

Weekly News

December 10, 2021

Calendar Items

Monday, December 13 - Girls basketball games away @ PSM

Wednesday, December 15 - Girls basketball games away @ PRM

Friday, December 17 - PTO meeting via ZOOM at 9:00 am

Announcements

Important Info About Courses and Grades in Canvas

The end of the first semester is nearly here. Our students have had a great first semester of learning and we continue to see the positive impacts of our learning management system, Canvas, in our classrooms. As we gear up for the end of the semester, please take note of the important information below regarding grades and courses in Canvas.

End of Semester Information

At the end of the day on Tuesday, December 21st, courses in Canvas will conclude and will no longer be visible on the Canvas Parent app. A concluded course is only visible through the [Canvas Website](#). To view concluded courses, open Canvas in a web browser, log in, and click on the Courses tab. Click View All Courses and scroll down to find the past enrollments.

[Access Past Enrollment guide \(Video tutorial\)](#)

Final exam scores and other individual assignment grades can be viewed in Canvas. Semester grades reports will be published in ParentVUE on January 12th.

Need some help?

Blue Valley has a variety of resources available for parent support on the district's Canvas web page, www.bluevalleyk12.org/canvas.

Fostering a Safe School Environment

Blue Valley Schools is committed to promoting and fostering a safe environment in and around all of our schools. through the convergence of physical and intellectual security measures, we are continuously working to prevent, mitigate, respond to, and recover from a wide range of emergencies. Please check out [available ways to report safety concerns](#).

LOST AND FOUND

We will be putting the lost and found items on tables next week so students who are missing things can see if their item is there. On Dec. 21, we'll bag everything up and donate the remaining items to a local donation site. There are TONS of water bottles, clothes, and lunch bags. If your student is missing one of these items, please have them check the lost and found tables. Thank you!

Attendance Reporting and Notifications

Families can expect automated attendance messages by email, phone, and text if a child is absent and their absence has not already been reported by a parent/guardian. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to report an absence or reply to the automated email or phone message.

What is the purpose of attendance notifications?

We realize that students may occasionally need to miss school for planned absences, illnesses, and appointments. However, when a student does not arrive at school or unexpectedly misses a portion of the school day, we are concerned and want to make sure you are aware that your child is absent.

How can I get push notifications?

Families who would also like a push notification can download the ParentVUE app and manage their notifications. If a child has an unreported absence when a teacher submits attendance, then a push notification will immediately be sent to the parent/guardian's mobile device.

Interested in push notifications? Simply download the ParentVUE app ([iTunes app store](#) or [Google Play](#)), enable push notifications in device settings and select attendance notifications through in-app settings. Once the app is downloaded, [these instructions](#) will help you complete the set-up.

Important Travel Notice

This important message is for any families or staff that will travel out of the United States during the school year. [Please click here](#) to read the restrictions and recommendations for Out

of the Country travel. *Canvas, Classlink, and email are not accessible out of the country unless you have a personal device with a VPN on it.

Math Support for All Students

If your student is **in need of some extra time and support outside of class time** from a math teacher, **our math team is available!** Please see the days/times below for math lab. Students can see any teacher for assistance. Students should see their grade level teachers during the math lab time to ask questions, get clarification, make up work/tests, or have a teacher help them through an assignment/project. Help will be available from now until May.

6th grade

Thursdays 3:00-4:00 – Room 304

7th grade

Mondays 3:00 -4:00 - Room 206

Thursdays 3:00-4:00 - Room 212

8th grade

Tuesdays 7:00-7:30 a.m. – Room 105

Tuesdays 3:00-4:00 p.m. – Room 112

Wednesdays 7:00-7:30 a.m. – Room 105

Thursdays 7:00-7:30 a.m. – Room 105

Thursdays 3:00-4:00 p.m. – Room 112

Fridays 3:00-4:00 p.m. – Room 113

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. **Tryouts will be January 5, 6, 7 beginning at 3:00 and ending at 5:00 p.m.**

Winter Cheerleading

Any 7th or 8th grade student who is interested in cheering for the boys' basketball winter season can plan to attend our first Cheer Meeting on **Monday, January 10th from 3:00 – 4:00 in the 6th grade pod**. If you have not already filled out the Athletic Packet this school year, please complete the following [Athletic Packet](#) and turn it in to the Aubry Bend Office before the cheer season begins. Cheer will have practice on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Jan. 11-13 after school from 3:00-4:00 pm in the 6th grade pod. We will share all the details and guidelines with students on Monday during the informational meeting. We look forward to Winter Cheer!

Sponsor an ABMS Family for the Holidays

The Aubry Bend Community Service Club is helping to support 5 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. (If you have missed this deadline - we still would love donations on Monday, Dec. 13! Thank you!)

