

BEATRICE MIDDLE SCHOOL MESSENGER

OCTOBER, 2021

PRINCIPAL POINTS BY.....ANDREW HAAKE

As I sit here to write this month's newsletter article, it dawned on me that it's already October! This month I would like to take an opportunity to share how BMS takes proactive steps toward ensuring student and staff safety. If you are a 6th grade parent that attended our 6th Grade Orientation I discussed this.



Beatrice Middle School and Beatrice Public Schools follows the Standard Response Protocol. The Standard Response Protocol (SRP) gives students and staff five tools to help ensure student and staff safety. The five tools are: Lockdown, Secure, Shelter, Evacuation, and Hold. We have already trained students on SRP in August, but throughout the year we will also be practicing each of these options. The reason I'm putting this into my October newsletter is two-fold. First, so parents have a genuine understanding of the SRP language if one of these were to be administered in a school day. Secondly, we will be practicing these at random times during the school year and won't always tell students or staff when. I will not contact families on days we are conducting drills, but in the event we were to have a Lockdown or Secure I will send out communication to parents about the situation.

Please take a moment and familiarize yourself with this [SRP handout](#) so we're all on the same page when it comes to student safety.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S CORNER....CRAIG STENGEL

FALL MAP TESTING UPDATE

We are always excited to see where our students are academically each time we administer the MAP assessment. Students take the MAP test in Math, Reading, Science, and Language Arts three times per year - in the beginning, middle and end of the year. After students are finished, we gather individual and grade level data to help us make educational decisions. Now that students are completed with their MAP test this Fall, administrators and teachers have been taking a look at the data to give us a focus on our instruction going forward to benefit our students.



I would like to take a moment and share some great successes our students have accomplished. Now that we have implemented our house system, we took students' MAP data and determined how much each student's efforts help their house! All of our students had the chance to earn points for their respected house individually and also as a whole house. Below are some BMS House successes!!

Top Overall MAP Test Growth

House of Tapatahi

Top 6th Grade MAP Test Growth

House of Tapatahi

Top 7th Grade MAP Test Growth

House of Tiyaga

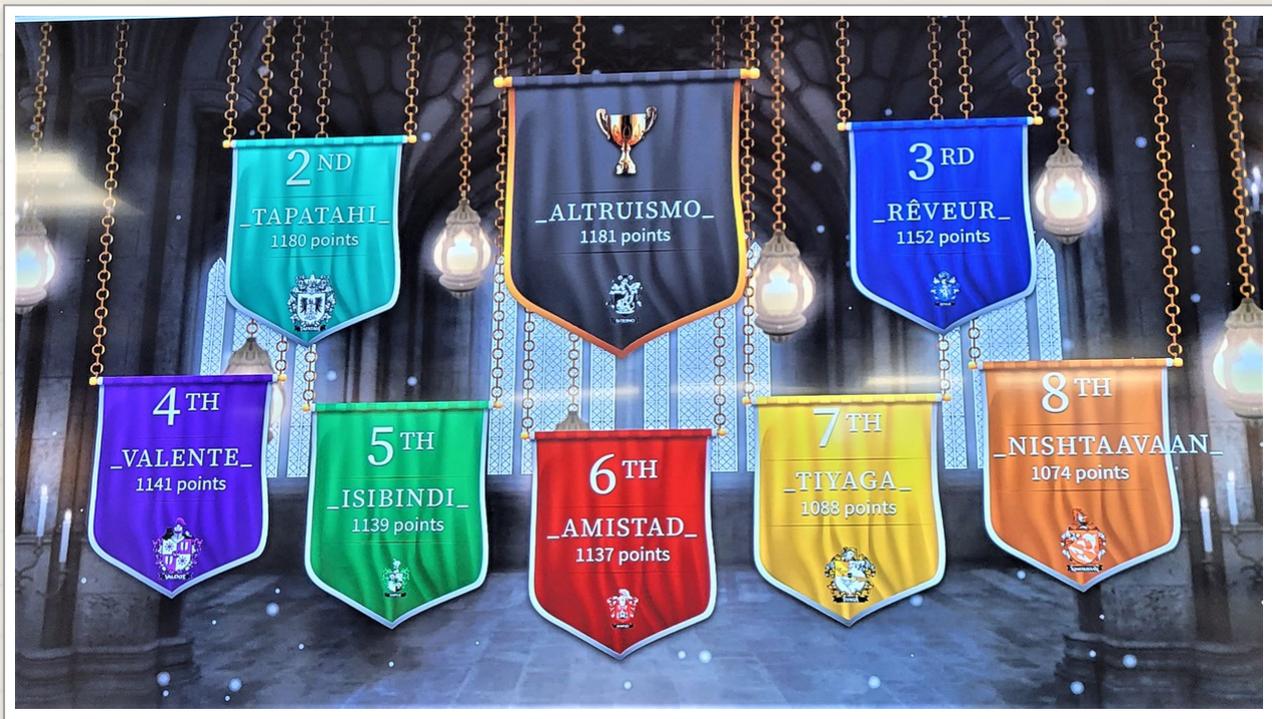
Top 8th Grade MAP Test Growth

House of Valente

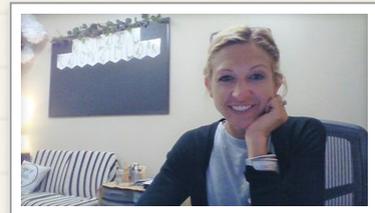
We are proud of all our students in their hard work and are excited to continue to see academic successes for our students. Great Job!!

