



Beatrice Middle School MESSENGER

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PRINCIPAL POINTS - JOHN JAROSH



WELCOME BACK TO BEATRICE MIDDLE SCHOOL



The Mission of Beatrice Middle School is to provide students with the academic and life skills necessary for personal success and responsible citizenship by providing rigorous, aligned curriculum, high quality instruction, and a safe and caring environment.

The teaching staff at Beatrice Middle School is a quality staff dedicated to the success of the students. The staff members are committed to meeting the needs of the students that they come into contact with on a daily basis. Staff members use a variety of teaching techniques to meet the needs of the varied learning styles of the students in the building. The middle school is an inclusionary school with all students taking part in the learning within the classroom. To meet those needs, the staff at the middle school differentiates the instruction and method of instruction to accommodate all learners.

Each year, Beatrice Middle School establishes goals which the administration and staff members will focus on during the school year. Once again, the two specific goals of Beatrice Middle School are to work on helping students track their own learning progress and to increase writing skills. All Beatrice Public School teachers are working on improving instruction based on the Marzano Educational Framework. Both of the BMS goals are driven by the Beatrice Public School's mission statement and the Beatrice Middle School mission statement.

DANCES

Please Note: Dances held in Beatrice for Middle School aged children are not organized, promoted, advertized, or supervised by Beatrice Middle School. They are not affiliated with Beatrice Middle School in any way. These dances are put on by various organizations as a fundraiser for that organization. These dances are supervised by the sponsoring organization. Please use this information to help you decide whether to allow your middle school aged child to attend these dances. Concerns with these dances should be addressed to the sponsoring organization.

Thank you, John Jarosh

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Pam Henning

The 2018-19 school year is off to a fantastic start. All our new sixth graders have done a wonderful job with lockers, lunch, and finding their classrooms on time. Now that their three biggest fears have been overcome, they seem excited and ready to get started on their journey here at the middle school. All our returning seventh and eighth grade students have done a great job as well with their new teachers, routines, and classes. I am so excited for this school year and have high expectations for each of your children. The teachers and staff here are **OUTSTANDING** and will always go the extra mile when it comes to student's academic achievement. Please know that my door is always open if you have questions or concerns about your child's education.

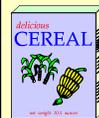
PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Monday, September 24
Thursday, September 27
4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.



Mr. Policky's Civics Class is looking for old, worn, faded, torn and tattered United States Flags. These flags will be used for the lesson on the proper retirement of the United States Flag. Flags may be sent or brought to the middle school office. It is very much appreciated!!

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



Save Boxtops for education, cut them out on the dotted line, place box tops in ziplock bag, and turn them into the middle school office. Thank you for your help in earning **FREE DOLLARS** for our school!

MRS. SYKES' 6TH AND 7TH GRADE 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 will also 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, click on the Beatrice Middle School tab, select teacher websites, 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



WELCOME BACK TO ALL NEW AND RETURNING STUDENTS!!

Breakfast and lunch are an important part of a child's day so it's also important to know the way we handle the lunch accounts at the Middle School.

Deposits to lunch accounts can be made at the office. *In order to cut down on processing time, checks would be appreciated and we will only accept deposits of at least \$5.00.* Please write the name of the child(ren) on the check. Each child will be informed when their balances become low--around \$3.00, at which time it is the child's responsibility to tell their parent they need money. Students with negative balances will not be allowed to purchase ala carte items.

Students are limited to taking two low or non-nutritional items along with their lunch.

Any parent with concerns or questions can call Ms. May at the Middle School at 223-1500, ext. 1111.

ALL INSUFFICIENT CHECKS WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM THE STUDENT'S ACCOUNT ALONG WITH A COLLECTION FEE.



COUNSELORS' QUIPS



Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! School counselors at BMS include Mrs. Angie Vogel and Mrs. Amy Randel. Mrs. Vogel is the school counselor for the 6th grade and also the 8th grade students with last names starting with A-M. Mrs. Randel is the school counselor for 7th grade and also the 8th grade students with last names starting with N-Z.

We have a wide variety of programs available to help support our students: SCIP, SAT, 504s, and HOPE Squad. We also teach classroom lessons called BONUS Day, put on small groups, and do individual counseling.

Let's work together to make this a great school year for your child! Feel free to call us anytime with any questions or concerns.

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BPS WEBSITE, BPS FACEBOOK PAGE, AND BMS TWITTER



CHECK US OUT ON:

Website: beatricepublicschools.org

Facebook: Beatrice Public Schools

Twitter: @BMSBrag

On the Beatrice Public School's website, middle school tab, you will find the following: Newsletters, student's of character photos, bell schedules, teacher websites, bulletins, athletic schedules, among other helpful information.

