

Weekly News

February 11, 2022

Message from Mr. Legleiter, 2022-2023 ABMS Principal



ABMS Welcome

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Calendar Items

Monday, February 14 - Boys basketball games 3:15

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

Wednesday, February 16 - Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30 - 7:30pm

Thursday, February 17 - No School - Parent Teacher Conferences 7:30am-6:30pm

Friday, February 18 - No School

Monday, February 21 - No School

Announcements

The logo for National School Counseling Week features the text "NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK" in large, bold, sans-serif letters. "NATIONAL" is in gold, "SCHOOL" is in red, "COUNSELING" is in gold, and "WEEK" is in teal. To the right of "NATIONAL" is a small icon of a classical building with columns. Below "SCHOOL" is a red rectangular box containing the text "FEBRUARY 7-11, 2022" in white. Below "WEEK" is a teal rectangular box containing the text "SCHOOL COUNSELING: BETTER TOGETHER" in white. The entire logo is enclosed in a thin gold border.

NATIONAL 
SCHOOL **FEBRUARY**
COUNSELING **7-11, 2022**
WEEK **SCHOOL COUNSELING:**
BETTER TOGETHER

The American School Counselor Association (ASCA) has set aside February 3-7 this year as National School Counseling Week. The idea is to create awareness of the services that school counselors provide to our school. It is also a time for school counselors to advocate for their program. We appreciate the support the entire staff and community provides the counseling program and student services in general.

We would like to take the opportunity this week to share some information about the school counselor profession and our first semester data!

School counselors focus on the academic, career, and social/emotional development of all students K-12. Today school counselors hold a master's degree with most programs requiring 45-60 hours. Included in this is about 900 contact hours through practicum and internship. With a master's in school counseling, most counselors can take just a few additional hours before they are eligible to test for their LPC which allows them to work in private practice counseling. In 2002, the American School Counseling Association cemented this new role of school counselors when they released the ASCA National Model for school counseling.

As school counselors we support the needs of our school through delivery of lessons, small groups, individual student support, and collaboration with teachers, parents, and staff. In order to best support our school we assess our needs through data collection. We would like to share some of that data with you:

From September-December

- We spent 60 hours in classrooms. We've been in 155 classrooms to deliver our counseling lessons.*
- We have spent 175 hours with individual students. That's 25 whole school days in direct contact with students (out of 68 days we were in school)!*
- We spent 65 hours in meetings with teachers and administrators to collaborate in order to meet student needs.*

We believe that we are better as a team. We want to partner with you to best support your student.

Play Information

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

Spring Play Rehearsal Schedule:

*NO REHEARSAL FEB. 14th – 21st due to parent teacher conferences and non-school days.

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

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To see the full crew calendar, please follow this link:

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PTO News

CONCESSIONS

Boys basketball is in full swing! 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 up 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>



Aubrey Bend Middle School PTO

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent teacher conferences are right around the corner February 15-17th. Please help us spoil our teachers by signing up to donate snacks on the 16th or 17th. Thanks you in advance!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C44ABAC23AAFC1-teacher2>

PTO POSITIONS FOR 2022-2023

Wanting to get involved, but not sure how? Check out our sign up or reach out to

abmspto@gmail.com with any questions you might have and we will be happy to help! Thank you for your consideration. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c44abac23aafc1-20222023>

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.

Blue Valley Education Foundation Presents: BATTLE OF THE BANDS

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 \(bidpal.net\)](http://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.)

A Special Partnership Between Student Council and PTO:

Student Council in conjunction with the PTO will be selling sensory boxes.

A sensory box is a container filled with interesting sensory toys that appeal to and stimulate the senses. Typically, they are used for sensory breaks, play, learning, relaxation, stimulation, and exploration. These boxes would make great Valentine's gifts or a just a fun I love you gift.

Student Council would like to use the proceeds from the sale to provide support and gifts for Ellie and Thomas Torres. For those who might not be aware Katy Torres, our art teacher, has a 16 year old daughter with a very rare form of Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Recently Ellie received a bone marrow transplant from her brother Thomas. Both are recovering. Please help us in our efforts to support the Torres family.

If you would like to pre-order a sensory box, please fill out this [form](#) and put the number of boxes you wish underneath the category you would like.





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6th Grade News

Math:

Math is continuing to work in our Statistics Project.

Science:

Our topic this week is Plate Tectonics. Students will learn each boundary and what is created there. History of Earth Digital Notebooks for Gooden and Lockard are due Tuesday, 2/15.

