

Weekly News

November 19, 2021

Calendar Items

Monday, November 22 - Girls basketball games at HOME

Wednesday, November 24 - Friday, November 26 - Thanksgiving Break - No School

Announcements

COVID-19 Testing and Resources for BV Staff, Students and Families

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 is offering a local COVID-19 testing option that is available for students, staff and their family members. This option is available through a Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) grant provided directly to MAWD Labs.

MAWD Drive-In Testing Clinic Info

- **Location:** [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.
- **Testing Appointments:** Call (913) 239-4371
- **Parent/Guardian Consent:** A parent/guardian will complete a consent form and must be with the student at the drive-in clinic to give verbal permission during the first test.

- **Test Type:** Nasal self-swab and saliva PCR tests are both offered at the clinic. Individuals should refrain from eating or drinking 30 minutes prior to the saliva testing.
- **Test Results:** Test results are sent to the provided email/text address and to Blue Valley Health Services generally within 12-16 hours.

Thanksgiving Schedule

- Closed: Nov. 24 - 27
- Open: Nov. 28 from 10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Inclement Weather Schedule

- The MAWD Drive-In Testing Clinic will be closed whenever school is cancelled for inclement weather.

COVID-19 Resources

Blue Valley families can find a variety of COVID-19 resources on the [district website](#) including general COVID-19 information, community testing locations and vaccine information from Children's Mercy.

8th Grade Boys' Basketball

Any 8th grade boy who is interested in playing basketball for Aubry Bend this winter will need to complete the following [Athletic Packet](#) and turn it in to the Aubry Bend Office before the season begins. The first day of practice will be the day we return from Winter Break January 5th. If your student ran Cross Country, played Football or turned in a packet earlier this year, they do not need to complete another one. If you have questions, please contact the Aubry Bend main office.

Sponsor an ABMS Family for the Holidays

The Aubry Bend Community Service Club is helping to support 4 ABMS families in need for the holidays. Their needs have been listed in this spreadsheet. If you are able, please [SIGN UP HERE](#) to purchase something from the list. Put your name in the "donor" column and please have the item(s) dropped off to Aubry Bend by December 10th. Questions: contact Kim Vail at KSVail@bluevalleyk12.org. Feel free to share this link!
[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)

Student Council

Would you help? Student Council along with the [Della Lamb Community Center](#) is collecting supplies for the Afghan Refugees who left their country with nothing. Della Lamb welcomes all refugees striving to show that Kansas City is a kind and safe place to live. If you would like to help, please send the items on the attached list to school. Students may bring them to Mrs. Holmes in room 221 or drop them off at the office. All donations are greatly appreciated. Student Council thanks you.



Donation Needs for Afghan Families.pdf

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Math Counts

Math Counts will not meet next week. Our next meeting will be on Monday, November 29th from 3:00-4:00 pm in Mrs. Redlin's room (313). The Math Counts school competition will be on Monday, December 13th from 3:00-4:15 pm. Please plan to bring a writing utensil and to have a ride to pick you up at 4:15 pm. Mrs. Redlin will provide calculators for the target round. Study materials and other resources for Math Counts can be found on our Canvas page in Modules. Reach out to Mrs. Redlin (mredlin@bluevalleyk12.org) with any questions or concerns regarding the Math Counts school competition.

PTO News

If you signed up to fill a HOLIDAY BAG they are now available in the office! Please bring them back by December 9th. They need to come back by December 9th. If you have any questions, please email Mary Beth Ravanesei mbravs@gmail.com. Thank you for participating!

**Save the Date for Wolverine Night!!!
January 28 and April 8th More details to follow!!**



Aubry Bend Middle School PTO

Blue Valley Educational Foundation (BVEF) is holding their 10th Anniversary Battle of the Bands at RC's Restaurant & Lounge on February 26, 2022. This is an adult night out and 5 parent former champion bands will be performing for Best Blue Valley Band! This event raises money to support district-wide music programs.

Sponsorships are available now, see flyer for information and pledge form. Get your business or a group of friends to sponsor or reserve a table for the night.

Donations are being collected for silent auction baskets. ABMS will be donating a basket (min. \$200 value), we are requesting gift cards to local restaurants or entertainment. If you have connections to local establishments and could get a gift card donated, please email Season Lentz at seasontitus@hotmail.com for Non-Profit Tax ID and collection arrangements. Season is also your go-to person if you have any questions.

Don't forget that year end contributions to PTO Membership and Invest in ABMS are tax deductible! Make your donation today using the QR code.



Sponsorship package for Battle of the Bands form.pdf

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ABMS PTO Membership Form 2021-2022.pdf

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6th Grade News

ELA

Students continued reading *Amal Unbound*, chapters 9-15 this week. They learned more about the major conflict that Amal faces in the book. Students are also analyzing the rising action events through detailed summary writing.