On the BPS Facebook page and BMS twitter you will find fun things happening at our school. Check us out!

Child Identification Program (CHIP)

The Nebraska Freemasons Child Identification Program (CHIP) — is coming to Beatrice Middle School. Nebraska Freemasons invite children in the **sixth grade** to participate in a comprehensive Child Identification Program. **Parents must sign a release form and provide information on their child at/or prior to parent teacher conferences September 24th or 27th.**

The Nebraska Freemasons Child Identification Program (CHIP) addresses the alarming fact that over 800,000 children are reported missing in the United States each year. According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, on average in the United States, a child is reported missing every 43 seconds. In 2005, over 2,000 children were reported missing in Nebraska. While most are found, many are not. Also, the abduction of children is both under-reported and rapidly increasing in our society.

CHIP is an acronym for CHild Identification Program*. The Masonic CHIP Kit is recognized by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children as the most comprehensive service of its kind anywhere. CHIP is provided at no charge to the public and all of the identifying items generated during CHIP are given to the child's family

The CHIP Kit includes: A thumb drive containing: Digital Video Interview, Digital Fingerprints and Digital Photograph. Toothprints™ bite impression, DNA Swab and a Scent Pad Kit (to be completed at home by the parents or guardian).

Events are offered at no cost to parents so that anyone wanting their child/children to participate can do so. All identifying items generated at CHIP events are the sole property and given to the child's parent or legal guardian, are placed in a bag along with safety education information and taken home for safe keeping in case the need arises to give the items to law enforcement to help find a missing person. **Only the signed permission form is retained by the Masons of Nebraska.**

**The program has nothing to do with "placing chips" in children, or anyone for that matter. CHIP is simply an acronym.*

Beatrice Middle School Regular Bell Schedule

Entrance Bell: 7:50 a.m.
Locker Bell: 8:05 a.m.

Mentor.....	8:10-8:24
Period 1.....	8:28-9:11
Period 2.....	9:15-9:58
Period 3.....	10:02-10:45
Period 4.....	10:49-11:32
Period 5.....	11:36-12:51
Period 6.....	12:55-1:38
Period 7.....	1:42-2:25
Period 8.....	2:29-3:12
Period 9/Activity.....	3:16-3:45

Beatrice Middle School 2:15 Wednesday Dismissal Schedule

Entrance Bell: 7:50 a.m.
Locker Bell: 8:05 a.m.

Mentor.....	8:10-8:24
Period 1.....	8:28-9:04
Period 2.....	9:08-9:44
Period 3.....	9:48-10:24
Period 4.....	10:28-11:04
Period 5.....	11:08-12:16
Period 6.....	12:20-12:56
Period 7.....	1:00-1:36
Period 8.....	1:40-2:15

SKILLS OF THE WEEK

September 10
Making an Apology

September 17
Accepting a Consequence

September 24
Getting Teacher's Attention



FROM THE NURSE....



Medication Reminder

If you wish to send PRN (as needed) medication to school with your child for headaches, dental/ orthodontia pain, colds, etc... it must be brought in the original container and a medication consent form must be filled out and signed by a parent or legal guardian, according to Nebraska Law. Medication must be provided by parent/guardian, BPS does not provide as needed medication for students. If the medication is not in the original container and a consent form is not completed, the medication will NOT be given. You may pick up a form at the front office, the nurse's office or go to the Beatrice Public Schools website (beatricepublicschools.org) and print one off under FORMS. Beatrice Middle School DOES NOT supply over the counter medications for students, these must be provided by the parent/guardian. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

Help keep your child in his/her classroom throughout the school day!

If your child wakes up and is not feeling well, but does not have a fever, chances are you will send them to school. It is okay to send your child to school if they are absent of fever, vomiting and diarrhea, but take care of any medications they may benefit from BEFORE they get to school. (Please supply any cough drops for your child. They can be kept in their locker.) If your child comes to the nurse's office and does not have a fever, is not vomiting and does not have diarrhea, they will probably be sent back to class.

Any open wounds or injuries should be covered/wrapped BEFORE coming to school.

Make sure your child has had breakfast BEFORE coming to school. It is not unusual for students to come to the nurse's office during mentor, 1st or 2nd periods with a stomachache. When asked what they had for breakfast the answer is often times "nothing." Please provide something for your child to "grab and go" as they head to school if they do not have time to sit down and eat at home. I do not supply breakfast in the nurse's office. ;-)

If your child has a fever (100.0 F or higher), for any reason, they should not return back to school until they are "fever free" for 24 hours without the use of a fever reducing medication. Do not send your child to school if they wake up with vomiting or diarrhea.

