

Weekly News

January 21, 2022

Calendar Items

Monday, January 24 - Boys basketball games 3:15

- Pastine/Cook @ Home
- Stewart/Pulcini Away @ Harmony
- Schmidt/Moss Away @ Lakewood

Wednesday, January 26 - 8th grade field trip to CAPS

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- Pastine/Cook Away @ Oxford
- Stewart/Pulcini Away @ Blue Valley Middle
- Schmidt/Moss @ Home

Wednesday, January 26 - BSW New Timberwolf Night for 8th grade students 5:30

Thursday, January 27 - BSW area Orchestra Festival 7 p.m.

Friday, January 28 - 8th grade Parent Q & A @ BSW

Announcements

Do you have a question or concern? We want to help.

If you have a question or concerns, we want to help! Many times by starting at the building level, you will work with the person who is closest to the situation and will usually have the most information. If you feel further discussion is warranted, the following chart can be used as a guide for whom to call when questions arise on the most common topics.

ADDRESSING QUESTIONS & CONCERNS

Families and patrons should use the matrix below to address questions or concerns. Topics should be addressed beginning at Level 1. If the matter cannot be resolved, it is appropriate to move to the next level with the inquiry.



AREAS OF CONCERN	1	2	3	4	5	6
	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 5	LEVEL 6
Academics, Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment	Teacher	Assistant Principal	Principal	Exec. Director Curriculum, Instruction & Innovation	Deputy Superintendent/ Superintendent	Board of Education
Activities & Athletics	Coach/Sponsor	Activities/ Athletic Director or Asst. Principal	Principal	Director of School Administration	Deputy Superintendent/ Superintendent	Board of Education
Discipline	Teacher	Assistant Principal	Principal	Executive Director of School Administration	Deputy Superintendent/ Superintendent	Board of Education
Facilities, Grounds & Maintenance	Assistant Principal	Principal	Coordinator Facilities & Operations	Director Facilities & Operations	Deputy Superintendent	Board of Education
Food Service	School Kitchen Manager	Principal	Coordinator Food & Nutrition Services	Director Food & Nutrition Services	Deputy Superintendent/ Superintendent	Board of Education
General Concerns	Teacher	Assistant Principal	Principal	District Level Directors	Deputy Superintendent/ Superintendent	Board of Education
SEL & Mental Health	Teacher	School Counselor, Social Worker or Psychologist	Principal	Exec. Director Curriculum, Instruction & Innovation	Deputy Superintendent	Board of Education
Special Education	Teacher	Assistant Principal	Principal	Assistant Superintendent Special Education	Superintendent	Board of Education
Transportation	Assistant Principal	Principal	Transportation Coordinator	Director Business Operations	Deputy Superintendent/ Superintendent	Board of Education

Resource Fair is Back

The BV School District and BV Special Education Advisory Council is pleased to announce that after a year away, the Blue Valley Special Needs Resource Fair is returning (with safety precautions) on Thursday, February 10, 2022 between 5:00 - 8:00 PM at Hilltop Conference Center. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

**SPECIAL NEEDS
RESOURCE
FAIR**

2022 BLUE VALLEY

**BLUE VALLEY
SCHOOLS**
Education Beyond Expectations

12TH ANNUAL

If you are a parent, teacher or caregiver of an individual with special needs, or a self advocate, PLEASE JOIN US!

EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2022
5:00-8:00PM

Hilltop Conference Center
7700 W 143rd St. Overland Park, KS 66223
(Entrance is on the WEST side of the campus)

Visit **IN-PERSON** with service providers in the Kansas City area representing various disabilities, information on camps and other recreational opportunities, therapies, equipment, adult/transition services, financial/legal, health & wellness, and much more!

There will be **NO CHILD CARE** this year due to COVID-19 precautions.

Sponsored by the Blue Valley School District and the Blue Valley Special Education Advisory Council (BVSEAC)

Covid Testing

Online scheduling and registration now available for COVID-19 Testing

Throughout this school year, Blue Valley's priorities have been the safety of our students and keeping students in school and in-person as we know this is critical to their long-term success and well-being. MAWD Labs offers a local COVID-19 testing option available through a Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) grant provided directly to MAWD Labs.