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 meet on Monday, December 13th from 3:00-4:15 pm in room 313. This will be the day that we take the school competition to determine the 12 ABMS students participating in the chapter competition 3rd quarter. Please come prepared with a writing utensil or two. Mrs. Redlin will provide calculators when allowed. Email Mrs. Redlin (mredlin@bluevalleyk12.org) as soon as possible with any questions or concerns.

Community Service Club

NEW CLUB!! ALL are welcome!

This club does small projects to help those in need in the ABMS community. Our first project is sponsoring 5 families for the holidays. We will be wrapping and bagging gifts up! The ABMS Community Service Club will meet on December 16 from 3-4pm in Mrs. Vail's room (310). All students are welcome to attend community service club anytime! If one week doesn't work, come another time! We hope to see you on Dec. 16 from 3-4pm!

Debate Club

The Debate Tournament will be held at Aubry Bend Middle School (starting in the library) on Wednesday, December 15th, 2021, from 3:00 - 5:00 PM. Families are invited to attend and watch their students perform! Let me know if you have questions!

jmgarcia02@bluevalleyk12.org

2021 Holiday Hoops

3 ON 3 TOURNAMENT

DECEMBER 22ND

9 AM TO NOON

@ AUBRY BEND MIDDLE SCHOOL

LET'S KICK OFF THE HOLIDAY SEASON THIS YEAR WITH SOME BASKETBALL! COME PLAY AND ENJOY A FUN 3 ON 3 TOURNAMENT EXPERIENCE.

OPEN TO: ANY 5TH, 6TH OR 7TH GRADER (BOYS AND GIRLS)

FORMAT: ROUND ROBIN 3 ON 3 TOURNAMENT

DIVISIONS: WE WILL HAVE A DIVISION FOR EACH GRADE IF WE HAVE ENOUGH TEAMS
STAFF: ANDY PASTINE (HEAD COACH @ ABMS) BRAD COOK (ASST. COACH @ ABMS)

COST: \$100 PER TEAM. EACH TEAM SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST 4 PLAYERS

PAYMENT: RETURN TO ABMS C/O ANDY PASTINE (NO VENMO)

CONTACT: EMAIL COACH PASTINE @ APASTINE@BLUEVALLEYK12.ORG TO REGISTER

LUNCH: PIZZA LUNCH AT NOON

Team Name _____

Grade _____

Players _____

I HEREBY RELEASE THE HOLIDAY HOOPS 2021 COACHING STAFF INCLUDING ITS EMPLOYEES, FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY CLAIMS THAT RESULT FROM AN INJURY/ILLNESS/ LOSS OF PROPERTY THAT MAY BE INCURRED OR SUFFERED DURING THE 2021 HOLIDAY HOOPS. WE RECOMMEND CAMPERS GET A PHYSICAL EXAM PRIOR TO CAMP. FURTHER, IN THE EVENT OF INJURIES OR ILLNESS, THE CAMP STAFF IS AUTHORIZED TO OBTAIN MEDICAL CARE OR TREATMENT IF NECESSARY.

Parent Name _____ Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Email _____



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PTO News

HOLIDAY BAGS

If you filled a holiday bag for our staff, please return it as soon as possible! Thank you for your generosity! Any questions can be addressed to **Mary Beth Ravanese** mbravs@gmail.com.

COOKIE SWAP

Please sign up to bring cookies so our staff can take home a box with a variety of cookies for the holidays. They can be homemade or store bought. Cookies are due back **December**

15/16th. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C44ABAC23AAFC1-staff11>



Aubry Bend Middle School PTO

BLUE VALLEY EDUCATIONAL FUND BATTLE OF THE BANDS AUCTION BASKET

Sign up to donate items, or money to put towards our Battle of the Band Auction basket <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054BA4A62EA3FE3-bvef>. The basket will be auctioned off at the Battle of the Bands on 2/28/2022. If you would like to donate funds or have any questions, contact **Season Lentz** at seasontitus@hotmail.com

INVEST IN ABMS- DONATION IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Don't forget to make your tax deductible donation to INVEST IN ABMS!



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6th Grade News

ELA

We continued our novel study by reading *Amal Unbound* chapters 25-32 this week in ELA. Students analyzed how the main character is starting to question "What is fair" in the world around her. We are re-visiting our essential question for this quarter, "How can new information impact the view of our world" by reading informational text about the Caste System students learned about in Social Studies and how it compares to the fictional story we are reading.

Math

Math classes are finishing up ratios and rates by calculating percentages. We will move on to decimal operations to end the quarter.

Social Studies

This week we started our ancient Greece unit. Ask your child which polis (or city-state) they belong to. Next week we will be starting some research to learn more about Greek life.