When calling the school to report a sick child please be specific as to their symptoms or diagnosis. This will help us to track any outbreaks at Beatrice Middle School.

Vaccine Alert!!

All students enrolling in 7th grade must provide evidence of having 1 booster of Tdap vaccine, given on or after 10 years of age. What does this mean? If you have a 7th grade student this year, they should have already gotten this vaccine. If they haven't you need to schedule a time for them to received it ASAP. Please send documentation of this to school ASAP so we can enter it into their records.

Physicals

Just a reminder: If your child would like to participate in any sports this school year, they must have a physical on file in the nurse's office dated May 1st 2018 or after. If your child does not have a current physical on file, they will not be able to start practice until they do. I would suggest making an appointment as soon as possible, most of the medical clinics have been overloaded with school physical appointments the last month or so and have a wait of approximately one month. Also, if you have a current 7th grade student and forgot that they are required to have a physical before entering 7th grade, please get that done ASAP and turn into the nursing office.

Asthma Action Plans

If your child has been diagnosed with asthma or an allergy that leads to anaphylaxis such as food allergies, we need a new Asthma/Allergy Action Plan in their file every year. If you have not had your family physician fill one out for your child for this school year, this needs to be done as soon as possible. I will be sending out letters to parents of children who do not have updated plans for this school year. If your child needs an epi-pen for their allergy/asthma please bring that to the school as soon as possible. Also if your child requires an inhaler for their asthma please send it with them to school with a medical consent form, especially when they are scheduled for PE.

BMS Sports Schedule

September, 2018

7th Grade Volleyball

Sept 4	Platteview	4:15(H)
Sept 6	Auburn	4:30(H)
Sept 13	Fairbury	4:00(T)
Sept 17	York	4:00(T)
Sept 20	Falls City	4:00(T)

7TH & 8TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL

7th Grade Coaches:

Mrs. Randel /Mrs. Schlueter

8th Grade Coaches:

Mrs. Vogel/Mrs. Bargman



8th Grade Volleyball

Sept. 4	Platteview	4:15(T)
Sept. 6	Auburn	4:30(H)
Sept 13	Fairbury	4:00(T)
Sept 17	York	4:00(T)
Sept 20	Falls City	5:00(T)
Sept 29	Wymore Tourn	8:30(T)

7th Grade Football

Sept 6	Falls City	4:00(T)
Sept 17	York	4:00(H)
Sept 25	Wilber/Clatonia	6:00(H)

7TH & 8TH GRADE FOOTBALL

7th Grade Coaches:

Mr. Policky, Mr. Kaiser, Mr. Jurgens

8th Grade Coaches:

Mr. Glynn, Mr. Jaramillo



8th Grade Football

Sept 6	Falls City	5:30 (T)
Sept 17	York	6:00 (H)
Sept 25	Aurora	4:00 (H)

CROSS COUNTRY

Coach: Mrs. Pinkerton

Cross Country

Sept 7	Aurora	3:30(T)
Sept 14	Waverly	3:45(T)
Sept 18	Crete	4:00(T)
Sept 28	Syracuse	3:45 (T)



PRICES

Student - \$2.00

Adult - \$3.00

Student Activity Pass— \$25

Adult Activity Pass—\$80

Family Pass—\$175

Activity passes are permitted at both Middle School and High School athletic events and may be purchased at the Middle School or High School Offices.



A NOTE FROM THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Getting Back into the School Routine



You may have noticed officers at the schools as you drop your students off. They are there for everyone's safety, but they are focused on the traffic/student safety.

Beatrice has a traffic law that states it is illegal to allow the loading or unloading of people in a lane of traffic, including alleyways, in a school zone. This was made due to safety concerns for students being dropped off for school.

What is required under this law is that you legally park next to a curb or in a parking lot and allow your passengers to exit your vehicle. At the Beatrice Middle School, there is ample parking available for short term drop off parking in the City of Beatrice/BPW lot adjacent to the alley off of 4th Street. The church parking lot at 4th and High Streets is also a common option used, since all students (except for band students with instruments) are required to use the 4th Street entrance prior to the bell ringing. Some parents choose to drop their students off on Ella Street next to the curb then they just have a short one block walk to the doors and driver's don't have to mess with the traffic on north 4th Street. Wherever you choose to drop your students off, please remember to park then let them out.