Best Regards,
Mr. Stengel

****LEADERBOARD AS OF OCTOBER 1, 10:00 A.M.****



COUNSELOR'S QUIPS!.....JILL RICE, COUNSELOR;
ANGIE VOGEL, COUNSELOR



MIDDLE SCHOOLERS NEED ADULT GUIDANCE NAVIGATING SOCIAL MEDIA

According to Common Sense Media, middle schoolers spend more than 4.5 hours on screen media entertainment every day. And a good portion of that time is spent on social media.

Middle schoolers need guidance and support as they learn to navigate the world of social media. To help your child:

Learn about her online activity.

Ask her how often she checks her social media accounts and which ones she uses the most. Download the apps she uses most often. Learn how they work, and check to see if your child has one account she shows you and another she shares with friends

Set standards for online behavior

Your child shouldn't post anything on social media that she wouldn't want you or her friends' parents reading. Remind her that nothing online goes away so she should think carefully before she posts anything.

Encourage her to limit her followers

Kids want to be popular, and they sometimes add followers at random. To protect privacy, your child should know who is following her online.

Build in digital downtime

Be a role model yourself--put the phone away at meal time. After dinner, go for a walk or read a book.

"Social media is an amazing tool, but it's really the face-to-face interaction that makes a long-term impact." -- Felicia Day

From: "Middle School Parents" October, 2021 newsletter

NOTES FROM THE NURSE...JENNIFER ZIMMERMAN



BCHHC Immunization Clinic will be holding a Flu and COVID-19 Vaccination clinic at Beatrice Middle School on October 22nd, 2021.

BCHHC will only be offering the injectable flu vaccine this year, the Flu Mist will NOT be available at the school immunization clinic.

The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine was opened up to ages 12 and older this summer. The Pfizer vaccine will be offered to student's **age 12 and older** on the same day as the flu shot, student's may get both at the same time, one in each arm. BCHHC Immunization clinic staff will come back to the school in 3 weeks to do the 2nd dose of the Pfizer vaccine to complete the series.

Permission forms and Vaccine Information Sheets for both Vaccines will be sent home with student's the week of October 11th. **Please fill out and return the permission forms, include a copy of your insurance card if you have insurance. Vaccines will NOT be given without a completed and signed permission form and a copy of your insurance card (if applicable).**

Please return permission forms and insurance information to Beatrice Middle School office or Nursing office **BEFORE October 22nd** so we can have an accurate count of the number of vaccines needed for the clinic.

You can also download and print the vaccination permission forms here: [Covid-19 Vaccination Permission Form](#), [Flu Vaccination Permission Form](#).

REMEMBER- The COVID-19 and Flu Vaccine protect both you and those you love!

MEDIA CENTER NEWS.....KAREN DITTBRENNER, MEDIA SPECIALIST



TEN BENEFITS OF READING

1. Kids who read often and widely get better at it. This is pretty much just common sense. After all, practice makes perfect in almost everything we humans do and reading is no different.

2. Reading exercises our brains. Reading is a much more complex task for the human brain than, say, watching TV is. Reading strengthens brain connections and actually builds new connections.

3. Reading improves concentration. Again, this is a bit of a no-brainer. Children have to sit still and quietly so they can focus on the story when they're reading. If they read regularly as they grow up, they develop the ability to do this for longer and longer periods.

4. Reading teaches children about the world around them. Through reading, they learn about people, places, and events outside their own experience. They are exposed to ways of life, ideas, and beliefs about the world which may be different from those which surround them. This learning is important for its own sake; however, it also builds a store of background knowledge which helps younger children learn to read confidently and well.

5. Reading improves a child's vocabulary, leads to more highly-developed language skills, and improves the child's ability to write well. This is because children learn new words as they read but also because they unconsciously absorb information as they read about things like how to structure sentences and how to use words and language effectively.

from: <https://www.duxbury.k12.ma.us/Page/5230>

*** STUDENTS OF CHARACTER ***



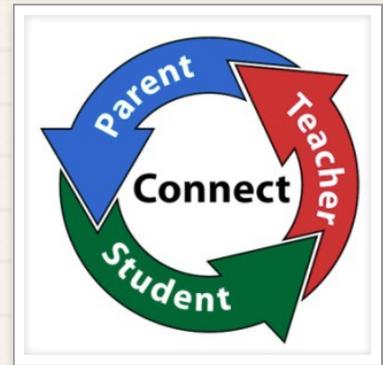
Row one, Emily Ideus, Gavin Roschewski, and Neev Gopalji. **Row two**: Marjle Zurita, Alex Tate, William Buchanan, and Ryan Rempel.



