assignments for my 6th and 7th grade math students. This page is updated on a weekly basis and will let you know not only the daily assignments but also will keep you up to date when quizzes and tests will be. This is a great way to keep on top of things and will also allow you and your child to keep current on assignments when they are absent. Simply log on to [beatricepublicschools.org](http://beatricepublicschools.org) and click on Beatrice Middle School. From there, click on the Teacher Websites box and click on Sykes. The assignments are posted on the Math 6 and Math 7 link. Add this link to your favorites or bookmarks so you have a direct link to the homework anytime!



## FROM THE CAFETERIA

With only a few more weeks of school, it's important to start thinking about delinquent lunch accounts. All lunch accounts must be paid in full.

Any balances left over in your child's account will remain there until next year. No cash will be given to children who ask for their balances. Only a call from parents to me will be honored. If you have any questions about any of these matters, you may call me at 223-1500, ext 1111.

RaJean May, Middle School Foodservice

# FAREWELL & GOOD LUCK

to our 8th graders as they enter their freshman year at BHS. We wish you the best of luck and study hard!!

**BMS TRACK MEET**  
**FRIDAY, MAY 4**  
**3:00 PM**



## DID YOU KNOW BMS IS ON TWITTER AND FACEBOOK

### CHECK US OUT ON:

Twitter: @BMSbrags

Facebook: Beatrice Public Schools

Website: [beatricepublicschools.org](http://beatricepublicschools.org)

**LOOK AT SOME OF THE  
FUN THINGS HAPPENING  
IN OUR SCHOOL!**

## SKILLS OF THE WEEK

May 7 ————— Working with Others

May 14 ——— Accepting No For An Answer

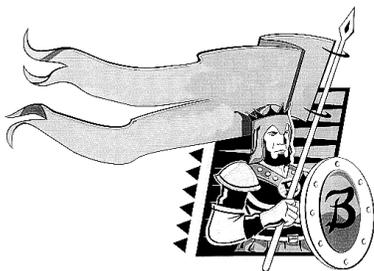


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