New! Online Scheduling and Registration for MAWD Drive-In Testing Clinic

The MAWD Drive-In Testing Clinic now can accept online appointments and registrations.

- Step 1: [Book an appointment online](#) (up to 6 people per appointment/car)
- Step 2: If you have not done so already, create an [online account](#) for parent/guardian. Please note that to login into the account in the future, username is the parent/guardian email address.
- Complete a form for the child needing COVID-19 testing and submit. Create forms for additional household members by clicking "Add Individual."
- Receive a QR code via email for each family member needing testing. Keep this code as it will need to be shown upon arrival for **each** appointment.
- Call (913) 239-4371 and leave a message if you have questions. Calls will be returned in

- Due to the high volume of testing, only current household members of Blue Valley students and staff are eligible to test at the MAWD Drive-In Testing Clinic.

MAWD Drive-In Testing Clinic: [14950 Newton Drive, Overland Park, KS 66223](#) (Northwest of CAPS on the Blue Valley School District Campus)

- **Hours of Operation**

- Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Friday 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- Sunday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- **Inclement Weather Schedule**

- The MAWD Drive-In Testing Clinic will be closed whenever school is cancelled for inclement weather.
- MAWD Drive-In Testing Clinic will operate on regular hours if there is an emergency closing for other reasons, such as high staff or transportation absences.

Additional information about MAWD's Drive-In Testing Clinic is available on the [district website](#). General COVID-19 resources from [Johnson County Department of Health and Environment](#), [community testing locations](#) and vaccine information from [Children's Mercy](#) can be found on the [district website](#).

Welcome Our New SRO!

Hi there Aubry Bend families,

I just want to take a moment and introduce myself! My name is Jim Wright and I am the new School Resource Officer for Aubry Bend Middle School. While I am new to the Blue Valley School District, I am not new to law enforcement. My family moved to Kansas from California recently. I worked for two agencies in Southern California for nearly 14 years. Aside from working in a patrol capacity, I also worked as an SRO in both respective cities and had the opportunity to teach both teens and families on various topics. I hope to have those same opportunities here! I am thrilled to be working at Aubry Bend with your teens as well as the staff. My goal is to assist in keeping Aubry Bend a safe place for your teens as they learn and grow. You will see me outside during drop off and pick up, please say hello! Let me know if I can assist you or your teen in any way! Thanks!

SRO Jim Wright

Covid Protocols for Athletics

Until further notice, athletes in a KSHSAA sport (basketball, cheer and track and field) must follow the guidelines listed below.

- If a student tests positive for Covid, they will be eligible to return to school on day 6 if they are symptom free for 24 hours free from any medication. Students will need to wear a mask throughout the day as well as during practice and games, no exceptions through day 10. Students will eat in a separate setting until day 10.

- Students who test positive for Covid, will need a doctor's note clearing them for return to play procedures for their school sport (this season: boys basketball and cheer), which will be completed by our athletic trainer when they get the doctor's clearance and return to school and practice. This is the guidance from KSHSAA and is being followed by all member schools at all levels in the state.
- Masking during physical activity is not necessary outside of the 10 day window, but a doctors clearance for return to play is once a student tests positive.

Save the Date! Parent-Teacher Conferences

We will offer both Zoom and in-person conferences again this semester; however, we are streamlining the process and communication to make it less confusing.

- Wednesday, February 16 – in-person 10 minute scheduled conferences
- Thursday, February 17 – Zoom 10 minute schedule conferences

We will send specific information on how to schedule conferences via email on February 7.

Wolverine Activity Night- Cancelled

Wolverine Activity Night is a beloved event of our kids, and in order to be successful we depend on many staff and parent volunteers. Out of an abundance of caution, we have decided to cancel the January 28th Wolverine Activity Night. Our Covid numbers continue to increase daily, and the last thing we want to do is to put anyone – students, parents, or community members – in a risky situation. We hope to be able to hold an event in the spring when we are more able to distance and utilize the outdoors for activities and games. We appreciate the amazing time and effort the committee has already put into planning this event, and we are hopeful that a future event is possible to bring all of our ABMS students together. Thank you for your support of Aubry Bend Middle School.