Row one: Tyler Wright, Carter Mertz, Kristina Martinez, and Cecily Wiedel. **Row two:** Karly Seggerman, Brooklyn Ackerman, Elayna Jacobsen, Chloe Jurgnes, and Andie Gibson.

PARENT PORTAL

Would you like to stay on top of your child's grades? Would you like to see if they did well on their last test? Would you like to make sure they are getting to class on time? Would you like to have heads up on when they need lunch money and be able to put lunch money on their account online? A Campus Portal account can help you with all of those things.



To get set up with an account, email either Annette Barnard at abarnard@bpsnebr.org or Karen Dittbrenner at kdittbrenner@bpsnebr.org. We will help you get started on the road to staying in the loop with all of the above mentioned things.

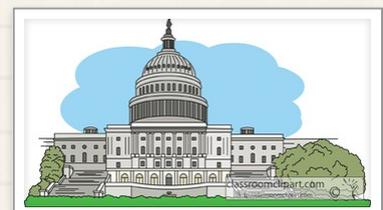
** PICTURE RETAKE DAY **

For anyone interested in having their school picture retaken, picture retakes will be held at Beatrice Middle School on Monday, October 25.



2022 WASHINGTON DC/GETTYSBURG TRIP UPDATE

Preparations for the 2022 Washington D.C./Gettysburg trip are taking shape and students have a couple more weeks to sign up for this wonderful trip. The September 14th informational meeting was well attended by nearly 70 students and parents and many questions were answered while others were created. Students and parents have until the end of September to sign up for this year's trip. We currently have 45 students and parents scheduled for the upcoming trip and would like to have more take advantage of this great opportunity. There will be a meeting of all students and parents who are going on this trip held in mid October with a date and time yet to be set. Please watch your email, your child will also receive information here at school. Also, just as a reminder, if you have already signed up or are just registering, please apply for the FLAG scholarship offered by Worldstrides. If you qualify, you could receive



as much as \$400.00 to apply to your trip cost. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Michael Policky at 228-4642 or email him at polickymike@gmail.com

Mr. Policky continues to remind students and parents of 6th and 7th grade students who would like to make this trip possible in the future to begin saving now so that it is not a financial hardship when you get to 8th grade. He also invites any parent of a 6th or 7th grader with questions to call him at the phone number or email above. Thanks for promoting your child's education through life experiences. Have a great autumn season.

BEATRICE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOCCER CHALLENGE

When:

Monday, October 4th, 2021

5:30 PM Registration

6:00 PM Competition

(Rain Date is Monday, October 11, 2021)

Girl's volleyball players are encouraged to come after their games



Where

Riverside Park, Beatrice Nebraska, River Road and North Penner Street

Event Details:

The Beatrice Knights of Columbus Council 1723 Soccer Challenge is a competition designed for players to demonstrate the most basic soccer skill – the penalty kick. The Soccer Challenge is open to all boys and girls in our area, ages 9-14. **Age eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of September 1.** Proof of age is required. Athletes in high school should be advised to check with their school athletic directors or their state high school athletic associations regarding possible eligibility conflicts. Participants compete in their own age group by gender and will be given 3 practice shots then 15 penalty kicks at a goal with 5 scoring zones. Points will be awarded based on the scoring zone through which the ball passes. This event qualifies as a district event, so winners progress to the regional, state and international levels.

Age Specifications:

- Ages 9, 10, 11 (Boys & Girls Competitions): - Use a regulation-size soccer ball (size #4) and shoot 12 yards from the goal.
- Ages 12, 13, 14 (Boys & Girls Competitions): - Use a regulation-size soccer ball (size #5) and shoot 12 yards from the goal.

***Photography and video use is permitted during the competition, but will not be used to determine scoring or to challenge the scoring of judges. A judge's decision is final.

Contact information: Michael Policky, 402-228-4642 or polickymike@gmail.com

OCTOBER, 2021 BMS CALENDAR

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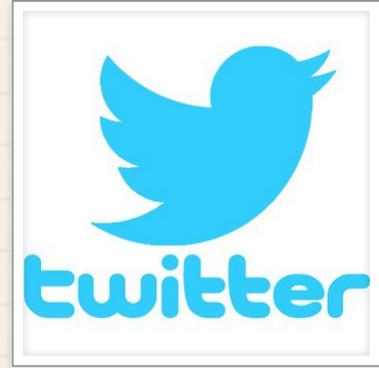
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