7th Grade News

ELA:

Students are wrapping up the quarter by reading either *Touching Spirit Bear* or *The Running Dream*. While reading students are focused on Elements of Plot, Point of View, and Theme.

Math:

We will be concluding our Equations and Inequalities Unit and moving into strengthening our connections between fractions, decimals and percents.

Science:

Thank you students and families for an amazing Anatomy Arcade here at ABMS! The kids worked so hard and we are proud of their efforts to educate others through this engineering challenge.

Next week we will be assessing over the body systems using a more traditional format.

Thank you again for your support!

Social Studies:

We are beginning to wrap up our world population unit this week, beginning with an "I Am..." poem to get them thinking about the driving question: Am I in the majority or minority of the world's population? After that, our students began their final summative assessment to formally answer that question using claims, evidence, and reasoning. This is a skill the state department of education prioritizes in 7th grade social studies, so it's great practice before the state social studies assessment in January!

7th Grade Choir

Our Crown Center performance is Monday, December 13th. Seventh grade performs at 5:00pm; please arrive by 4:45pm. Eighth grade performs at 5:45pm; please arrive by 5:30pm. Wear your choir uniform with any festive accessories you like. Thank you!

8th Grade News

Integrated Math

Begin the Slope-Intercept form Road Trip Project.

Algebra 1

Students are completing the Linear Forms unit, comparing different ways to expression linear relationships. We also be evaluating the results from MAP testing.

Social Studies

We are continuing our unit on the buildup to the Civil War. Students will be looking at some images that show some of the experiences of slavery and how this made an impact on tensions between Northern and Southern states.

Science

Investigating and identifying chemical reactions, ionic bonding, and naming.

ELA

Assessment on "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings", and further analysis on poetry.

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From the Desk of Mrs. Tate

This has been an amazing week! It has been so wonderful to see the kids showcase their learning and talents this week.

Our girls' basketball team is powering through their season with gusto! They will finish their season next Monday and Wednesday on the road. Their game on Wednesday of this week was their final homestand. It's been so fun watching these girls play together and grow in their basketball skills and teamwork. We're so proud of the way they represent ABMS both on and off the court. Thanks to Coach Pastine and Coach Cook for their support and guidance.

On Tuesday our 8th grade choir students joined forces at BVSU for a winter concert. Although I didn't get to go, Mr. Colburn shared how proud he was of our kids and our director. Something magical happens when our kids get on stage to share their gifts and talents. Mrs. Freeman's support of our kids and their musical growth is incredible.

On Wednesday, our 7th and 8th grade band students and jazz band students joined BVSU band students for a two-part concert. It was a joy to watch and listen to the music our kids produce. I know it's not without a lot of hard work and practice. Our bands sounded amazing, and I loved seeing our former students in the SW band share their talents, too. thanks to Mrs. Van Unen and Ms. Bock for their leadership and expertise in helping these kids grow.

On Thursday, our 6th and 7th grade choirs tried something new and had an outside concert! It was a gorgeous evening, and we had a huge crowd. Thank goodness it wasn't 24 degrees! It was a fun way to celebrate all they have learned in choir this semester, and it was so awesome to see so many families join us to support our kids and our school. We appreciate Mrs. Freeman's creativity to help students have one more chance to perform this semester.

Speaking of supporting our kids...what a WONDERFUL turnout for our 7th grade anatomy arcade! Thursday and Friday after school, our 7th graders shared the culminating project for their anatomy unit to show what they have learned and how they creatively applied that learning to their arcade game. I found out I'm not very good at arcade games, but it was SO fun to see the kids share their learning and challenge my skill. Thanks to our entire 7th grade team for their support, especially our science teachers, Dr. Bergerhofer, Mrs. Fairburn and Mrs. Molde.

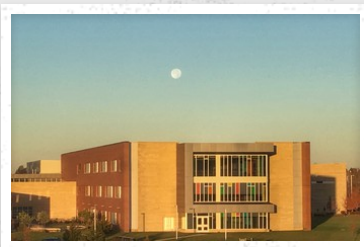
I wish I had the space to list every little thing that is going on around here daily. From culminating projects to daily lessons, our kids and teachers are engaged and challenging themselves to new learning opportunities. Although I have written quite a bit about the behavior and routine challenges we've had with kids, it should not overshadow the hard work that goes into teaching and learning at ABMS.

We took our second round of MAP tests this week, and we're excited to dig into the data to see our progress and our needs. Thank you for talking with your kids to help them see the value of our testing program; they really did their best and worked hard to give us the data we need to address their learning needs right now. We'll give these MAP tests again in May for another snapshot of progress.

We're looking forward to a strong finish to the first semester! Thank you for your support of ABMS!

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,
Diana Tate, Principal



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