Course Fees

Middle school course fee payment for the 2021-22 school year is open and [online now](#). Your ParentVUE login and password are required to pay course fees.

- Course fees are assigned based on your student's enrollment. Some seventh and eighth grade exploratory/elective classes include course fees.
- Course fees are assigned for the second semester only.

Questions regarding fee payment should be directed to Sharon Jirak, ABMS Bookkeeper, sjirak@bluevalleyk12.org.

Play Information

PLEASE VISIT THE PLAY WEBSITE AT <https://tinyurl.com/abmsspringplay>

Spring Play Rehearsal Schedule:

*Only Spy Zoo cast is required at rehearsal from the 24th-28th!

*Crew Assignments are posted on Canvas, but no crews should report next week to rehearsal.

A crew calendar will be posted on Canvas soon!

- Monday 24th: Spy Zoo Cast Read Through & Blocking 3:00-4:00PM
- Tuesday 25th: Spy Zoo Cast Blocking 3:00-4:00PM
- Wednesday 26th: Spy Zoo Cast Read Blocking 3:00-4:00PM
- Thursday 27th: Spy Zoo Cast Off Book 3:00-4:00PM
- Friday 28th: Spy Zoo Cast Full Scene 3:00-4:00PM

To see the full play rehearsal calendar, please follow this link:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vRLEu8VfU_yz0GECuSqKerrV8De2DriONmXqR8hSh6bDuJAla6s7bti3lK5U6tbr_YzNpAdA_vcdl7z/pub

Club Information

Community Service Club:

Community Service Club will be meeting on Wednesday, January 26 from 3-3:30pm in Mrs. Vail's room (310). All are welcome! We will be planning our service projects for the next few months.

Math Counts

Math Counts chapter competition team members will meet on Monday, January 24th in room 313 from 3:00-4:00 pm. This will be our last meeting before the competition. Please plan to attend if at all possible.



PTO News

CONCESSIONS

Boys basketball is gearing up and games start THIS Monday! We are partnering with Student Council and just need 1 or 2 adults to handle the money. The Student Council students will do the leg work ;-). If you have some time, sign on the link. You can sign up for both games or just one! Grab a friend and join the fun! Thanks in advance!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054BA4A62EA3FE3-abms3>



Aubry Bend Middle School PTO

WOLVERINE NIGHT (WAN)

As you saw last Friday, WAN has been canceled and new dates are on the horizon! Stay tuned for more information and thank you for your understanding!

INVEST IN ABMS DONATIONS

If you donated to ABMS, your receipt for taxes can be found on Parentvue under “fees.” We will not be sending out a copy in the mail this year. If you have any questions, or cannot find the receipt please email our PTO at abmspto@gmail.com and we will be happy to help. Thank you so much for your generosity.

WE SEE YOU!!!

Administrators, teachers, staff, support staff, paras, therapists, nurses, food service staff, custodial staff, and all who make ABMS the wonderful school that it is, WE SEE YOU!! We thank you for all you do for our students and their families. We recognize that you are not only doing your contractual job but going above and beyond helping each other during your plan time, lunch time, before/after school, personal time and WE SEE YOU!!! YOU are doing your best to keep our children in school and still trying to take care of yourselves!! YOU are making a difference in all our lives and WE SEE YOU and want to say THANK YOU from PTO!

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

10th Annual Battle of the Bands benefiting BVEF

Please join our very own “BVIP” Season Lentz for this fun, adults-only night out! This event raises money for music and arts in Blue Valley schools.

You don't have to have kids in the district to attend and if you're a BVSD employee, you get a half-price ticket (\$15)!

Click [Blue Valley Educational Foundation - Battle of the Bands 2022 \(bidpal.net\)](https://bidpal.net) and buy a ticket for \$30. Input BVIPSeason as a promo code so we know you're coming.

There are also sponsorship opportunities if you'd like to get a reserved table and help promote your business.