When our students are passengers in our vehicle we need to ensure they are wearing their seatbelts. Not only is it the law, but common sense that if we are in an accident our children have a much better chance to be uninjured if they are in a properly adjusted seatbelt. Remember the driver of a vehicle will be the one ticketed if a student is not wearing a seatbelt.

The last law I want to talk to you about is Nebraska State Statute 60-6175. This statute states that all vehicles must stop when approaching a school bus with its stop arm extended. We continue to get reports of vehicles passing busses with the stop arm extended and I have instructed the bus drivers to notify me of offenders and I will follow up with that driver. The penalty of driving through a bus stop arm is a whopping \$500 plus court costs!

Our primary concern is for your student's safety; however, no one likes getting tickets so please don't violate these laws. If you have specific questions please contact me at the Beatrice Middle School or the Beatrice Police Department, and have a safe and enjoyable school year.

School Resource Officer Timothy Price

2018 Washington D.C. Trip a Huge Success

2019 Trip in the Planning Stages

The 2018 Washington D.C. trip was seen as a huge success as 72 students, parents, and grandparents spent 5 days and 4 nights enjoying the history, culture, government, and sites in and around Washington D.C. as well as the Civil War battlefield at Gettysburg. Four students had the honor of laying a wreath at The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery, students experienced stories from honor flight soldiers who were at the airport, and eighteen people flew on a commercial airline for the first time. All came home tired and full of stories and experiences that will last for a lifetime. Michael Policky, 8th grade History/Civics teacher, said that he felt everyone had a great experience and that many memories were made on this trip. He invites anyone who may be interested in making a trip in the future to visit with those who have first hand experiences. You won't regret making this investment.

As of press-time, there were 56 students, parents, and teachers signed up for the 2019 trip scheduled for May 28th- June 1st. Mr. Policky will be distributing informational packets to all 8th grade students September 7th, and there will be an informational meeting concerning the upcoming trip on Tuesday, September 11th at 7:00P.M. in room 202 of the middle school. All students and parents are welcome to come and find out more information about the upcoming trip. The deadline for registration for this trip is Friday, September 28th. Fundraising opportunities will occur and Worldstrides offers Flag Scholarships to those that qualify for the financial assistance. These scholarships are on a first come, first serve basis and they can be applied for via the Worldstrides customer service representatives.

Mr. Policky invites all to consider this once in a lifetime opportunity and to try to make it a reality for your child and yourself. He strongly encourages 7th and 6th grade students to set up a savings account now and put money aside each month so that it is not a financial burden, but a wonderful investment in your child's education. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Policky at 228-4642 for more information.



PRESIDENTIAL FITNESS AWARD - NATIONAL FITNESS AWARD - BMS FITNESS AWARD

The 2nd Semester Physical Education classes this past May completed the Presidential Physical Fitness Challenge with many students achieving awards. Students are tested in the following fitness areas: the mile run, shuttle run, sit-ups, pull-ups or pushups, and the sit and reach flexibility test.

To qualify for the Presidential Fitness Award, students must reach the 85th percentile or higher in all 5 categories based on their age and gender. When a student achieves this level they are awarded a Presidential Physical Fitness Award certificate and a t-shirt. We had 33 winners this past semester. Listed are the winners and the number of years they have won the award.

6th grade: all first year

Ceighley Behrends
Cheyne Oates
Lynsie Lancaster
Tristan Reinke
Aidin Kolb
Hannah Jobman
Crew Meints
Maddox DeBoer
Treson Russell
Kruse Williamson
Gavin Vanover
Addison Hatcliff
Trevin Lang

7th Grade:

Codey Behrends-2nd yr
Hayley Miccicke-
Wise-1st yr
Deegan Nelson-2nd yr
Olivia Achtemeier-2nd yr
Brianna Brewer-1st yr

8th Grade:

Connor Hamilton-1st yr
Brock Ostdiek-3rd yr
Lauren Pieper-3rd yr
Taylor Oblingerl-3rd yr
Caden Clapper-2nd yr

The Beatrice Middle School "Fitness Award" was created in the 2011/2012 school year. It is given to students who: qualify in at least 3 of the 5 fitness test categories at or above the 85%, completed the mile run at 50% or higher, and have a cumulative total of 70% on all 5 categories. Students earn a T-shirt for this achievement. In the 2nd semester this past school year we had 40 winners.

To qualify for the National Fitness Award, students must reach the 50th percentile or higher in all 5 categories. Students receive a certificate for this award. We had 29 students achieve the National Award 2nd semester.