Social Studies:

This week we learned about Alexander the Great's conquest of the ancient world. Students participated in a Socratic Seminar about his conquest. Next week we will finish up our Greek projects on Monday. All students should be ready to present their projects on Tuesday and Wednesday.

ELA:

Students began the Self-Directed Argumentative Essay on a topic of their choice from the Library Libguide provided. Ask your student what topic they selected and why? Final essays will be due next Wednesday, Feb. 16th.

7th Grade News

ELA:

Students have started reading the heartwarming classic, *Where the Red Fern Grows*, by Wilson Rawls. We are studying writing techniques such as: figurative language, point of view, and characterization. Ask your student to tell you one fact about Wilson Rawls that was surprising to them.

Math:

- Molde: Students learned that superhero Scale Ella's scaling abilities are "outta sight". We rotated through a variety of stations playing Jenga, small grouping with the teacher, digitally practicing scaling similar figures, and practicing real-world scenarios where proportions can be used in life. Next week we will focus on all things proportions through one giant pizza problem! Stay tuned!
- Tiffany & Cook: Students connected proportional relationships to our previous present

commission, and tax!

Science:

- Bergerhofer: Students extracted DNA from strawberries this week and reviewed the concepts covered so far in genetics!
- Fairburn & Molde: Students worked through a variety of fun tasks in order to best prepare for our genetics assessment and make connections between the content to the real world. Ask them about our "egg-cellent" station rotations!

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1qHflBb8b5XCJiifDShl-VdPHdXRphoIXZ3nduym2NQU/edit?usp=sharing>

Social Studies:

What *DO* you do when you find a 9,000 year old Paleoamerican skeleton? That question was the subject of debate in Social Studies classes this week as we learned and debated about who has the rights to the bones of Kennewick Man. Students engaged in a role play writing activity where they had to take on one of four possible stakeholder roles in this debate, and creatively write about a choice of four topics relating to the situation. They could write, draw, or even act out their role and interpretation! It's been so entertaining to see them engaged in arguing their little hearts out while pretending to be someone else.

We also spent this week learning about the first explorers to Kansas from Spain, France, and, eventually, the United States. What were these explorers looking for, and what did they find when they got here? Ask your student(s)! ☺

8th Grade News

Algebra 1:

Finishing up systems of equations unit. Looking into car purchases and how systems can be used to find the best deal

Math 8:

Interior and exterior angles of triangles.

Social Studies:

Specific battles of the Civil War. Including Bull Run, Antietam and Gettysburg. Students will continue their Histogram (Historical Instagram) project. They are posting from the perspective of selected historical figures about how they would respond to various Civil War events.

Science:

Finishing up Motion Unit to prepare for the Rube Goldberg and paper rollercoaster project.

ELA:

Continue Holocaust museum research project.

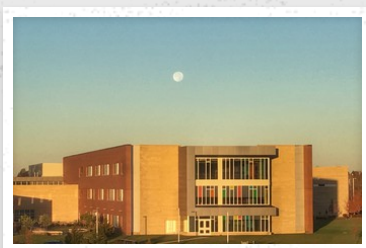
From the Desk of Mrs. Tate

It was our pleasure to introduce Mr. Chris Legleiter to our staff and community this week as the ABMS principal for 2022-2023. I hope you'll take a minute or two to watch his introductory video (at the top of this newsletter). He has been in Blue Valley for nearly 20 years and will bring excellent leadership skills to our school. Chris has plans to visit the school this spring and begin to build relationships with teachers, students and parents. Watch the Weekly News and your email for those opportunities. Please join me in welcoming Chris to the Aubry Bend family!

Parent-teacher conferences are next week, and I hope you've had some time to sign-up for a conference or two. Our teachers are excited to share our students' progress with you. Whether you choose the in-person conferences on Wednesday evening or the Zoom option on Thursday, we are ready to partner with you for your student's success.

Spring Break is right around the corner, and that means the end of second quarter! Our calendars will start to overflow with spring activities, so this is a great time to sit down with your student and look at long-term calendar items so they can plan ahead. Plan ahead? For middle school students? YES! They can do it, and this is a great time to teach them how to do it. The simple act of showing them the family calendar may help them see what nights are free and what nights are busy. This is a great tool to help them prioritize things like homework and studying. Building those habits now will pay off in the future! Enjoy the weekend! Thank you for your support of Aubry Bend Middle School!

Sincerely,
Diana Tate, Principal




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