WHEN: Saturday, Feb. 26

WHERE: RC's Back Door in Martin City

WHO: 5 past Champion bands will be performing.

(These are not student bands, these are adults with ties to Blue Valley.)



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6th Grade News

ELA

ELA students continued to research and analyze evidence for the argumentative essay – “Should cell phone be allowed in the classroom”. We also started the pre-writing process by completing a “Writing Frame” graphic organizer to organize thoughts before writing.

Math

Students in math classes finished the “play” portion of our unit four this week. They worked with Cuisenaire rods to calculate the division of fractions. We will apply this knowledge to the algorithm for dividing fractions next week.

Science

We finished up Density last week and will focus on Convection Currents this week.

Social Studies

This week we started discussing the differences between Athens and Sparta. Ask your child how Spartan bootcamp went for them. Next week we will continue looking at the differences between the 2 city-states.

7th Grade News

ELA:

ELA has been working hard on creating their arguments for their argumentative papers! We have worked on creating a claim, making strong arguments, and finding evidence to support our arguments! Students will continue working on their argumentative papers next week. Ask your student to share what their topic is!

Math:

We will be finishing and assessing percents. By the end of the week, we will be starting our unit on ratios and proportional relationships.

Science:

This week was pretty self-paced, with students learning about cell division in little bite sized chunks. We'll go over this information more whole class next week and then review academic vocabulary some more. Please encourage your student to study the vocabulary for more support and practice: genotype, phenotype, homozygous, heterozygous, recessive, dominant, and heredity are VERY frequent academic words that we use during this unit, so any practice they get helps! Here is a link to a Quizlet that your student can use to practice:

<https://quizlet.com/560186486/7th-grade-genetics-vocabulary-flash-cards/?x=1jqt>

Next week we'll APPLY this vocabulary in learning and practicing Punnett Squares as we play with genetics and offspring with several fun activities. We're going to make some alien babies!

Social Studies:

Everything is bananas! We finished our state social studies assessment this week, arguing for or against the banana industry in our driving question: Are bananas worth their (cheap) cost? We've seen lots of amazing essays from students so far- great use of evidence and claims! We also began an introduction to Kansas History this week, first looking at why we study history and then investigating the differences between primary and secondary sources. Next week we'll begin looking at the native peoples of Kansas!

8th Grade News

Science (all):

Continue discussion over Newton's Laws, ramp cars and alka-seltzer lab.

Science Farris:

Starting Energy Crash Cars. This will set up the egg drop. Please be collecting items from around the house that could be used to prevent an egg from cracking when dropped from the 3rd floor. Items needed will be a container, and material used to absorb the impact of the fall. Boxes will have to weigh at least 450 grams which is about 1 pound.

ELA:

Continue reading "Night" by Elie Wiesel and exploring the Holocaust.

Social Studies:

Lecture of 1860 simulation

Math 8:

Test over Vertical, Supplementary, Complementary angles, and angles formed when parallel lines are intersected by a transversal.

Algebra:

Solving systems of equations using substitution and elimination.

From the Desk of Mrs. Tate

It's hard to believe we officially began the enrollment process for 22-23 this week. Today, our 8th grade students visited BVSW to learn more about elective options, and the BVSW counselors and administration were here at ABMS to share important enrollment information with them.

Next week, we'll begin the process with our 6th and 7th grade students. Counselors will go into Flex classes over the next couple of weeks to discuss enrollment options for next year. We will also provide information to parents in next week's Weekly News.

On Feb. 1 from 6:30-7:30 p.m., we will provide an in-person and virtual option to our 5th grade parents to begin the transition from elementary to middle school.

While I realize that "next year" seems so far away, the information we get from families during the enrollment process allows us to collect data to help us build a master schedule that will allow as many kids as possible to get their top electives. It also allows us to know who

intends to be at ABMS next year so we can hire the appropriate number of staff to teach our core classes.

Please encourage neighbors and friends to read the Weekly News and watch emails for important information and deadlines for enrollment.

Stay warm this weekend! GO CHIEFS!

Sincerely,
Diana Tate, Principal



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