2018/2019 BMS DRESS CODE

Students should come to school and school events clean in his/her person and dress. An individual's dress, personal appearance and cleanliness, like his/her behavior, should reflect sensitivity to and respect for others. Good appearance stimulates good behavior and proper clothes encourage self-confidence. Appearance, which is disruptive to the educational process or endangers the safety or health of a student, will not be allowed. Recognizing that school is a place of business and that pride in ourselves and in the entire student body is a worthwhile objective, we, the students, faculty, and administration, recognize the following dress policy:

1. Hats, bandannas, stocking caps, head sweatbands, visors, and sunglasses will not be permitted to be worn inside the school building.
2. Any clothing, which is cut, torn, ripped, see through, or exposes undergarments is prohibited.
3. Any clothing, accessories, or jewelry, which has inappropriate statements, logos, slogans and pictures, or potentially dangerous will be prohibited in the building.
4. Shirts, blouses, sweaters, sweatshirts
 - a. All shirts must fit appropriately including size and length.
 - b. Shirts or blouses exposing the midriff, shoulders and back will be prohibited.
 - c. Tank tops, spaghetti straps, basketball shirts, etc., may be worn in combination with either a capped sleeve shirt or t-shirt that covers the shoulder. Sleeveless shirts, worn alone, are prohibited. Capped sleeve shirts must be worn on the shoulder.
 - d. The neckline of shirts must be high enough to ensure modesty for students and does not expose undergarments.
5. Shorts
 - a. All shorts must be of an appropriate length to ensure modesty.
 - b. All shorts must fit around the waist and should not be rolled up at the waist.
 - c. Boxers, swimming attire, bicycle shorts (spandex) etc. are prohibited.
6. Pants
 - a. All pants must be of appropriate length.
 - b. All pants must fit around the waist. A belt of appropriate length may be worn to ensure that pants fit appropriately. Belts must be worn tight and around the waist.
 - c. Pajama bottoms and flannel/fleece pants may not be worn.
 - d. Pants must be free of holes above the knee.
7. Dresses and Skirts
 - a. The length of all dresses and skirts must be of an appropriate length to ensure modesty.
 - b. Dresses with spaghetti straps or dresses that are sleeveless, must be worn in combination with a capped sleeve shirt.
8. Footwear
 - a. Appropriate footwear will be worn properly during the school day.
 - b. Bedroom slippers will be prohibited.
9. Coats
 - a. Coats will not be worn in school during the school day.



Responsibility for dress rests primarily with the parents. They should see to it that their children are properly dressed for attendance at school. If in doubt, be conservative. If, in the judgment of the administrator, attire is disruptive to the educational process or offensive to the community or poses a safety concern, the student may be sent home or be required to change. Other discipline may be necessary for ongoing problems with this dress policy. The administration reserves the right to address any clothing or attire that may be a hindrance to the learning environment.

SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

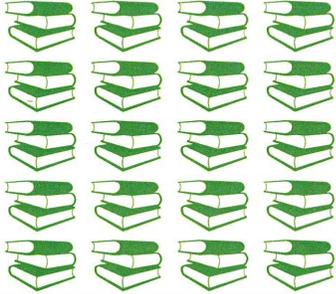
Any information pertaining to school closing, early dismissals, or late starts due to weather will be broadcast on KWBE radio AM 1450 or KOLN TV, Channel 11. You may also call the school closing hotline at 223-1555. Please have an alternate plan in mind for your child in case of early school dismissals. The telephone lines are frequently tied up during those busy times.



SCHOOL NOTES

Address	215 N. 5th St.
Telephone	223-1545
Fax	223-1547
Nurse	223-1558
Secretary/Attendance	Tina Buss
Registrar	Annette Barnard

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
❖ 20 minutes per day.	❖ 5 minutes per day.	❖ 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year.
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.
		
❖ Scores in the 90 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10 th percentile on standardized tests.

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

(Nagy and Herman, 1987.)

WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.



Picture Retakes

October 4th

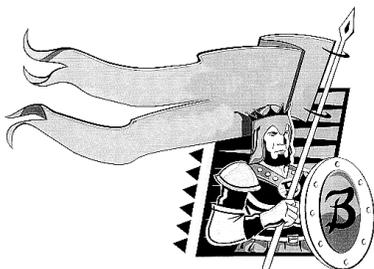
BMS Messenger

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The mission of Beatrice Public Schools, a collaborative partnership of students, staff, families, and community, is to guarantee all students achieve academic excellence and develop responsible citizenship by providing aligned, rigorous curriculum and high-quality instruction that utilizes 21st Century tools in a system that is measurably among the best in the nation.