Math

Students started a project in math this week to learn more about ratios and unit rates. They will be connecting them to the real-world throughout the project. Ask your student what real-world topic they have chosen for the project!

Social Studies

This week we continued our journey along the Silk Road. Ask your child where they traveled this week. You could also ask them how their luck was along their journey this week. Did they lose any animals or resources or did they gain animals and resources? Next week we will be looking at how the modern day Silk Road impacts us.

Science

Gooden/Lockard will be finishing the Mars Project next week. Students have been planning a mission to Mars, and we'll see if the rocket launch is successful.

Ptacek: Students will finish lunar phases and eclipses.

7th Grade News

ELA

Students are ending their study of *A Christmas Carol* with a compare/contrast writing. They are studying the video of the text, and analyzing each medium's portrayal of the subject. Ask them about what different camera angles, lighting, and music can do to a movie scene!

Math

Students assessed over 2-step equations (including rational numbers and word problems) at the end of the week. Next week, we will utilize Monday & Tuesday by helping students that may have struggled with those concepts. Other students will explore more challenges with 2-step equations OR preview our next topic: inequalities.

Science

Thank you SO MUCH for your contributions for our ABMS Anatomy Arcade! You can OFFICIALLY pencil in December 9th and 10th from 4-6pm as the dates for our extravaganza. Stay tuned for more details on which night is open to you and your student! At this point in time, we want to focus on LARGE box donations (although we can continue to take donations of smaller boxes too!).

This week we explored the immune, muscular, and nervous systems. We also circulated back around to the circulatory system (see what we did there?) in our "Who's Got the Beat?" lab. Students compared their heart rates before and after physical activity to the heart rates of a partner. We even incorporated some math and graphing! Monday and Tuesday students will have the time to catch up on missing tasks or continue working on the next step of their project.

Social Studies

Students have been looking at photos of how other people live around the world. Students were given photo galleries showcasing weekly food supplies, material possessions, and childhood toys for different families. We also looked at statistical data on different metrics for Quality of Life, which is also every eye-opening. We are so invested in our own little circles of life that it's hard to realize just how different we are with 7.9 billion of us! The students definitely learned a lot about how different people's lives can be. Ask your student to show you the picture or graph that had the most impact on them, or something they learned. Next week we'll be focusing on showing appreciation for the people and things we DO have after seeing what people in other parts of the world DON'T have, such as clean water or a working toilet for sanitation. One way we'll do this is by reading children's book, "The Giving Tree" and drawing connections to what we've learned about the world. #Thankful

8th Grade News

ELA

To conclude our textbook reading of "Flowers for Algernon," will be taking a quiz before Thanksgiving Break.

Farris Science

The Periodic Table

Social Studies

Students have started working on the Summative Assessment for Unit 2. They are taking on the role of members of the President's cabinet and will be advising the President on assigned territorial issues that arose during the 1800s. They will be presenting to the President

(teacher) as well as the rest of their classmates. Presentations will occur when we return from Thanksgiving break.

From the Desk of Mrs. Tate

Earlier this week, Mr. Colburn's column, *Touch Base Tuesday*, discussed the proper care of technology in our school, especially student Chromebooks. In my last few columns, I have written about the struggles some of our students are experiencing with respecting school routines, procedures, and expectations. Our staff goal is a proactive approach to student needs and behaviors that help kids and families understand the why behind our expectations and decisions.

For example, we regularly share the expectations for how students should treat their chromebooks so that our students will not be without technology when it is needed or expected during class. If a student is careless and drops or throws their device, the natural consequence is that they would not have the technology available until it's repaired. They may also have to pay for such a repair, depending upon the seriousness. If a student purposely damages a chromebook, the natural consequence is that they will not have technology, and there may be additional consequences for such behavior.

A natural consequence is sometimes the most powerful lesson a student can learn. As we discuss behaviors that are disrupting classes or routines at school, our students often share an immediate response of, "We were just kidding. We were just messing around. It's okay; we're friends." It's as if kids think these phrases will completely dismiss the behaviors. We explain, remind, and discuss many reasons why messing around in school can lead to poor decisions and negative consequences. We want students to enjoy being at school, so we must insist that their behavior be always of the highest caliber to protect our students and our learning environment.

We are now three full months into the school year, and our routines, procedures, and expectations have been set forth in many ways. During the next month we will be explicitly explaining the routines, procedures, and expectations in the hopes that our students will fully understand and be able to follow those expectations to provide a safe, loving, academic atmosphere in which to learn and grow.

Thank you for your support as we reacclimate all our students to the structured school setting.

Sincerely,
Diana Tate, Principal



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